

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MAY 21, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. John Nason, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc Richard

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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**Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Chairman Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance at this time. Mr. Nardi advised all that this evening's meeting is being both video and audio recorded.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve the Minutes of April 8<sup>th</sup> and May 8, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason - 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Richard)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The office received the monthly reports of the Police and Fire for month ending April 2019 and from CERT/EM for month ending March 2019. - **Noted**
2. The office received a request of the Fire Chief to dispose of scrap/junk materials. This request is in conjunction with the proposed plan of getting a dumpster for several of town owned buildings. – **Noted. Mr. Richard did get an estimated price of around \$1K for a 30 yard dumpster. Chief Lavoie stated that he would be willing to kick in some money as well as the FOTTH to offset the cost. The Board was agreeable and will be in the works shortly.**
3. A planting day will take place at Lucy Stone Park on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 12 Noon, rain or shine. All are encouraged to show up and lend a hand. – **Noted. Quaboag graduation is being held on the same day so traffic could be an issue.**
4. As a reminder, the Town's Memorial Day observation will take place on Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1 PM at St. Paul's Cemetery. A ceremony will also take place at Veteran's Park in West Warren with a luncheon immediately following for Veterans and parade participants. All Veterans and any organization are encouraged to participate. – **Noted.**
5. Quaboag Regional will host a discussion on "The Physiology of Addiction" featuring Dr. Ruth Potee, Medical Director for Pioneer Valley Regional School District on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. The discussion is on how substances and addictive behaviors impact the brain and how the brain is injured by prolonged exposure to these substances and behaviors. The discussion is free and open to the public. – **Noted.**

**WEST WARREN PUBLIC LIBRARY – ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE**

Motion to approve the one-day liquor license for the West Warren Public Library for Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 5 PM to 9 PM as presented made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – APPOINTMENT**

Motion to appoint Matthew Bonneau to the Zoning Board of Appeals as recommended by the ZBA made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS**

Motion to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Ambulance abatements for a total of \$72,223.64 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## **COMINS POND PUBLIC USE AGREEMENT**

Motion to approve and sign the Comins Pond Public Use Agreement as requested and presented by the Warren Water District made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## **UPDATE ON THE TOWN HALL BELL TOWER – JOHN DYJAK**

Mr. Dyjak addressed the Board this evening to provide an update on the bell tower. Thus far, he has received two quotes on the painting of the bell tower. The lowest so far is \$30,000.00. He along with the FOTTH have put together a fund raising effort to raise donations for the remaining funds. Rural Improvement have pledged to give \$500.00 and the FOTTH have agreed to match that donation. He did speak with the Building Inspector and if the work consists of only painting then they have the go ahead. If they find that any structural work needs to be done, then they will need to address it with him. Mr. Richard also wanted to thank Mr. Bill Shoucair who worked diligently on getting the clock back up and running.

## **7:15 PM – POLE HEARING – NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON**

Opened the hearing for National Grid/Verizon to consider a request permission to locate poles, wire, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across a public way: to install (1) JO pole on Southbridge Road beginning at a point approximately 2825 feet northwest of the centerline of the intersection of Cronin Road. National Grid proposes to install a new midspan pole (#P139-50) to install new equipment for a solar array. Diane Clowes is in attendance from National Grid. Mr. Tuttle, who is an abutter was also in attendance and although he had no comments on the actual proposal, he was clearly displeased with the Board. With no other comments the following motion was made: Motion to close the hearing for National Grid/Verizon made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:20 PM.

Motion to approve the request for National Grid/Verizon to install Pole #139-50 as presented made by Mr. Richard; second; Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## **WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign the warrants, invoices and draw-downs as attached made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Richard extended his congratulations to resident Nathan Lowell who is the son of Jay & Nancy Lowell (Town Clerk) on his recent graduation from Norwich Academy. Nathan scored in the top 20 in the country.

Mr. Richard also extend his thanks to all who helped in getting the work done for Town Meeting. Mr. Nardi also thanked the residents who came out to participate.

The Park & Rec will be holding the town's fireworks on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at Quaboag Regional.

## **COMMENTS & CONCERNS – NONE**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc W. Richard, Clerk

