

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JUNE 11, 2019**

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

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 PM

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason; - 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nardi

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The Park & Recreation Department sent notice that Fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 15th at dusk. Pre-fireworks activities will begin at 6:30 PM. – **Noted.**
2. Park & Recreation will also be hosting a Concert in the Park series on Friday's beginning June 28th at Dean Park. All concerts begin at 6 PM. More information is available on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. – **Noted.**
3. The office received the monthly report of the Fire Chief for month ending May 2019. – **Noted.**
4. The Regional Animal Control Committee received notice from the state that an additional \$133,000.00 dollars in grant funds have been awarded as part of the E & R Community Compact Cabinet. This brings the grant total to \$200K for the Regional Animal Control Services and Building Project. – **Noted.**
5. The office received a request from Christopher Dunphy, Principal Planner Manager at PVPC to vote to designate the Administrative Secretary to execute Town-Owner agreements as related to the CDBG housing rehab programs. – **Motion to allow the Administrative Secretary to sign the Town-Owner agreements as requested by Christopher Dunphy at PVPC made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.**
6. The Park & Rec Dept. requested permission to plan/hold a Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, September 7th (rain or shine) from 8 AM to 4 PM. – **The Board of Selectmen have no issues. The Park & Rec Dept. will be notified.**

YEAR END APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve the year end appointments as presented and attached made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous. *(Mr. Nason abstained from the appointment for Sexual Harassment Officer)

CHIEF OF POLICE – DISCUSSION ON VACANCY

With the recent resignation of Chief Spiewakowski, the Board discussed filling the Chief's position on an interim bases. Mr. Nardi suggested that based on requests from residents, the Board appoint a search committee. With that said, a discussion took place with members of the audience and discussed time-frames, size of the committee, make-up of the board, etc. A notice will go out requesting interested residents to submit letters of interest to the office. Motion to formulate a Police Chief Search Committee made by Mr. Nason; second; Mr. Richard – unanimous.

YEAR END TRANSFERS

The Board reviewed several requests for Year-End Transfers. The first being from the Tax Collector. Due to unforeseen expenses (additional mailings due to RMV and POINT software) a total of \$990.16 is being requested from the Asst. Salary to Expense. With no objection and an approval already from FinCom, the following motion was made: Motion to allow the year end transfer as requested made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

The Board also reviewed two requests from their office. The first being \$6,000.00 from Shepard Salary to Shepard Expense and the other for \$3,000.00 from Selectmen's Asst. to Selectmen's Expense. The requests are to cover expenses incurred on

the heating system due to a power outage which caused surges on both control panels, staffing audit for the Police Department, fines imposed from the state due to non-compliance of the stair chairs from 2015). With no objections the following motion was made: Motion to approve both requests as submitted pending the approval of FinCom at their next meeting made by: Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

While discussing Year End Transfers, Chief Lavoie stated that Engine 3 is back in service and the repair costs were at the lower end of the spectrum. He should have sufficient funds in his account to cover, however as always, he will keep a close eye on his budget.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign the Warrant #'s 99 & 100 dated, June 3, 2019 in the amounts of \$43,073.71 and \$56,822.65 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant #'s 101 & 102 dated June 10, 2019 in the amounts of \$39,264.84 and \$176,604.99 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve FY 18 Invoice No. 132 for the CDBG draw down to PVPC in the amount of \$35,000.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Congratulations to all the recent Graduates and a thank you to all who helped with the planting at Lucy Stone Park

Mr. Richard also asked that 980 Main Street, the Farm Tax issue and the discussion on the dumpster be on the next regular meeting.

Through Mr. Nardi, Mrs. Acerra advertised for the custodial position. Also, Mr. Nardi stated that residents are needed to serve on the Finance Committee and Capital Planning.

Mr. Nason discussed the concerns over the bridge on Old W. Brookfield Road and also stated that tickets are for sale for the FOTTH duck race.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mrs. Acerra, as Chair of the Veterans Council expressed her sincerest thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day Parade. A huge thank you to Police, Fire, baseball/softball, Quaboag Band and to all Veterans who marched. Mr. Kordek also expressed his thanks to all, especially the Police for their participation this year.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE (Televised): July 9, 2019 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk

