

**APPROVED**

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, July 17, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Sackett called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Selectboard Members Present:** Charles Sackett, Charles Chandler, and Lesa Romano

**Staff/Officials Present:** Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Treasurer - Sheila Foote, Fire Chief - Art Heath, Chair Warren School Board / Deputy Fire Chief - Don Bagley Sr., and Chief of Police, John Semertgakis. Transfer Station/Buildings & Grounds Manager - George Russell and Road Agent - Bobby Cass were not present for the meeting, but submitted a written report.

**Public Present:** Victoria Saucier, Donna Hopkins, and Mike Adamkowski.

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

**SELECT BOARD MANIFEST:** *C. Chandler moved approval of the manifest as presented. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler-yes, Sackett-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*C. Chandler moved to table the approval of the 7-3-2018 minutes until the next Selectboard meeting. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

a. Victoria Saucier provided a letter for the Selectboard's review regarding the semiannual fireworks shoot by the New Hampshire Pyrotechnics Association. See Figure – 1, Page 5.

**BECKET SCHOOL VISIT:**

a. Mike Adamkowski, Executive Director of the Warren House was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Adamkowski was invited by the Selectmen as a result of an increase in criminal activity by Becket School attendees in Warren. After a brief overview of the facility, C. Chandler asked if the staff requirements determined by the State were being met. Mr. Adamkowski replied that staff level requirements were being met. C. Chandler asked if the staff was present at night. Mr. Adamkowski replied that multiple staff members are present until 11:00 PM and that after 11:00 PM, there was one awake staff. Resident Victoria Saucier asked if the facility was locked. Mr. Adamkowski stated that the Warren House is not a locked facility. Resident Donna Hopkins asked if an alarm system was a feasible option. Mr. Adamkowski stated that it is feasible, but not a solution. L. Romano asked if the facility has made changes to staffing levels since the influx of problems in Warren. Mike said no, and standards are being met. C. Sackett and the Board thanked Mr. Adamkowski for his time.

**MUNICIPAL OFFICERS REPORTS:**

**ROAD AGENT REPORT:** Road Agent Bobby Cass provided a written report. B. Cass reported that the grader is running great and that sand is being hauled in preparation of winter. Several jobs are coming up including the catch basin for Island Road / Studio Road as well as the back driveway between the school and church.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer, Sheila Foote reported the Checking Account balance is **\$15,000.00**, after tonight's approved manifest of \$30,401.35. The June reconciliation report was provided for review.

The Tax Collections Money Market Account balance is **\$42,967.46**. The June reconciliation report was provided for review.

The Town of Warren's Money Market Account balance is **\$611,247.70**. The June reconciliation report was provided for review.

The Town of Warren's Passbook Savings Account balance is **\$152,030.84**.

*C. Chandler moved to accept and approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by L. Romano. Vote: Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Tax Collector provided a report to the Board for review.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Fire Chief Heath reported three calls in this reporting period. The first was a dirt bike collision on July 4. There was false alarm from the Glenclyff Home. There was a motor vehicle accident on Route 25, there were no injuries. Chief Heath informed the Selectboard of the communication tower that will be placed near the Town Office to improve signal reception.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:** Police Chief John Semertgakis stated that on July 2<sup>nd</sup> he responded to a report of a child left alone in the parking lot of Moose Hillock Campground – upon arrival the van was gone. Additionally, Chief Semertgakis assisted the Fire Department in locating smoke near Batchelder Brook Rd on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Chief Semertgakis responded to a report of theft of a cordless drill at AppleKnockers store. Upon review of the surveillance video; the suspect was identified and the drill returned to the rightful owner.

The State Police responded to 2 incidents in Warren including a domestic disturbance on Route 118 and a dirt bike collision on Studio Rd.

Chief Semertgakis also responded to a domestic disturbance on Pine Hill Rd. on July 7, a Welfare Check on Swimming Hole Rd. on July 9, and 2 separate dog incidents on July 14.

Old Home Day: Chief Semertgakis reported there was a complaint of noise from the Common at 2:20 AM.

Chief Semertgakis informed the Board that he had received complaints about litter and glass at the Breezy Point Swimming Hole. A sign will be hung to help curb littering and use of glass containers.

Traffic stops 22; Citations issued 2.

**TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:** Manager, George Russell provided a written report.

Transfer Station: Manager, George Russell reported that Casella is currently trucking and disposing our MSW compactor. The conduit for electricity to the new building will be dug soon and waste oil should be disposed of this week.

