

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Selectman Romano called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Select Board Members Present:** Lesa Romano, Chuck Sackett and Charles Chandler were present.

**Staff/Officials Present:** Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Police Chief – John Semertgakis, Fire Chief – Art Heath, WWSB Chairman – Don Bagley, Road Agent – Bruce Dimond. Town Treasurer – Sheila Foote via telephone.

**Public Present:** Shirlie McCartin, Bryan Flagg, Mike Panus, Cindy Bemis, and Stephen Albro

L. Romano led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** C. Chandler *moved approval of the January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, Sackett – abstained, and the motion passed 2-0-1.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** D. Bagley expressed that he had hoped more people would have attended the School/Town Budget Hearing. D. Bagley also mentioned that there was up to \$38,000 of additional school funding coming from the State according to Senator Bob Guida.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Sheila Foote provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$559,347.38 after tonight's approved manifest total of \$117,581.27.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$302,939.35.

*C. Chandler moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

**ROAD AGENT REPORT:**

Bruce Dimond, Road Agent was present at the meeting and provided the Board an update of his recent activities which included plowing and sanding and working on the equipment. The Road Agent spoke to his concerns about the condition of the Town's International and informed the Board that the \$24,000 quote to repair the truck is "best case scenario". He spoke to the options for replacement.

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Tax Collector provided receipts to the Board for review.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief, Art Heath reported that FD responded to a service call on Pine Hill Road, Airbnb guest locked in their rental. Chief Heath thanked Tom Babbit for his assistance in preparing FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter's Grant for replacement of SCBA equipment.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief John Semertgakis reported recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. Suspicious Vehicle, Route 25 at Wentworth Town line bridge; Wentworth PD off with a vehicle, drug items found. VIN verification, Batchelder Brook Rd., Moose Hillock Campground; VIN check on camper. Untimely death, Route 25; passing of Mrs. Wiggins, State Police responded. VIN verification, Route 25; VIN check on trailer. Theft, Route 25 in Glenclyff; purse stolen from unlocked car at night. Positive ID made, charges pending. Disabled tractor-trailer unit, Pine Hill Road.; salt truck stuck on Road, cleared upon arrival. Animal Control, Route 25 in Wentworth; 3 dogs from Warren found, returned to owner.

26 Motor Vehicle Stops, 4 Citations

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

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

Grounds: G. Russell reported that he had been assisting the Road Agent with snow removal and sanding, as needed. He also reported that he received a revised quote on a commercial double door for the Town Hall.

Transfer Station: G. Russell reported that he had shipped out another 120 gallons of used oil for recycling, put bales into storage and completed an additional bale of plastic and one of aluminum.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Town Administrator reported that he had been working on completing the budget and Town Report. He also reported that he received confirmation of the extension for the 2017 FEMA projects that will need to be completed next construction season.

## **PUBLIC HEARING:**

*Selectman Chandler moved to enter into a public hearing to discuss the issuance of bonds or notes over \$100,000, in particular, \$190,000 for the reconstruction of Pine Hill Road at 5:15PM. C. Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. Selectman Chandler informed the audience that an estimate was put together earlier in the year to provide the Selectman an idea of what it would cost to fix the majority of the Town's problems on paved roads. The total was approximately \$600,000. The Board read the Pine Hill reconstruction Warrant Article. He explained that the Selectmen chose Pine Hill to present to the voters based on the amount of use and current condition of the road. The Board of Selectmen then asked for public comment. Mike Panus expressed maintenance concerns and stated that the Town may be able to repair section of Pine Hill at a time. The Selectman acknowledged that it was a possibility to improve portions of the road. Bryan Flagg asked if the quote to repair the road included anything other than paving. The Road Agent replied that the quote did include a significant amount of material added to the subgrade. Shirlee McCartin expressed concerns about Swain Hill and the vicinity of the Pine Hill project to the tarred portion of Swain Hill. Chief Semertgakis expressed concerns about Moses Road, as well. The Board again acknowledged that there are other problem areas in Town but reiterated that making improvements to Pine Hill Road would be a step in the right direction. Chairwoman Romano asked if there were any further comments from the audience both in person and on the phone. There were none. Selectman Chandler moved to exit the Pine Hill Road Bond Public Hearing at 5:31PM. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 228, Lot 023 for property owned by Sharon O'Neil; Logger: Chris Witcher.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. The Board reviewed and signed an intent to cut for Map 239, Lot 003 for property owned by Commodore Investments LLC, Logger: Charles Dana Hazen. The Board of Selectman and Road Agent agreed to request a road bond in the amount of \$5,000 given Week's Road is a Class VI road.
- b. The Administrator informed the Board that we are still waiting on the new auditor to complete the initial review of our 2020 books and that may be the only delay for printing the Town Report. The Administrator hopes to have the report the first week of March.

## **ADJOURN:**

*C. Chandler moved the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board adjourned at 5:35 PM.



Chairwoman, Lesa Romano    Selectman, Charles Chandler    Selectman, Charles Sackett, Jr.