

## APPROVED

### WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, May 10, 2017

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Selectmen Present:** Charles Sackett and Charles Chandler.

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

**Public Present:** Victoria Saucier, Lesa Romano, Pat Wilson, Tom Babbit, John Lester, and Brenda Bianchi.

Chairman Sackett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

#### **SELECT BOARD MANIFEST:**

*C. Chandler motioned for approval of the manifest as presented. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler–yes and Sackett- yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

*C. Chandler moved to approve the 4-26-2017 minutes. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler–yes and Sackett -yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- a. Art Heath, Chief of the Fire Department, said he had been talking with the Pyro Tech Group about the fireworks. They informed him that DES will not permit fireworks without agreement from the town and the fireworks would have to be in conjunction with a national holiday. Chief Heath presented a permit from the Pyro Tech Group, requesting the Board's approval for two days of fireworks around Flag Day. There was discussion about the warrant article on banning fireworks at the Town Meeting. The Board concurred the warrant article failed to pass, but did not agree other provisions were made as in the submitted permit. The Board said the letter would be signed, if the wording was changed.
- b. Tom Babbit from the ATV Club thanked the Board for their assistance with the process of establishing a trail system through Warren. The club is in the final process with DOT defining the road crossings. They have met with the Selectmen of Wentworth to work out the trail system in their town. Trails open May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- c. Don Bagley Sr. reported damage to a rock wall and some of the grave stones in the Pine Hill Cemetery. The Police Chief asked Don Bagley Sr, if he could describe the vehicles or the people driving/riding. Mr. Bagley Sr. responded no, they were not observed. He also asked to be notified if anyone saw them.

d. Don Bagley Sr. said at last night's School Board meeting the SAU Business Manager reported \$60,000.00 remaining in the 2017 budget.

#### **MUNICIPAL OFFICERS REPORTS:**

##### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Sheila Foote reported the Checking Account balance is \$50,483.95 after tonight's approved manifest of \$128,772.93. The April reconciliation report was provided for the Board's review.

The Tax Collections Money Market Account balance is \$57,597.39. The April reconciliation report was provided for the Board's review.

The Town of Warren's Money Market Account balance is \$168,478.29. The April reconciliation report was provided for the Board's review.

The Town of Warren's Passbook Savings Account balance is \$95,181.94.

C. Chandler asked about expendable trusts and the Treasurer responded they are separate accounts.

*C. Chandler motioned for approval of the Treasurer's report. C Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler–yes and Sackett -yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

##### **ROAD AGENT'S REPORT:**

Road Agent, Bobby Cass reported the weight bans on roads have been removed. He has been grading on Studio Road. He is re-working the cost of the work on Beech Hill Road and Swain Hill Road to include the cost of culverts. B. Cass doesn't want to do anything without replacing the culverts. If it is going to be it should be done right. He said Beech Hill Road will have to be closed two or three days.

##### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

The tax collector's receipts were reviewed by the Board.

##### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

Chief Arthur Heath reported there were two motor vehicle accidents, one on Rt 25 and the other on Rt 25C. Chief Heath also reported a fire on Stimson Road and a tree down on a road. He told a resident in Glenclyff if they continued burning outside of state guidelines, he would start fining them. Firefighters are scheduled for training.

##### **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief John Semertgakis reported there were two different cars involved with the peeling/burning on roads and tearing up a field. He stated he has to catch them in the act or a resident is willing to come forward with a statement. The assault case is closed. He reported two motor vehicle accidents, one on Rt 25. The other one was on Rt 25C and involved breaking a telephone pole in half. It resulted in an arrest for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence. The Chief reported dogs from Warren or Wentworth were killing chickens. He will follow up on it. The new cruiser, a Ford SUV, has been ordered at substantial savings with a cost of approximately \$28,000.00.

