

APPROVED
WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, January 30, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

Charles Chandler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Select Board Members Present: Charles Chandler and Lesa Romano. Charles Sackett arrived later in the meeting.

Staff/Officials Present: Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Treasurer - Sheila Foote, Fire Chief - Art Heath, Chief of Police – John Semertgakis. Road Agent – Bobby Cass and Transfer Station/Buildings & Grounds Manager - George Russell were not at the meeting, but provided written or verbal reports.

Public Present: John and Brenda Lester.

Charles Chandler 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 and Romano-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *C. Chandler moved approval of the 1-16-2019 minutes. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler -yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- a. Don Bagley Sr. asked if the dedication page for the Town Report has been completed.
A. Albro said yes, a family member had accomplished this.
- b. Don Bagley Sr. asked if the selection of the pictures for the Town Report had been done. C. Chandler said that should be delayed until Chairman Sackett arrived.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote reported the Town of Warren Operating Account balance is **\$470,803.77** after tonight's approved manifest total of **\$151,774.02**.

The Tax Collections Account balance is **\$125,611.51**.

Our auditor is expected to be in the office on January 31st to complete the next phase of the audit.

C. Chandler moved to accept and approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by L. Romano.

Voting in favor of the motion were Chandler-yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 2-0.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

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

ROAD AGENT:

C. Chandler said the Road Agent, Bobbie Cass, had briefed him on his activities for the past two weeks. He has been working hard and staying in front of the bad weather and maintaining safe road conditions.

PUBLIC COMMENT CONTINUED:

c. John and Brenda Lester came to the meeting to let the Select Board know that the February 9th event is for snowmobiles and only for the one day. C. Chandler asked how late it will run. John said it would probably over by 3:00 PM. They shared the lineup of 2019 events with the Board.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire Chief Heath reported it has been a quiet time.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief John Semertgakis reported on 1/16 he responded to an animal complaint of a loose dog on Rt. 25 in Glenclyff. The dog was returned to the owner. On 1/16, a road hazard of a power line down on Fish Hatchery Road. Reported to NHEC, who took care of the problem. On 1/18 responded to a report of a garage window open at a Beech Hill Road residence. No signs of forced entry or theft; secured the window and building. Report of missing tow truck out of Oxford, ME and found in Warren on 1/18. Miscommunication between driver and company owner.

On 1/19, the Chief investigated a motor vehicle complaint; road rage incident reported from I-93, exit 25, involving a Warren resident. Statement taken. On 1/19, responded to a motor vehicle collision on Rt 118, single car collision in the area of Breezy Point. Vehicle totaled, no injuries to driver. On 1/21, motor vehicle complaint on Rt. 118; NH DOT reporting a car obstructing plowing operations. Medical issue 1/22 on Rt 25; no action taken, dispatch cancelled.

On 1/22, report of stalking/harassment at Clark's Drive and Beech Hill Road. State Police responded to a report of out of control person at a residence on Lake Tarleton Road on 1/23. On 1/25, Report of suicidal person leaving Glenclyff in route to Lake Tarleton Lake Road; State Police intercepted vehicle in Rumney. On 1/26, responded to a motor vehicle collision on Rt. 118 in white out conditions a single truck struck a guard rail, no injuries.

Traffic Stops: 25, Citations Issued: 4

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

The Manager, George Russell provided a written report to the Board.

Transfer Station: Still waiting for the motor for the baler.

Buildings & Grounds: G. Russell reported he is still helping with snow plowing and sanding.

He plans to order the material for the cabinet around the electric panel.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. Austin Albro stated FEMA is looking for some documents on the July occurrence.
- b. Austin Albro said the Town Report is coming along well.
- c. Administrator Albro said he is looking for assistance with update and maintenance of the Town website. The Town Clerk noted the internet needs update to stay compatible with the state Town Clerk system.
- d. Administrator Albro said the Tax Assessor has been assisting with the review of current use, and will be in the office on February 27, 2019. C. Sackett asked would it help to hire Richard Dorset for additional time. A. Albro said he would reach out to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. CHAD Safe & Active Community Grant Application - Administrator Albro sought permission to apply for the CHAD Safe & Active Community Grant.
- b. Road Bond Hearing – The date for the bond hearing for Beech Hill Road and Batchelder Brook Road is February 20th at the Town Office, 5:00 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Town Report Pictures – There was a discussion of three pictures for selection. L. Romano said why not all three. C. Sackett said yes, a collage of pictures. It has a sense of history. The Town seal will be on the back.

