

APPROVED

**WARREN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sackett called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Selectmen Present: Charles Sackett, Charles Chandler, and Daniel Clancey.

Staff/Officials Present: Town Administrator - Judith Tautenhan, Road Agent - Bobby Cass, Transfer Station - George Russell, Treasurer - Sheila Foote, Chief of Police - John Semertgakis, Chair Warren School Board - Don Bagley, and Fire Chief - Art Heath.

Public Present: Lesa Romano, Victoria Saucier and David Petelle.

C. Sackett led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST:

J. Tautenhan mentioned that there was a correction on one item. There was some discussion. C. Chandler moved for approval of the manifest. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler-yes, Sackett-yes, and Clancey-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

No minutes were available for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS REPORTS:

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT:

B. Cass reported he was doing minor repair work to roads, filling in pot holes with dirt to the worst roads. Repair work is not usually done until spring. The big truck is out of commission for now, all the water and antifreeze blew out of the radiator. He called the dealer where the truck was purchased and repairs should be covered under warranty. They said they would repair it quickly because of the seasonal need. B. Cass said there are no major storms brewing this coming week so he should be able to get by with the one ton truck.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Sheila Foote reported the Checking Account balance is \$14,0814, after tonight's approved manifest of \$136,825.18.

The Tax Collections Money Market Account \$39,934.10.

The Town of Warren's Money Market Account balance is \$565,101.23

The Town of Warren's Passbook Savings Account balance is \$70,263.81

C. Chandler moved to accept and approve the Treasurer's report. Motion seconded by C. Sackett. Voting in favor of the motion were Clancey-yes, Sackett-yes, and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Collector provided receipts for payments for the Board's review.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Heath reported a fire in a pellet fire stove near the common. There was a motor vehicle accident near the North Woodstock line. Chief Heath announced the Fire Department had a new trainee volunteer, Victoria Saucier.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT: Chief Semertgakis reported he received notice of a stolen dirt bike; it was later found. He stopped a number of dirt bikers warning them for not wearing helmets. The Chief mentioned he had extra helmets at home, if any one needed one. He responded to a neighbor dispute in Eagles Nest. Another neighbor helped in mediating the situation. The Chief met with two individuals over a gun ownership dispute.

Additionally, Chief Semertgakis responded to a report of someone shooting a firearm in a neighborhood. His investigation resulted in finding a home owner shooting a gun for target practice. The place was not equipped for a shooting range, as there was no berm to shoot into. The gentleman was informed he could not shoot a gun into someone else's property or toward a traffic road.

The Chief was asked if he had selected a cruiser that would meet our needs. He responded no, because he found out one of the models does not come fully equipped as a police cruiser. It did not come with the radar and computer. There was a discussion on the cost and equipment.

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

G. Russell reported the roof on the Library has been completed. However, the new roof does not extend over the handicap walkway. It has to be shoveled every time it snows and frequently there is still ice on it. Considering the sidewalk was put in to accommodate the handicap, something should be done to permanently resolve the problem. Ice cleats for the roof can be installed for about \$810. There was discussion on whether to add a warrant article for the purchase for the library or request it as part of their operating budget for the town.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- a. The Town Administrator met with Sam Greene from DRA for continued file review.
- b. J. Tautenhan is formatting the Town Report and would appreciate input when the draft copy is received.
- c. The county forester sent a questionnaire to be filled out. C. Sackett and C. Chandler agreed it would be best to schedule the meeting and answer his questions.

