# WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, March 24, 2021

# **CALL TO ORDER:**

Selectmen Chandler called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Select Board Members Present:** Todd Bixby, Chuck Sackett and Charles Chandler were present.

**Staff/Officials Present:** Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Police Chief – John Semertgakis, Fire Chief – Art Heath, Treasurer – Sheila Foote

**Public Present:** Shirlie McCartin, Bryan Flagg, Jeremy Hair, Dalton Scott, Jonathan Cyr, Cindy Bemis

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

**RESTRUCTURING OF THE BOARD:** Selectmen Chandler confirmed that after much deliberation and careful consideration, he was certainly stepping away from the Board. Furthermore, Selectmen Chandler indicated interest in serving as the Chairman of the Board until a replacement Selectman is named. C. Sackett moved to name Selectman Chandler as Chairman of the Board. T. Bixby seconded the motion. *Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.* 

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Approval of the draft minutes was tabled until the next meeting, April 7.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Art Heath asked whether the Board intended to have Old Home Day this year. At this time, the Town is planning to have Old Home Day on July 9, 10, 11. Cindy Bemis expressed concerns about Holden's Store and its proximity to the river. Selectmen Chandler explained the timeline for tax deeded properties and asked the Administrator to find out when the property was deeded to the Town. Don Bagley explained that he hoped the new generator for the school will be installed before the beginning of school next year. Mr. Bagley also expressed concern that the new well for the South Main Street Water District is close to the Town Office.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$379,227.71 after tonight's

approved manifest total of \$80,395.16.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$309,778.16

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

### **ROAD AGENT REPORT:**

The Road Agent was not present at the meeting. The Town Administrator provided a brief report to the Board. The Grader is working and out on the roads. The 2016 International is back in Town and being worked on by Kevin Knapp. The 2020 Chevy is at PTO in Bradford to be reviewed for plow issues.

#### TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:

The Tax Collector provided receipts to the Board for review.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Fire Chief, Art Heath reported a mutual aid call to Wentworth for an odor/haze in a building.

# **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

Chief John Semertgakis reported recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. Paperwork Service, Route 25 in Glencliff, serve CHINS paperwork for court appearance for juvenile issues. Animal Item, Studio Road; report of a racoon stuck in a trap, call went directly to Fish and Game. VIN Verifications on Route 25: antique pick-up truck and sedan/hatchback. Animal Complaint; multiple reports of 2 loose huskies at various times/dates. OHRV Complaint; report of a 'Dune Buggy' type OHRV on Town Roads with juvenile occupant with no helmet. Citation to OHRV owner for operation on road, warning for juvenile infraction. Medical Issue, Route 25; WWAS and SP responded to a report of person laying down in the ditch adjacent to Route 25. Juvenile Wellness Check; report of a teenager looking "distressed" walking near Hildreth Dam. Could not locate.

19 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.

<u>Grounds:</u> G. Russell reported that he went to Clark's Truck Center with the Road Agent. Put up road posting signs, installed the new mailbox for the library, and plan to hire Ron Sprague to clean the monuments at the Veteran's Memorial.

<u>Transfer Station:</u> G. Russell reported that he finished burning the brush pile. He plans

- i. Paving Fund ETF \$25,000 deposit
- ii. Major Road Projects \$1,000 deposit
- iii. Fire Dept. ETF \$ 7,240

Selectman Chandler moved to approve the transfers identified by the Town Administrator. Selectmen Sackett seconded the motion. Vote: Chandler – yes, Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes. The motion passed 3-0.

# **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Cyclical Revaluation Updated: The Town Administrator provided a brief overview of his meeting with DRA and KRT Appraisal. He explained that according to the State of New Hampshire, most property values in Town will increase, with Warren's "high end homes" absorbing the majority of the increase based on ratios cited by NH DRA.
- b. COVID-19 Update: The Town Administrator informed the Board that he expected guidance from the Governor's Re-Opening Task Force relating to large outdoor events, like Old Home Day.

# ADJOURN:

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

The Board adjourned at 6:10PM.

Chairman, Charles Chandler

Selectman, Todd Bixby

Selectman, Charles Sackett, Jr.