Buildings & Grounds: Manager, George Russell reported that the yearly furnace cleanings started last week and will be complete by 7/18. We ordered a trailer with a sprayer for the sidewalks and mowing is still being done as needed. The deck boards at the Town Hall have been fastened up.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Town Administrator, Austin Albro, reported, as follows:

- a. Town Administrator Albro met with R. Dorsett, the Town's Assessor, who processed new veteran credit applications and responded to property owner's questions regarding recent assessments.
- b. Town Administrator Albro is working to schedule a meeting with Paul Mercier, the Town's Auditor later in July.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Veteran Credit Applications:
  - i. Jeffery Tompkins: *C. Chandler moved to approve the Veteran Credit Application. Seconded by L. Romano. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*
  - ii. Robert Bowman: *C. Chandler moved to approve the Veteran Credit Application. Seconded by L. Romano. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*
- b. Report of Cut
  - i. #17-465-04T, Map/Lot 227/25, James J. Tremblay Trust, Owner; Adam Patten, Logger
- c. PILT Lawsuit: The Town of Warren received correspondence from the United States Court of Federal Claims regarding a certified class action lawsuit regarding the Town's right to recover additional sums under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT Act) for fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017. It was recommended by the Administrator Albro that the Town of Warren join the class action lawsuit. *C. Chandler moved that Administrator Albro complete the Class Action Opt-In Notice. Seconded by L. Romano. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*
- d. Town Employee Insurance: Town Administrator Albro advised that based on historic rates, it would be of financial interest to the Town to be rated individually, based on HealthTrust's Small Rating Tier for the 2019-2020 rating cycle. The Town is currently rated as a part of a combination with SAU #23, Town of Piermont, and Mountain Lakes Village District. *C. Sackett moved that the Town of Warren exit the combination to be rated based on the Small Rating Tier for 2019-2020. Seconded by C. Chandler. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a. Town Administrator Albro received the latest test results from the Baker River Watershed Association. Warren received the lowest count of E.coli of all BRWA communities.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1:**

*Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano 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, Romano-yes, Sackett-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board entered into a non-public session at 6:25 PM.

**CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1:**

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

The Board ended non-public session at 6:50 PM.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

*Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano 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, Romano–yes, Sackett–yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board entered into a non-public session at 6:51PM.

**CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION #2:**

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

The Board ended non-public session at 7:10 PM. C. Chandler stated let the minutes show that no decision or action was taken as a result of discussion.

**ADJOURN:**

*C. Chandler moved the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett–yes, Romano–yes, and Chandler–yes. No one opposed. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board adjourned at 7:11 PM.



Chairman, Charles Sackett Jr.    Selectman, Charles Chandler    Selectwoman, Lesa Romano

Figure 1:

Chairman Sackett, Warren Selectboard, and town residents:

When I agreed to allow the New Hampshire Pyrotechnics Association to do their semiannual fireworks shoot on my property, I believed I was doing so as a service to the Warren community. I am not a member of NHPA and have no financial interest in the event – their event costs me more time, energy and money than I could ever hope to recoup by additional business in my store. I have been allowing the shoot on my property solely for the residents and visitors of Warren.

I believe it's up to the residents of the town to decide if they want the fireworks shoot in town. I would like to see it decided by the residents at the town meeting in March. If the residents don't want the fireworks, I will rescind my invitation to the NHPA.

In the interim, I will put NHPA on notice that there will likely be a vote in March. I will tell them that if they want to continue to shoot fireworks after this fall they probably ought to cut back on the hours they do salutes – the big bangs. I would like to see a compromise be found where the fireworks can happen and residents are happy. If there is ever a spring fireworks event again, I would like to see it earlier in the year when it's dark earlier and the fireworks are not shot so late. If residents have other ideas to achieve a compromise please let me know and I will forward your ideas myself.

Further, it is my understanding that there were complaints about speeding on Pine and Swain Hill Roads. I have already told the NHPA that they need to do something to curb unsafe driving on our back roads by their members and spectators. They have assured me that they will make absolutely sure their members are not speeding on our streets. I'd also like to ask our police chief to write tickets instead of warnings to curb speeding to and from the fireworks.

Warren has no real industry. If our town is going to continue to exist, it is my belief we need more people coming into our town, and we need more places for visitors to spend money, we need more jobs. The fireworks club is one of several groups that come to town for several days a year and would spend money if there were places for them to do so. Their event also brings in non-resident spectators who come to watch the fireworks and who could leave some money in town. I hope to see more groups come into town with more events. I hope to someday see a couple more shops and new restaurants. Our town is going to depend on tourism if it is to have a future. The fireworks shoot is but one thing that puts us on the map – we need more for people to do and see in Warren, not less.

Victoria Saucier, Swain Hill Road, Warren