

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

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, Road Agent- Bobby Cass, Treasurer - Sheila Foote, Asst. Fire Chief and Chair, WSVB, Don Bagley Sr., Chief of Police – John Semertgakis and Fire Chief - Art Heath. Transfer Station/Buildings & Grounds Manager - George Russell was not at the meeting, but provided a written report.

Public Present: Shirley McCartin, Tom Babbit, and Paul Hatch and Vanessa Urango from Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

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, the motion passed 3-0-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *C. Chandler moved to approve the 2-12-2020 minutes as presented. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler -yes, Sackett-yes and Romano – yes. The motion passed 3-0-0*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

a. Paul Hatch and Vanessa Urango from Homeland Security & Emergency Management came to the meeting to discuss FEMA's denial of the Town's appeal for funds for the 2017 river dredging project. Mr. Hatch and Ms. Urango further explained FEMA's denial citing a number reasons that it was denied. The Board discussed how to proceed and whether an additional appeal was merited. The representatives from HSEM expressed that another appeal did not look promising based on FEMA's reasons for denial. The Board of Selectmen expressed a great amount of gratitude for the work and time that the State has devoted to helping Warren. C. Chandler stated that at the last meeting, he supported the Town filing another appeal but given what was shared at this meeting, it was quite clear that the Town was not in a position to win with another appeal. The discussion continued as the Board expressed room for improvement throughout the process at the local, state and federal level. C. Chandler acknowledge the number of hours and hard work that Road Agent Bobby Cass and

EMD Janice Sackett devoted to the 2017 disasters, primarily the river work. C. Chandler moved for the Town of Warren not to proceed with a second appeal to FEMA. Seconded by L. Romano. Voting in favor of the motion were Sackett-yes, Chandler-yes and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote reported the Town of Warren Operating Account balance is **\$363, 572.24** after tonight's approved manifest total of \$156,413.24.

The Tax Collections Account balance is **\$287,969.25**.

C. Chandler moved to accept and approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by C. Sackett. 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 reported he took the grader out on a test run and it went very well. He ordered 300 yards of sand and salt. While on Beech Hill Road, he came upon a cable company truck. He informed the cable workers the truck could not remain in that location due to an expected storm.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Art Heath said they had a report of a false fire alarm activating a sprinkler system. They assisted an EMS unit. Firefighters will attend training for dealing with power lines down.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

Chief John Semertgakis reported an animal complaint, Route 25 Glenclyff; anonymous report to ASPCA about dog abuse, unfounded. Domestic Disturbance, Pine Hill Road; verbal altercation. Car Fire, Route 25; commuter's car caught on fire while traveling North on Route 25, no injuries.

Mutual Aid, Lake Tarleton Road; Tractor Trailer, unit slid off road in icy conditions, Lake Tarleton Road closed for 2 hours. Theft, AppleKnocker's; multiple thefts reported from AppleKnocker's, under investigation. Fraud, Route 25; report of three separate bad check/fraud cases.

Motor vehicle stops 15 Citations issued 2

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 baled 2 bales of plastic and 1 bale of card board. He stated the shipment of light iron brought in \$100.00 after paying for roll off.

Buildings & Grounds: G. Russell reported he is still plowing as needed. He is preparing to put more files in long term storage. He is getting more quotes on the library paving project.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

- a. Austin Albro reported next year (2021) there will be a complete evaluation of Town property.
- b. Austin Albro stated the Town Clerk had asked him to speak with the Selectboard about a \$1-\$5 additional charge to residents at the time of registration. This small fee could be used on a number of transportation projects, maintaining sidewalks or bridges, or even the Town Forest bicycle trail system. The Board stated that they did not want to add any additional burden to the residents of Warren and at this time, there was no interest in pursuing the idea any further at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. The Board reviewed and signed the following intents to cut:
 - i. Owner: HKL Family Trust, Arthur Jones, Trustee, Logger: Alan Diamond, Map 232/Lot 040
 - ii. Owner, HKL Family Trust, Arthur Jones, Trustee, Logger: Alan Diamond, Map 232/Lot 041
- b. The Board reviewed and signed the report of excavation and paperwork for the Tax Collector for the following operations:
 - i. Operation #19-465-01- E Owner: Warren Sand & Gravel: Map 122/Lot 038
 - ii. Operation #19-465-02- E Owner: Lloyd Bixby: Map 213/Lot 059
- c. The Board reviewed and signed the report of cut and paperwork for the Tax Collector for the following operations.
 - i. Operation #18-465-02-T: Owner: Tom Babbit: Map 250/Lot 017.
 - ii. Operation #18-465-09-T: Owner: Walter Donovan: Map 233/Lot 013
 - iii. Operation #19-465-01-T: Owner: Whitman & Suzanne Haselton: Map 232/Lots 45/46.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Municipal Representation Meeting– The Town Administrator, Austin Albro has scheduled the interviews/meetings for Friday, March 20, 2020 for prospects for the municipal representation for the Town.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Tuesday, March 10, 2020, Town Meeting, 9:00 A.M., at the Warren Town Hall

Wednesday, March 11, 2020, Select Board Meeting, 5:00 PM @ Town Office

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

The Board entered into a non-public session #1 at 6:00 PM.

CONCLUSION NON-PUBLIC SESSION #1:

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: Chandler -yes, Sackett-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 #1 at 6:20 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, Sackett-yes, and Romano-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board entered into the non-public session #2 at 6:25 PM.

CONCLUSION NON-PUBLIC SESSION #2:

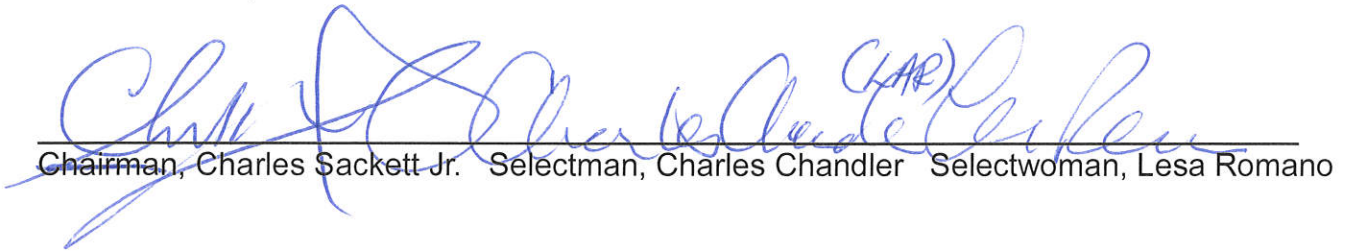
Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano that the Board of Selectmen exit non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Vote: Sackett-yes and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 2-0. Motion by C. Chandler, seconded by L. Romano that the Board of Selectmen seal the minutes of the non-public session 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 the non-public session #2 at 6:30 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 6:35.


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