

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, June 30, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

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

**Staff/Officials Present:** Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Fire Chief – Art Heath, Treasurer – Sheila Foote, Chief of Police – John Semertgakis and Rocco, WWSB Chairman – Don Bagley

**Public Present:** Marlene Wright and Jeremy Hair

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *C. Sackett moved approval of the June 16 meeting minutes. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jeremy Hair requested permission to use the outdoor water spicket at the KP Hall to clean their TKD mats. The Board did not see an issue with this. WWSB Chairman Don Bagley stated that the school's overall budget as up \$45,000 however State Adequacy Aid and Vocational Education Revenues are down. Discussion ensued. Selectman Chandler shared his belief that the State of New Hampshire does not adequately fund education in the State and informed the public of an ongoing legal battle between many school districts throughout New Hampshire. Selectman Chandler asked WWSB Chairman Bagley whether the Warren School District was a part of lawsuit. WWSB Chairman Bagley stated the Warren Village School District voted 2-1 to join the lawsuit. Selectman Chandler asked who voted against joining the lawsuit. WWSB Chairman Bagley replied Senator Giuda.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

The Town of Warren Operating Account balance is \$512,764.69 after tonight's approved manifest total of \$155,988.77.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$326,883.96

The combined Local and State Education Tax Liability to Warren School District is \$1,538,305.00, an increase of \$276,487 over the previous year. The monthly payment to the Warren School District is \$128,192.00

*C. Sackett moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's Report. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

#### **TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT:**

The Tax Collector provided receipts to the Board for review.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

Fire Chief, Art Heath reported an outside fire at the corner of Breezy Point Road and Old Glenclyff Road. Additionally, he reported an EMS assist, as well as, a fire alarm activation on Clement Hill.

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

Chief John Semertgakis reported recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. Lightning Strike, Batchelder Brook Road; report of lightning striking a home and utility pole on Eagles Nest and Batchelder Brook, respectively. Damage at both locations. VIN Verification, Stimson Road; Vessel VIN Check. Disturbance, Route 25; State Police responded to an altercation between father and son. Medical Call, Breezy Point Road, responded to a person falling from a tree, multiple injuries, transported to Cottage Hospital. Civil Standby, Lund Lane; Civil Standby while family member collected belongings from a home. Injured Hiker, 3 Ponds Trail; Fish and Game responded to an injured hiker with a severe leg injury. 911 Hang-Up, Moose Hillock Campground; Child Dialed 911 from a pay phone. VIN Verification, Water Street; VIN Verification for seasonal residents out of Colorado.

32 Motor Vehicle Stops, 6 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 all lots are now being mowed as needed. He continues to assist the road agent, as needed. G. Russell also reported that DOT gave the final approval for Welcome signs on Route 118 and Route 25C. He hopes to begin sign installation as soon as next week. Thank you to Stephen Albro for trimming the trees around the Common.

Transfer Station: G. Russell reported that he has to order replacement cables for the baler because one cable is broken and the other one is fraying. Baled 1 additional bale of plastic.

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Town Administrator informed the Board that he met with the Department of Revenue Administration to review our current progress during our Total Revaluation. They acknowledged that the total value of the Town was going to be impacted by high sales prices of homes in Warren and throughout the State. DRA cautioned that owners of high-end homes in Warren were likely to see the largest increase, while vacant land is least likely to show a large increase in assessed value. The Administrator reported that he has started the application for ARPA grant funds totaling \$97,990. The Administrator also informed the Board that he reached out to Paul Hatch, HSEM to discuss the remaining 2017 FEMA projects and reimbursement.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- a) The Town Administrator informed the Board of Selectman that the Town's Health Officer, Christine Johnson and the Deputy Town Clerk, Chelsie Lent, tendered their letters of resignation for their respective positions. The Board of Selectmen thanked both individuals for their service to the Town of Warren.
- b) The Board reviewed and signed the Consolidated Communications of Northern New England Company, LLC (f/k/a Northern New England Telephone Operations, LLC d/b/a FairPoint Communications – NNE) vs Town of Warren Settlement Agreement as presented by Town Counsel. The Town shall pay \$36,981.50 by December 31, 2021 and a second payment of the same amount on or before September 1, 2022.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) Pine Hill Road Project: Selectman Bixby asked if he could walk the road, mark the culverts and areas of Pine Hill where extra attention may be required. The Road Agent had no issue with Selectman Bixby walking the road.
- b) Selectman Chandler moved to put the Pine Hill project out to bid as envisioned last year including culverts and ditches. Selectman Sackett seconded the motion for discussion. Selectman Bixby identified two areas of Pine Hill, that appear to be in poorest condition. There were concerns that simply grinding the asphalt and repaving the road would not be a permanent or appropriate fix in the two problem areas that were discussed. Selectman Chandler asked Selectman Bixby if he would be able to walk Pine Hill and create a document in advance of the next Board meeting. Selectman Bixby indicated that he could do that. *Selectman Chandler moved to table his motion for two weeks until the Board of Selectmen has an opportunity to review Selectman Bixby's document. The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, Chandler – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

### **NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

*Motion by C. Sackett, seconded by T. Bixby that the Board of Selectmen enter into a non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Vote: Bixby-yes, Chandler-yes, and Sackett-yes. The motion*

passed 3-0-0.

The Board entered into a non-public session at 5:50 PM.

**CONCLUSION OF NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

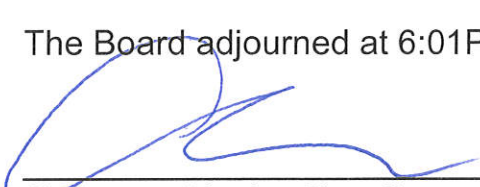
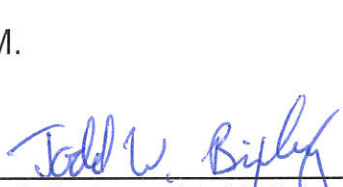
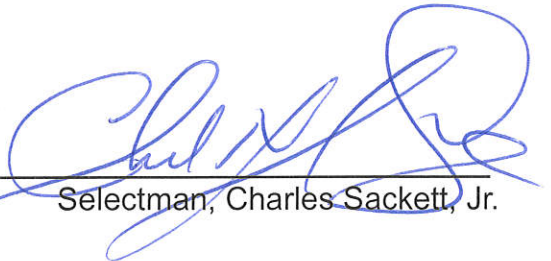
*Motion by C. Sackett, seconded by T. Bixby that the Board of Selectmen exit non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3. Vote: Sackett-yes, Bixby -yes and Chandler-yes. The motion passed 3-0-0. Motion by C. Sackett, seconded by C. Chandler that the Board of Selectmen seal the minutes of the non-public session in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 for forty years. Vote: Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and Chandler- yes. The motion passed 3-0-0.*

The Board ended the non-public session at 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURN:**

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

The Board adjourned at 6:01PM.

		
Chairman, Charles Chandler	Selectman, Todd Bixby	Selectman, Charles Sackett, Jr.