

APPROVED

WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, February 13, 2019

CALL TO ORDER:

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

Select Board Members Present: Charles Sackett, Charles Chandler, and Lesa Romano.

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

Public Present: None Present

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *C. Chandler moved to table the 1-30-2019 minutes until the next meeting. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler -yes, Sackett-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0 0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. Don Bagley Sr. had a comment on a warrant article. C. Sackett stated Warrant Article Review was on the agenda and would be discussed under Old Business.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote reported the Town of Warren Operating Account balance is **\$449,973.59** after tonight's approved manifest total of **\$27,906.15**. The January reconciliation report was provided for the Select Board's review.

The Tax Collections Account balance is **\$125,813.7**. The January reconciliation report was provided for the Select Board's review.

On February 6th, a check in the amount of \$841.51 was received from FEMA for the

2017 July storm. The Treasurer said that the budget has been tight since the 2017 storms. C. Chandler asked is it about tax bills not being paid. S. Foote answered, we are about 75% to 85% paid.

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

ROAD AGENT:

Road Agent Bobby Cass stated he is keeping an eye on the check engine light on the big truck. He bought sand again for the stock pile. He is concerned about how the salt is being used. It should be sprinkled on the ground vs in large dumps to maximize the use of the salt and to provide other residents to have what they need. He is plowing and sanding the roads as needed. The Road Agent stated there is still a problem with people parking vehicles in areas that need plowing. There was a discussion on the authority of the Warren Road Agent, Fire Chief, and Chief of Police to have a vehicle removed from a site when the road or other access to an emergency location is blocked. There was a situation where a vehicle was blocking the Road Agent's ability to perform his job. B. Cass contacted Walt's Towing to have the vehicle towed. Walt said he didn't know or not if he had the authority to accept B. Cass's authority. It was a matter of liability. It took 30 minutes to find someone with the authority. B. Cass left the vehicle and the portion of the road that could not be plowed. C. Chandler said the Road Agent, Fire Chief, and Chief of Police should have the authority to have vehicles or other objects removed during emergency situations. He asked the Fire Chief, if he felt he had that authority. He said he believes he does. C. Sackett asked the Police Chief to look into the situation on what is needed. *C. Chandler moved to grant the Road Agent, Fire Chief, and Chief of Police the authority to order the removal of motor vehicles or other objects removed at the owner's expense from a site when the road or other access to an emergency location is blocked.*

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire Chief Heath reported there was a false fire alarm in Glencliff and they provided an assist to Piermont. He said other than that it was a quiet.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief John Semertgakis reported an assist with a motor vehicle lock out at Island Road on 1/30/2019. There was an unattended death at Red Oak Hill, Gail Beamis on 2/1/2019. He assisted the State Police with an interview of a Warren resident for a State Police case, on 2/1/2019. The Chief performed a wellness check at Durfee Road on 2/8/2019.

On 2/8/2019, there was a road hazard on Swain Hill Road, tree on wires. On 2/8/2019, the Chief served a domestic violence and stalking order on Lake Tarleton Road. He investigated an assault case and reported it to DCYF. He investigated an elderly abuse case and reported it to Elderly Services.

Traffic Stops: 24, Citations Issued: 2

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

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

Transfer Station: The motor for the baler is repaired. Thank you to Don Bagley Sr. for picking up the baler motor. We hope the baler will be in operation soon. One load of aluminum cans was sent out.

Buildings & Grounds: G. Russell reported he is still helping with snow plowing. He has put new seals on the doors of the Town Office and the Town Hall.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. Austin Albro will meet with DRA to go over Current Use next week.
- b. Austin Albro said the printer has received the majority of pieces for the Town Report.
- c. Administrator Albro reported that he had received the H&H studies on Ore Hill and Weeks Crossing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Boston Post Cane – Mr. Moody, who is the current holder of the Boston Post Cane, no longer, lives in Warren. The history and rules surrounding the cane states the cane should be held by the oldest person residing in the Town. There was some discussion and it was asked if the cane was presented at the Town Meeting. C. Sackett said no, it can be presented at any time. He said frequently they are presented at the recipient's home.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Warrant Articles

Warrant Article #8 – Non-profits/Health: There was a discussion regarding the amounts contributed to local food pantries. The Board agreed that making a larger contribution to the Food Pantry in Warren made the most sense and there was a motion to change the proposed contributions.

Warrant Article #10 – Culture and Recreation: There was a motion to cut the Parks & Rec Budget by \$1000 from \$5,080 to \$4,080.

Warrant Article #13 & 14 – Contribution to ETF: Supported by the Selectboard

Warrant Article #15 – Reaffirm Class VI Roads: The article needs additional language to provide clarity.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday, February 27, 2019, Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM @ Town Office

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Town Meeting, 9:00 AM @ Town Hall

NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

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 and Sackett-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board entered into a non-public session at 6:05 PM.

CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

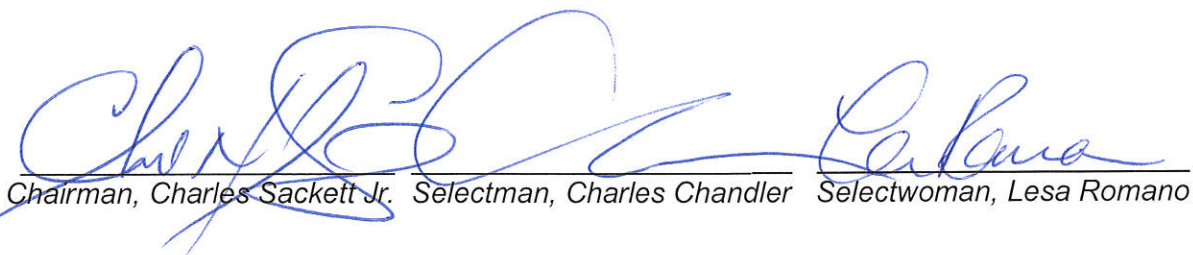
Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano that the Board of Selectmen exit non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Vote: Sackett-yes; Chandler-yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0. Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano that the Board of Selectmen seal the minutes of the non-public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

The Board ended the non-public session at 6:25 PM.

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 6:28 PM.



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