No other departments were represented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Warrant Article Finalization – There were general discussions on the warrant articles and some addressing specific articles. C. Chandler stated, even if the Town approves an appropriation, the account may not see the money at a specific time. C. Sackett said in which case, don't spend the money before you have it. The Board also discussed the change the State made to the law for

veterans tax benefits, which have broadened the eligibility requirements for the benefit. The original benefit amount was \$100.00 deducted from the property tax and that amount was increased to \$500.00 a long time ago. The Board agreed the \$500.00 was fair amount to remain as the benefit amount. The question of what would the total amount be to the Town? D. Clancey stated it would be \$500.00 per the number of legible veterans, who apply for the benefit. C. Chandler said this should be put in a warrant article for the Town to vote on. The Board reviewed Articles 13 through 25. The previous articles are similar year to year, and are reviewed during Department Budget presentations. Articles 13-22 were individually reviewed and voted yes, 3-0-0. Article 23 in reference to Eagles Nest roads was voted no, 3-0-0, by the Board. Also, the new article for veterans tax benefit, which ever number is assigned to it, was voted yes, 3-0-0, by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Current Use Update/DRA File Review – DRA reviewed the Town's files and records and stated they were in good shape. They said the Town and/or our assessor needed to look into the current land use tax penalty and make necessary adjustments. C. Sackett said after Town Meeting.
- b. Former Grady Property, Map/Lot 232/037- revisit possible auction.- This is the red house at the end of Studio Road with one acre of land. C. Sackett said he saw no reason that would benefit the Town to keep the property. C. Chandler motion to approve the sale of the former Grady Property, Map/Lot 232/037. D. Clancey seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Clancey-yes, Sackett-yes, and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.
- c. Intent to Cut -16-465-23T, Map 220/Lot 010; Owners, Robert & Sylvia Newton, et al ; Logger, Jason Newton
- d. Report of Cut - None

CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Transportation Bridge Posting report is in compliance and no action is required at this time.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by D. Clancey that the Board of Selectmen enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, for the purpose of discussing issues, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of this board. Vote: Chandler-yes, Clancey-yes, Sackett-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board entered into a non-public session at 6:31 PM.

CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION

Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by D. Clancey that the Board of Selectmen exit non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Vote: Chandler-yes, Sackett-yes, Clancey-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0

Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by D. Clancey that the Board of Selectmen seal the minutes of the non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 for forty years. Vote: Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, Clancey-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0

The Board ended the non-public session at 7:30 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

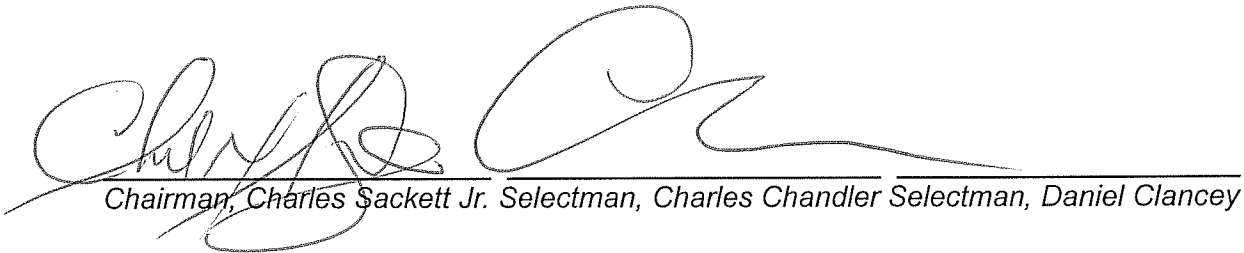
UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:

2-14-2017, Joint School/Town Budget Hearing, Tuesday, at 5:00 PM, at WVS. Town goes first.
2-15-2017, Regular Select Board Meeting, Wednesday at 5:00 PM, Town Offices.
3-01-2017, Regular Select Board Meeting, Wednesday at 5:00 PM, Town Offices.
3-14-2017, Town Meeting, Tuesday at Town Hall, 9:00 AM
3-15-2017, Regular Select Board Meeting, Wednesday at 5:00 PM, Town Offices.
3-29-2017, Round Table Meeting, Wednesday at Town Hall, 6:30 PM (Grafton County
Regional Economic Development)

ADJOURN:

C. Chandler moved that the Selectmen adjourn regular meeting of the Board The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett, Clancey, and Chandler. No one opposed. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Chairman, Charles Sackett Jr. Selectman, Charles Chandler Selectman, Daniel Clancey