

**WARREN BOARD OF  
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, September 7, 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, WWSB Chairman – Donald Bagley, Deputy Tax Collector – Marlene Wright

**Public Present:** Jeremy Hair, Samantha Catterall, John Cyr, Dorothy Gove, Tom Babbit, Peter Boncek

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board reviewed the minutes of August 10<sup>th</sup> and August 24<sup>th</sup>. S. McCartin *moved approval of the August 10, 2022, meeting minutes. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. T. Bixby moved approval of the August 24, 2022, meeting minutes. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. S. McCartin moved approval of the August 10, 2022 non-public meeting minutes. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Donald Bagley, Warren Village School Board Chairman informed the Board of Selectmen that \$20,000 will be returned to the Town to offset December tax bills. D. Bagley also shared that the school paving will take place on Thursday and Friday. Peter Doucet asked that the Town website be updated and to include the time that the Selectboard meeting begins. P. Doucet also suggested that the answering machine messages could be revised to include more information. Tom Babbit shared information relative to the FEMA's Assistance to Firefighter's Grant. Samantha Catterall posed a number of questions about Warren Village School relative to after school programming and a joint meeting with the Wentworth School Board scheduled for October. John Cyr addressed the Selectboard about a number of concerns with Police Chief Semertgakis and the oversight of the Police Department. Dottie G. expressed that she agreed there were a number of opportunities to work with Wentworth for extracurricular activities such as sports, field trips, and dances.

**FIRE CHIEF:**

Chief Heath reported a call for a landing zone for DHART behind WVS. Additionally, he reported a motor vehicle accident on Route 118, and finally a call for trees in the power

wires which turned out to be a ladder in wires. Finally, Chief Heath reported that the department was experiencing troubles with one of their firetrucks which was headed to Dingee for repair.

#### **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.

Grounds: G. Russell reported he is still mowing as needed. G Russell will be setting up for voting on Friday, September 9, 2022. Lastly, George reported that he was putting more files into storage at the Transfer Station.

Transfer Station: G. Russell thanked Arthur Heath for keeping the mixed paper bin packed down. The scrap metal will be shipped out soon. G. Russell expects to be bale to ship out 1 more load of cardboard, which is approximately 16 bales. Lastly, 1 bale of plastic and almost one bale of cardboard 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. Animal Complaint, Fish Hatchery; report of 2 loose dogs. Frequent issues with dog owners. Transported to the Humane Society, where they will be kept for neglect and rehomed. Suspicious Vehicle, Bixby Lane; report of a vehicle hanging out in the area, gone on arrival. Resident gave a plate number that didn't come back on file. Motor Vehicle Complaint, Route 25 Rumney; report of a MV at high rate of speed heading north from Rumney. Set radar at Wentworth border, did not locate. Motor Vehicle Collision, Route 118 Woodstock; report of a single motor vehicle accident with injury, ended up being in Woodstock, assisted Woodstock PD on scene. Medical/Mental Health Issue, AppleKnocker's; report of a woman distressed laying face down in the back parking area. Transported to Speare. Suspicious Vehicle, School Street; report of a white sedan with a taxi logo trying to impede the travel of a juvenile female on an OHRV. Animal Complaint, Scenic View; report of loose dog found and held at the campground. Returned to owner, who is a neighbor. Drug Issues, WVS; report of a container of drugs found in a classroom. Substance will be tested at the State Lab. Chief reported that the cruiser was back in service but there were recently some issues with the battery.

Additional Notes: 29 Stops, 4 Citations

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

The Town Administrator provided a brief report to the Board of Selectmen informing them that half of the street light notices have been printed, that he had met with Tom Babbit and Ian Holm of MMATV Club to discuss more appropriate "dead-end" signs, and that he had been in contact with NH Fish & Game, Bureau of Trails, regarding title concerns brought forth by Mr. Newton. The Administrator noted that he is still gathering information pertinent to other areas of the complaint and that he would provide an

update for the Board at their next meeting. Lastly, the Administrator noted that there is reporting due to DRA by the end of the month and that he was eager to get started 2023 budget preparation with department heads.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board of Selectmen authorized the Town Administrator to sign and submit a request to Heather Sackett, Trustee of the Trust Funds for the funds approved in Warrant Article 22 at the 2022 Town Meeting for Beech Hill Paving in the amount of \$34,875. C. Sackett moved to authorize the Administrator to sign the request. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a) There was no additional discussion related to ongoing business.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- a) The Board of Selectmen reviewed the correspondence folder.

#### **NON-PUBLIC (1):**

S. McCartin moved to enter into nonpublic session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3 II (c). The motion was seconded by C. Sackett. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board entered into nonpublic session at 5:42 P.M.

C. Sackett moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session at 5:59 P.M. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

C. Sackett moved to seal the minutes for 40 years because it was determined that divulgence of this information would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of the Board. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

#### **NON-PUBLIC (2):**

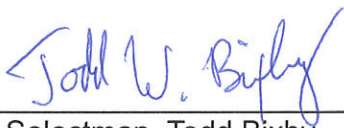

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C. Sackett moved to leave nonpublic session and return to public session at 6:08 P.M. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

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The Board adjourned at 6:09 PM.

		
Chairman, Chuck Sackett Jr.	Selectman, Todd Bixby	Selectman, Shirley McCartin