

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**Select Board Members Present:** Lesa Romano 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.

**Public Present:** Angela Clark, Shirlie McCartin, Bryan Flagg, Mike Panus

L. Romano 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: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer, Sheila Foote was not present at the meeting, but provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$652,327.42 after tonight's approved manifest total of \$40,980.23.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$302,476.69.

*C. Chandler moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report. L. Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

**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 let the Board know that the Town's International Truck was at Clark's and had been reviewed by a mechanic. The bill was approximately

\$16,000 before an additional \$8,000 to repair leaking bed pistons. The total repair bill is approximately \$24,000. There was discussion among the Board and residents present at the meeting. Selectman Chandler and Selectman Romano agreed that it would be in the Town's best interest to allow for further discussion at the Budget Hearing scheduled for February 9 at WVS. It was decided that the warrant article for the new truck purchase would be included in the draft budget for discussion at the Budget Hearing, as well.

#### **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 smoke investigation. It was discovered there was a permitted burn occurring in Wentworth. Chief Heath reported a false alarm at the Glencliff Home.

#### **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief John Semertgakis reported recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Route 118; during snow storm, vehicle with mechanical issues, towed away. Vehicle Collision, Beech Hill Road; single vehicle roll-over, coming off Beech Hill near Lund Lane. No major injuries, vehicle removed.

22 Motor Vehicle Stops, 2 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 has started moving older documents to storage.

Transfer Station: G. Russell reported that he had finished one of two annual reports due to D.E.S. He also thanked Transfer Station Attendant, Janine Maher, for updating the Transfer Station Operational Plan.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Town Administrator reported that draft budget is complete and nearly ready to be reviewed by DRA. Furthermore, the Town Report is coming together well and will hopefully be delivered one week earlier than last year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. The Town Administrator presented 4 photos to be considered for the cover of the 2020 Town Report. It was decided that all 4 photos would be incorporated into the Town Report.

- b. The Board reviewed an Intent to Cut for property owned by Commodore Investments LLC, Logger: Charles Dana Hazen. The Board asked the Road Agent and Town Administrator to determine the amount of road bond to be required, given that the logging job is occurring on Week's Road, a Class VI road, owned by the Town. The intent and bond amount will be reviewed at the next meeting.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Angela Clark was present at the meeting to correct the Intent to Cut submitted by Dan Clark on behalf of Mark and Amy Wotjkun. She expressed discontent that the Town was unable to process the intent. Chairwoman Romano and the Town Administrator explained that it was a State of New Hampshire rule that prohibited the intent to be processed and that the Board would happily sign the intent once corrected.
- b. The Board reviewed the 2021 Proposed Budget. *C. Chandler moved to approve the 2021 proposed budget. L. Romano seconded the motion. Selectmen Chandler urged everyone present at the meeting to attend the Budget Hearing for further discussion of the 2021 budget. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*
- c. *Selectman Chandler moved to set the time, date, and location of the meeting portion or 'deliberative session' of Town Meeting for Saturday, March 13, 2021 at Warren Village School Gym at 9:00 AM There was brief discussion. Selectman Romano seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Romano – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

***Election of Local Officers: Tuesday, March 9 from 9AM-7PM at Warren Town Hall***

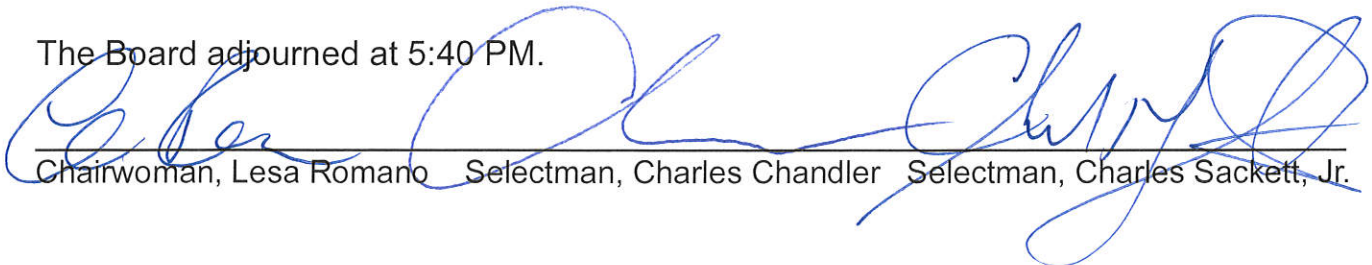
***Deliberative Session/Meeting: Saturday, March 13 at 9AM at Warren Village School Gym***

#### **ADJOURN:**

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Selectman Chandler asked everyone to keep the Sackett family in their thoughts and prayers.

*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 Chandler-yes, and Romano – yes. The motion passed 2-0-0.*

The Board adjourned at 5:40 PM.



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