WARREN BOARD OF SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, August 24, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

C. Sackett called the meeting to order at 5:00.

Select Board Members Present: Chuck Sackett, Todd Bixby, and Shirley McCartin

Staff/Officials Present: Fire Chief – Art Heath, Town Administrator – Austin Albro, WVSB Chairman – Donald Bagley, Deputy Tax Collector – Marlene Wright

Public Present: Jeremy Hair, John Newton, Kenn Lamb

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Chairman Sackett informed the Board that a draft of the August 10 minutes was available at the Town Office and approval of those minutes would occur at the next Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Donald Bagley, Warren Village School Board Chairman informed the Board of Selectmen that he anticipated approximately \$33,000 to be returned to the Town, representing the remainder of last year's budget. He also updated the Selectman that the school's container has been moved to a better location, new septic pumps were being installed, a new electrical panel was being installed as well. The school was pursuing heating system and pavement improvement projects, as well. He concluded that the school was ready to open and fully staffed to begin the year!

FIRE CHIEF:

Chief Heath reported a mutual aid call to King's Mill (Kennebec) in Wentworth. One Warren crew was scene, another was at the Station on standby. The Chief noted that he would soon be testing the dry hydrant at the fish hatchery and that he did not have an update regarding the dry hydrant in Glencliff, at this time.

TRANSFER STATION/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS REPORT:

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

<u>Grounds:</u> G. Russell reported that he has been busy mowing and trimming all over town, as needed. G. Russell reported that he had installed and placed the new cemetery filing cabinet. G. Russell asked the Board of Selectmen if he could begin to pursue an idea to set up an irrigation system for the school and Common. The Board did not have any objection to Mr. Russell exploring the project further.

<u>Transfer Station:</u> G. Russell reported that he helped the Road Agent cleanup the area beside the sand shed. There are 2 more piles of dirt to be cleaned up at the Transfer Station. 1 bale of plastic was produced.

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Police Chief John Semertgakis was present at the meeting and provided a written report of his recent activity to the Board of Selectmen. VIN Verification, Stimson Road; VIN check on a boat. Domestic Disturbance/Fatal MV Collision, Station Road; State Police responded to a domestic incident that occurred in Glencliff, concluded with a fatal motor vehicle collision in Pike. Juvenile issue; report of an adult giving a child a THC edible, currently under investigation with DCYF.

Additional Notes: 34 Stops, 5 Citations

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator provided a brief report to the Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the Intent to Cut for property owned by Rebecca & Eric Schmidt, to be logged by Stuart Bevin.
- b) The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the PA-28, requesting the inventory of taxable property forms for 2023.
- c) The Board of Selectmen reviewed and signed the PA-16, application for reimbursement for federal and state forest lands. The Administrator noted that this was required to receive the payment in lieu of taxes for the WMNF land in Warren.
- d) The Board reviewed and signed several timber tax warrants produced by the Town Administrator.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) The Town Administrator informed the Board that Pine Hill paving was complete but there was some question as to when the contractors would return to do Beech Hill. The Road Agent added that he was very satisfied with the quality of the work. Arthur Heath commended John for having boots on the ground and walking nearly the entire hill with the pavers.
- b) The Administrator reminded the Board that the Town needed a volunteer to become Warren's Health Officer. Chairman Sackett indicated that he would reach out to someone who may be interested. The Administrator encouraged the other Board members to do the same.
- c) The Administrator informed the Board that he was still delayed getting the letters out regarding the potential street light shutoff and shared with the Board that last month's street light portion of the electric bill increased over \$200.

CORRESPONDENCE:

a) John Newton was present at the meeting and provided clarification about who was asked to sign his petition relative to OHRVs on Pine Hill, Gould Hill, and Swain Hill. Furthermore, he provided the Town with a certificate of origin for an OHRV stating that it was not manufactured for use on roadways, a copy of NH House Bill 1128, and a photograph of a "dead end" sign. The Board thanked Mr. Newton for attending the meeting as well as bringing his concerns before the Board of Selectmen and acknowledged that the Town Administrator would be in contact once he was able to gather information relative to the inquiries and requests provided by Mr. Newton.

The Board adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Chairman, Chuck Sackett Jr.

Selectman, Todd Bixby

Selectman, Shirley McCartin