

**WARREN BOARD OF
SELECTMEN REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

T. Bixby called the meeting to order at 5:05 and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Select Board Members Present: Todd Bixby and Shirley McCartin

Staff/Officials Present: Town Administrator – Austin Albro, Police Chief – John Semertgakis, Fire Chief – Arthur Heath, Warren Village School Board Chairman – Donald Bagley,

Public Present: Jeremy Hair, Tom Babbit, Scott Brown, Daniel Arber

SELECT BOARD MANIFEST: T. Bixby *moved approval of the manifest, as presented. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: T. Bixby *moved approval of the September 6, 2023 meeting minutes, as presented. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Warren Village School Board Chairman D. Bagley reported that the school board voted to retain approximately \$40,000 and would be hosting a number of meetings later this year. D. Bagley explained that the money would be allocated to the school's trust fund for purposes related to special needs.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: George Russell was not present at the meeting but provided a written report for the Board's review. G. Russell reported that the mower broke down but is now repaired. The installation of the library flag pole is complete and a new door latch was replaced at the library, as well. G. Russell asked if the tables at the Town Hall could be used for a celebration of life at the Pythian Hall. The Board agreed. G. Russell concluded that he is still mowing as needed. In regards to the Transfer Station, G. Russell reported the used oil was recently shipped out and that the freon removal was being scheduled. 1 bale of cardboard was produced.

FIRE CHIEF: Chief Heath was happy to report that there was no recent activity. A truck was soon headed for pump repair. Chief Heath thanked G. Russell for helping to ensure that the fire extinguishers in all town buildings and fire department were inspected annually. Finally, Chief Heath suggested we test the panic button system and smoke detectors recently installed at the Town Office.

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Police Chief John Semertgakis was present at the meeting and provided a brief report of his recent activity to the Board of Selectmen.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

The Town Administrator offered a brief report to the Board. He noted that the website was on schedule. A. Albro noted that he was working diligently to submit the documents required to be prepared for a timely tax rate setting. The Administrator also noted that he was managing a number of other small projects and resident concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) *S. McCartin moved to authorize Chairman C. Sackett to sign the documents associated with the renewal of the Town's Groundwater Management Permit. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

b) The Board reviewed and signed the Intent to Cut for 000244-068000 to be logged by Donald Winsor.

c) *In accordance with RSA 76:16(a), S. McCartin moved to abate all taxes, interests, and penalties associated with the abatement application for 000250-037000-MH0008 for good cause shown. T. Bixby seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

OLD BUSINESS:

a) The Administrator noted that the Board had previously approved the abatement but an error in the original recommendation would have created an inappropriate credit to the taxpayer. *Todd Bixby moved approval of the amended assessor's abatement recommendation for 000232-033000-000444. S. McCartin seconded the motion. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes, and the motion passed 2-0-0.*

b) The Town Administrator offered a brief update of the Highway Garage Project noting the project was just getting started and that our team of students was talented.

c) There was brief discussion relative to the Town's participation in the State Bridge Aid Program. The Administrator noted that a comprehensive discussion should occur with the full Board.

d) Daniel Arber was present to discuss the religious exemption application for properties identified as 000206-007000 and 000227-00100, and the Town's recent decision to deny the exemption. The discussion focused on the recommendations made by the Town's legal counsel and contracted assessing professionals. The Administrator relayed the most recent recommendations made by the assessing professionals which may help the property owner satisfy the State's requirements required to receive the exemption.

CORRESPONDENCE & NOTICES:

a) The Board reviewed recent D.E.S. notifications.

b) The Board acknowledge recent email correspondence from a resident who expressed concerns with the use of OHRVs on Stimson Road. There was brief

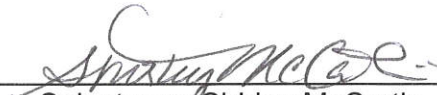
discussion confirming that OHRV use on Stimson Road is subject to the same rules as all other portions of the trail system.

ADJOURN:

T. Bixby moved to adjourn the regular meeting of the Select Board. The motion was seconded by S. McCartin. Vote: McCartin – yes and Bixby – yes and the motion passed 2-0-0. The Board adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Chairman, Chuck Sackett Jr.


Selectman, Todd Bixby


Selectman, Shirley McCartin