

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 29, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Select Board Members Present:** Charles Sackett and Charles Chandler.

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

**Public Present:** Shirley McCartin

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

**SELECT BOARD MANIFEST:** *C. Chandler moved approval of the manifest. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett-yes and Chandler -yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *C. Chandler moved to approve the 1-15-2020 minutes as presented. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler -yes and Sackett-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

a. A. Heath stated the snow by the emergency exit at the Town Hall needed to be shoveled out before Election Day.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Sheila Foote's written report showed the Town of Warren Operating Account balance at **\$512,292.74** after tonight's approved manifest total of \$129,441.16.

The Tax Collections Account balance is **\$282,679.46**.

Our auditor was in the office on January 30, 2020 to complete the field work for the auditing process.

*C. Chandler moved to accept and approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by C. Sackett. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

**ROAD AGENT:**

Road Agent Bobby Cass reported the wing is on the grader. He said the sand stock pile is getting low and asked the Select Board if they wanted him to put order sand or leave it for the next road agent to do. They suggested he order the sand. B. Cass said he is plowing and sanding as the storms come in. C. Chandler stated the public say the roads are well maintained.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

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

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief, Art Heath said they responded to a power line down. They had a call for an EMS unit stuck in snow on Eagles Nest. Art Heath thanked B. Cass for also responding to ensure that the Fire Department could safely access the EMS unit. On March 15<sup>th</sup>, we will have seven firefighters in training for dealing with oil and propane furnaces. He is working on the status of funding of a grant for which they have applied.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief John Semertgakis reported a Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lund Lane; car of the roadway during a snow storm. Domestic Disturbance; Woman was intoxicated and assaulted her husband, transported to Cottage Hospital for detox. Was charged with Domestic, BEAS involved with the family moving forward. Animal complaint, Lake Tarleton Road; resident complaining about dogs barking, spoke with dog owner.

Disabled Motor Vehicle, Route 25; report of a vehicle left overnight at AppleKnocker's, contacted owner, was involved in a minor collision with a deer, removed as requested. Suspicious Vehicle, Route 25 Glenclyff; car pulled off roadway, driver was waiting for a sand/salt DOT truck to pass by because the roads were icy. Disturbance, Lake Tarleton Road; minor Disturbance at Ore Mill, under investigation. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Lake Tarleton Road; Resident locked out of running vehicle.

Theft, Durfee Road; report of items being stolen from an unlocked vehicle, under investigation. CAC (Child Advocacy Center) interview on sexual assault case. VIN Verification on Route 25. 911 Hang-up call from ACHC, misdial number. Trespass, Red Oak Hill Road; ongoing landlord/tenant issue.

**NH State Police Response in Warren:**

Animal Complaint, Route 25; horses on the road. DWI Route 25; single vehicle collision. Motor Vehicle Collision. Route 25; DOT Truck v. TT unit. Run Away, Route 25; person ran away from the home of their care giver. Drug Overdose, Route 25;

transported to Speare Hospital. Domestic Disturbance, Route 118. Medical Issue, White Horse Lane; EMS request police assistance for senior citizen with dementia. Disturbance, Beckett School; 2 students fighting outside, then 1 ran away.

Motor vehicle stops 36 Citations issued 6

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

The Manager, George Russell was not present at the meeting, but provided the Select Board a written report.

Transfer Station: G. Russell reported he has been finishing up 1 bale of cardboard. He stated he filed for an extension for the grant received from N.H. The Beautiful and thanked A. Albro for his help with the extension. 2019 Total Baled Items: 21 cardboard, 8 plastic and 6 aluminum cans last week.

Buildings & Grounds: G. Russell reported he is still plowing as needed. Construction has started on the new handicap accessible bathroom. Received one quote on paving for the Library.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

- a. Austin Albro reported the Town Report is coming together quite well. He is looking to the Board for input on the dedication and the cover photo. The Board decided the dedication will be for Irving Cushing Jr. Don Bagley Sr. brought pictures from an older period of time for the Board to look at and make a cover selection. C. Sackett asked about the Boston Post cane. There was a discussion of Town elders. The Board instructed the Town Administrator find the oldest resident in Warren.
- b. Austin Albro said the tax documents have been sent out compliant with the January 31, 2020 federal deadlines.
- c. Austin Albro stated he had met with Janice Sackett, the EMD and Bobby Cass, the Road Agent to review our Emergency Operation Plan and discussed the 2017 weather events and ways to improve the Town's procedure in a similar type of event. We are continuing to work on submitting for reimbursement from HSEM for the approximately \$103,000 at the state.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Intent to Cut -:
  - I. Owner: Sharon O'Neil, Logger: Chris Whitcher, M228/L023
  - II. Owner: Thomas Babbit, Logger: Thomas Babbit, M250/L017
- b. Budget Review – A. Albro stated the overall budget as presented was \$3,000 over the amount raised by taxes last year, but that the operating budget was nearly level. There was discussion regarding the departmental budgets, warrant articles, and overall budget for the Town. The Board discussed the revenues reported. A. Albro stated that the motor vehicle registration revenue has regularly exceeded the amount

anticipated and that the 2020 revenue projects would reflect that. The Budget Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Baker River Restoration, FEMA Appeal - The Town received correspondence from FEMA on January 23 stating that the appeal was denied. The Town will not receive reimbursement for the \$150,000 river project due to a number of reasons. The Town Administrator and EMD will be discussing the appeal determination memo further.
- b. Municipal Representation – C. Chandler requested the Town Administrator, Austin Albro plan and coordinate arrangements for meetings with all prospective municipal representation options for the Town of Warren.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** In the deeds recently received by the Town, Mount Prospect Academy has purchased 254 NH Rt. 25 from Shara, LLC.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM @ Town Office.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Town Meeting @ 9:00 AM @ the Warren Town Hall.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by C. Sackett 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 and Sackett-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

The Board entered into a non-public session at 5:35 PM.

**CONCLUSION NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

*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: Sackett-yes and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 2-0. Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by C. Sackett 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 and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 2-0.*

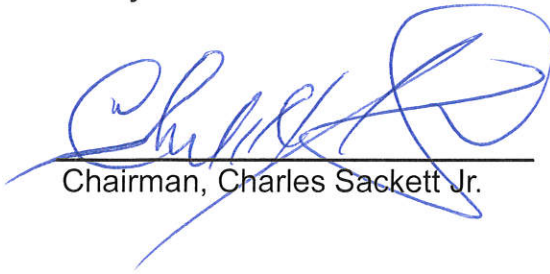
The Board ended the non-public session at 5:50 PM.

**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;*


*and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board adjourned at 5:55 PM.



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Chairman, Charles Sackett Jr.



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Selectman, Charles Chandler