The Chief has been offered some office space next to the Food Shelf. It is more space than he currently has and will provide privacy when he needs to interview or interrogate someone. C. Chandler said you need to check on the security of the space. C. Sackett said that is the space the previous Police Chief had and it was flooded. The Chief said he had been told about the flooding, but that it wasn't too bad. C. Sackett said you better talk to some others. Art Heath said he helped carry furniture and files out and they were ruined. He also said the water was almost up to his knees. C. Chandler said he is not against it, but check it out.

#### **TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:**

George Russell, Manager of the Transfer Station and the Buildings and Grounds told the Board he had received a telephone call from a woman stating her utility company could provide a savings of 3 cents per kilowatt at no cost to the Town. C. Chandler said he is skeptical, but go ahead and look into it. Don Bagley Sr. said the School had looked into it and found out it was not worth it.

G. Russell said he has been working on the Town Offices and appreciates the help he has received from Tom Hight. The electrical work still needs to be done, but will be done by a contractor. We will have to decide on how we will insulate the outside of the building. The Board needs to decide on the type of sheathing. The Board gave their decision. G. Russell said he has been out mowing.

**LIBRARY REPORT:** Pat Wilson reported the Library had received a gift of \$10,000.00. Ms. Wilson asked the Board if the Library needed the Select Board's approval for purchase of two windows to be placed in the back of the library. C. Chandler said no, the Library has \$9,750.00 in their Expendable Fund account.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**

J. Tautenhan reported the following:

- a. Safety Committee meeting is scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM.
- b. The tax bills are not ready to go out.
- c. Geoff Sewake, the Community and Economic Development Specialist from UNH Cooperative Extension, will be at the Round Table meeting on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- d. The auction of the house on Studio Road went very well with a selling price of \$27,500. The deed has not been transferred to the new owner yet. J. Tautenhan contacted the Town attorney for the deed.
- e. The Planning Board has been giving their draft reports to the Select Board. C. Chandler said this is the first time in his memory and he is very appreciative of the report and the effort.

**No other departments were represented at the meeting.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Elderly Exemption Application - Elderly exemption application by Elizabeth O'Callaghan. C. Chandler motioned for approval of the elderly exemption for Elizabeth O'Callaghan. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler—yes and Sackett -yes. The motion passed 2-0.
- b. Abatement Request - The Board asked J. Tautenhan to return the request back to assessor to consider the value of a presumably working septic and well on the property.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

a. Intent to Cut - None

b. Report of Cut-  
16-465-23 T - Map 220/010; Owner, Robert & Sylvia Newton, Logger;  
Jason Newton

16-465-08T – Map 220/008; Victoria Saucier; Logger; John Newton (supplemental)

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Final report from DES regarding the water wells at the Transfer Station. No new information since as of last testing, the wells were dry.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:** None

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

a. John Lester and Brenda Bianchi requested an access letter to town property for participants of the Mud Run activity. They have coordinated with the Fire Chief and Chief of Police. They are expecting a larger attendance, so have hired extra security.

b. Don Bagley announced the retirement of two teachers from the Warren Village School, Mrs. Rose Muzzey and Mrs. Peggy Horton. A real loss to the school, both have provided a long service to the school.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS:**

5-13/20-2017, Free Clothing Event at the Town Hall

5-24-2017, Wednesday, Regular Select Board Meeting at 5:00 PM, Town Hall

5-24-2017, Wednesday, Economic Development Roundtable, 6:30 PM, Town Hall

6-04-2017, Sunday, Community Breakfast

6-07-2017, Wednesday, Community Lunch

6-07-2017, Wednesday, Regular Select Board Meeting at 5:00 PM, Town Office

6- 9/10-2017, Friday & Saturday, Fireworks

**ADJOURN:**

*C. Chandler motioned that the Selectmen adjourn the regular meeting of the Board. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler–yes, Sackett-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

The Board adjourned at 6:00 PM.

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Chairman, Charles Sackett Jr.

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Selectman, Charles Chandler