

APPROVED

WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, March 27, 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,, Fire Chief - Art Heath, Deputy Fire Chief and Chair WVSB - Don Bagley Sr., and Transfer Station/Buildings & Grounds Manager - George Russell. Road Agent- Bobby Cass and Chief of Police - John Semertgakis were not present at the meeting..

Public Present: Tom Babbit of the Mount Moosilauke ATV Club, and Deb Dickmann.

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

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: C. Chandler had questions on the Clark's Truck Center bill and would not agree to pay it without discussing with the Road Agent. *C. Chandler moved approval of the manifest with the exception of the Clark's Truck Center bill. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett-yes, Chandler -yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *C. Sackett moved approval of the 3-13-2019 minutes. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler -yes, Sackett-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0 0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. Tom Babbit of the Mount Moosilauke ATV Club announced the club is eligible to apply for grant funding for trail improvements. He asked if the Selectmen had any areas that should be added to a project lists. C. Sackett stated that the road to Meader Pond does belong to the Town of Warren and has provided upkeep and repair work. Tom Babbit also noted that the club will be working on parts of the Glencliff Road.

b. Deb Dickmann announced there will be a public meeting at the Town Hall on Friday, April 12, 2019 at 4:00 PM to discuss the repair and upgrade of the Willing Worker's Hall in Glencliff. She has enlisted the help of State Senator Robert Giuda who will be attending the meeting to discuss obtaining state or federal funds. The meeting is open to all who are interested in the history of Glencliff/Warren and improving the town.

c. Don Bagley stated the handicap picnic tables have been delivered. They were designed so a person in a wheelchair can be seated at the ends of the table and seating for others at the middle of the tables. One table will be placed at the school and the other at the Historical Society.

ROAD AGENT:

Road Agent Bobby Cass provided a written report to the Board. He has added stone to Red Oak Hill Road, Gould Hill Road, and Swain Hill Road. He will be adding gravel to Beech Hill Road. He plowed snow last week. He will be meeting with contractors on quotes for paving this week or next. He received a load of cold patch, so he can start patching on Lund Lane.

He needs to take time to organize to work and maintenance at the shop. He plans to start steam cleaning equipment and oil filming. He anticipates paving the week before Memorial Day week end, if the weather cooperates.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote reported the Town of Warren Operating Account balance is **\$286,167.02** after tonight's approved manifest total of **\$44,435.87**. The bill for Clark's Truck Center for \$7,194.27 was pulled from the manifest for a revised manifest total of **\$37,241.60**.

The Tax Collections Account balance is **\$129,424.76**.

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.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire Chief Heath reported that it has fortunately been very quiet.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief of Police - John Semertgakis was not present at the meeting.

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

Transfer Station: The Manager, George Russell reported there is an extra 30 yard container at the station. Both yearly DES reports are completed for the transfer station. The electrician will complete the work for baler next week.

Buildings & Grounds: G. Russell reported the material has been delivered for the lobby

closet. G. Russell said A. Albro located and had new lobby chairs, which were donated by Cottage Hospital.

G. Russell let the Selectboard know that the Fence at the Veteran's Memorial is in need of replacement. Some sections of the fence have rotted away and continues to deteriorate. G. Russell has received prices for replacement at approximately \$2,000. G. Russell also noted that the Veteran's Memorial Expendable Trust Fund has a balance of approximately \$1,800 and perhaps the cost of the project could be shared between Buildings & Grounds. C. Chandler questioned whether this project might have a negative impact on your budget for this year. G. Russell said he didn't think so. C. Sackett suggested waiting until warmer weather to discuss the fence project further.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. Austin Albro reported there was a safety meeting on March 18. Meetings will be held quarterly moving forward and open to all town employees.
- b. Austin Albro said on April 1, he will meet with Joe and Ed Paradis of Moosilauke Campground to discuss paving Batchelder Brook.
- c. Austin Albro reported DRA visited the Town Offices for 6 hours on Thursday, March 21, 2019. They reviewed about fifteen property records and will be back to review additional files for compliance with Current Use regulations.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ambulance Center Contract - Austin Albro reported the contract for the Warren Wentworth Ambulance Services has expired and a new contract needs to be approved. The amount for the new contract is \$32,940. *C. Chandler moved to approve the new contract for \$32,940 for the Ambulance Center and Services. Seconded by L. Romano . Voting in favor of the motion were Chandler-yes, and Romano-yes, C. Sackett abstained. The motion passed 2-0-0.* C. Sackett suggested that it be included with the April 10 manifest.
- b. Road Surface Management Offer – NCC: Austin Albro stated the North Country Council has offered to develop a RSMS plan at no cost to the Town to be used by them as a comprehensive, guidance document for road management.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Abatement Request:
 - i. Eric & Margaret Jones, Map 205/Lot 020. There was a lengthy discussion on methods and theory of assessment for tax purposes and the state's guidance in the matter. *C. Sackett moved to grant the abatement with a reduction to \$130,587. C. Chandler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from NHMA for Local Official Workshops, Tuesday, May 21 (Sugar Hill) or Saturday, June 8 (Concord). Austin Albro is attending and invited other town officials.

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a. There is a mediation tentatively scheduled for May 7, 2019. All members of the Selectboard are encouraged to attend.
- b. A. Albro announced the health care rates are down 11.8%.
- c. D. Bagley mentioned there was a very nice interview of Austin Albro in the "Town and City" magazine. C. Chandler stated it was great for Austin and good publicity for the Town.
- d. It was also announced that Davin Cass was inducted into the National Vocational Honor Society at Riverbend. Congratulations Davin!

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Wednesday, April 10, 2019, Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM @ Town Office

April 10 & 11, 2019, WVS Play "Mary Poppins" @ School, 6:30 PM

April 15 – 19, 2019, WVS Spring Break

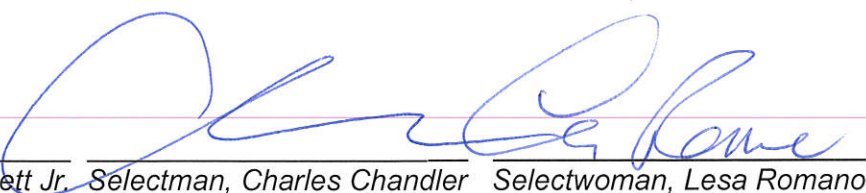
Wednesday, April 24, 2019, Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM @ Town Office

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 6:00 PM.



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