- b. 2019 Warrant Articles – The Warren Select Board voted for individual support or non-support of each warrant article.

1. To see if the Town will vote to permit the New Hampshire Pyrotechnic Association to have public firework displays twice per year on private property.

Vote: Yes 3-0

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$170,000 through bonding or long term borrowing in order to rebuild/reconstruct Beech Hill Road and Batchelder Brook Road by ballot vote.

Vote: Yes 3-0

3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a year to year municipal lease with a non-appropriation clause in the total amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of acquiring through lease-purchase of a John Deere Tractor.

Vote: Yes 2-0 Chandler and Romano No 0-0-1 Sackett

4. To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm that the road From Gould Hill Road to Meter Pond Road and the road from Old Glenciff Road to Stimson Road are both class 6 roads owned by and under the jurisdiction of the Town of Warren.

Vote: Yes 3-0

5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to renovate the Town Office bathroom to become ADA compliant.

Vote: Yes 3-0

6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000 to acquire a portable motor vehicle radar sign to be throughout the Town, only if grant funds are available.

Vote: Yes 3-0

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to investigate the establishment of a solar project to help offset the cost of electricity to the Town of Warren.

Vote: Yes 3-0

8. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 72:76, Commercial and Industrial Construction Exemption, to allow a four-year property tax exemption for new commercial or industrial construction, and renovation of vacant or blighted commercial or industrial structures. The exemption shall apply only to municipal and local school property assessed by the municipality and shall exclude state education property taxes and county taxes. The exemption shall be as follows: 50% for the first year, 40% for the second year, 30% for the third year, and 20% for the fourth year. Subsequent years will be assessed at the full rate. The exemption will go into effect , April 1st of the year it is adopted by the legislative body, and the percentage rate and duration of the exemption shall be granted to all properties for which a proper application is filed. A vote adopting RSA 72:76 shall remain effective for a maximum of four tax years. Any application, for which an exemption has been approved prior to the expiration of the four year tax period, shall continue to apply at the rate and for the duration in effect at the time it was granted.

Vote: Yes 3-0

9 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator to apply for a feasibility study for a Water District expansion.

Vote: Yes 3-0

10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to purchase a work truck for the Buildings & Grounds Department.

Vote: Yes 3-0

11. To see if the Town will vote to remove up to an amount of money to be determined from the Fire Department Capitol Reserve Fund (Non-Lapsing) to replace the 1985 GMC fire truck. The balance of the money to come from the Fire Department Expendable Trust Fund.

Questions or Comments:

a. C. Chandler asked A. Albro to get information and status together for the Trust Funds for the Select Board prior to Tuesday's meeting.

b. C. Chandler asked A. Albro if we have received any petitions for a warrant article. The response was no.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

- Tuesday, February 12, 2019, Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 PM @ School Cafeteria.
- Tuesday, February 12, 2019, Joint Budget Hearing, Select Board & School Board 7:00 PM @ School Cafeteria.
- Wednesday, February 13, 2019, Regular Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Bond Hearing Beech Hill Road & Batchelder Brook Road, 5:00 PM, Town Office
- Wednesday, February 27, 2019, Regular Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM

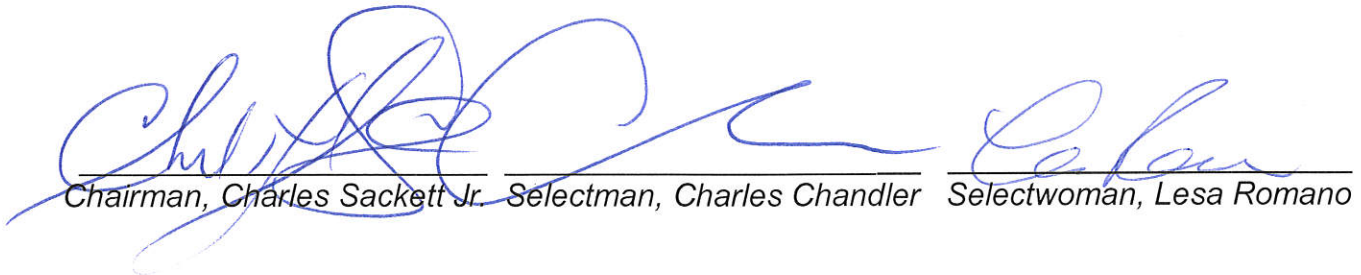
NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

None

ADJOURN:

C. Chandler moved the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by L. Romano. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes; Chandler-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board adjourned at 6:15 PM.



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