

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, February 8, 2023**

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, Chief of Police – John Semertgakis & Rocko, Warren Village School Board Chairman – Donald Bagley, Treasurer – Sheila Foote

Public Present: Jeremy Hair, Elisabeth Foote

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Administrator noted that a draft of the January 25 meeting was available at the Town Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Bagley noted that there were a few discrepancies between the Fire Department budget requests and what was included for presentation at the budget hearing, specifically \$5,000 for the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund instead of the requested \$15,000. The Administrator acknowledged he may have been responsible for error. Don Bagley noted that the school budget would be cut by \$72,000 after receiving additional grant funds. D. Bagley also explained that they are considering an exclusive agreement to send students to the same high school, in an effort to save taxpayer dollars. There was a discussion about the district's tuition policy for high school students. Fire Chief Heath mentioned that the exits to the Town Hall should be cleared of snow. There was additional discussion about the need to plan for snow removal from the KP Hall, as well.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer, Sheila Foote was present at the meeting and provided a report to the Board for review.

The Town of Warren Operating Account has a balance of \$301,005.58 after tonight's approved manifest of \$140,541.77.

The Tax Collections Account balance is \$293,919.91.

The Town Clerk Collections Account balance is \$3,500.

The Treasurer acknowledged receipt of the 3rd quarter highway block grant.

S. McCartin moved to acknowledge receipt of the Treasurer's report. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.

FIRE CHIEF:

Chief Heath reported a motor vehicle collision, noting that the accident occurred at 10:30 P.M. and there was a very good response. Chief Heath also reported an alarm activation at the Glenclyff Home for the Elderly.

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. Disabled Motor Vehicle, Route 25; rental car breakdown, removed the next day. Paperwork Service, Route 118; DVO papers served. Paperwork Service, Route 118; arraignment paperwork served. DCYF Assistance; 2 home visits with DCYF.

Additional Notes: 25 Stops, 3 Citations

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS AND TRANSFER STATION:

George Russell was not present at the meeting but submitted a written report. G. Russell reported he is plowing and sanding, as needed. The entrance door lock to the Town Hall was repaired. The water at the Town Hall froze but was thawed later that day. G. Russell also reported that the overhead door for the highway garage had been ordered. Regarding the Transfer Station, G. Russell reported that the brush pile is burned, the broken hydraulic hose was replaced. G. Russell noted that 1 bale of plastic was produced and that they would soon be shipping out electronics and batteries and are working with a new, certified vendor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator noted that the majority of his time had been consumed with budget preparation, as well as preparation of the Town Report. The Administrator noted that they had

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) C. Sackett moved to appoint Mary Chominsky to Deputy Town Clerk. Shirley McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.
- b) C. Sackett moved to appoint Donna Campbell to Library Trustee until Town Meeting 2023. Shirley McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: Sackett – yes, McCartin – yes, Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0.
- c) The Board reviewed and signed the intent to cut for property owned by Debra Jarrett-Goldenberg, logged by Jordan King.
- d) The Board reviewed the NH Broadband Mapping Request for E911 Data.

After a brief discussion, Chairman Sackett signed the letter on behalf of the Selectboard.

- e) The Town Administrator noted that there would be two abatements required at our next meeting for previously approved abatements that were incorrectly applied in the computer system.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) After discussion, the Board of Selectmen agreed to publish the photo of the Moosilauke Inn on the 2023 Town Report cover.
- b) The Town Administrator reminded the Board of the Selectmen that a public hearing is scheduled and noticed to accept and expend the \$10,776.51 that was awarded to the Town through Congressionally Directed Spending Grant through the Department of Justice on February 22, 2023

CORRESPONDENCE: None

ADJOURN:

T. Bixby moved the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by S. McCartin. Vote: Bixby – yes, McCartin – yes, Sackett – yes, and the motion passed 3-0-0. The Board adjourned at 5:40 PM.



Chairman, Chuck Sackett Jr.

Selectman, Todd Bixby



Selectman, Shirley McCartin