

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF AUGUST 27, 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. John Nason, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc Richard

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nardi advised all that this evening's meeting is being both video and audio recorded.

RECOGNITION OF DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF DENNIS DESROSIERS

The Board and Chief Lavoie took this time to recognize Deputy Fire Chief Dennis Desrosiers who recently retired from the fire side of the Warren Fire Department. Dennis has proudly served his community for over 50 years. His career began in 1968 and served in many capacities during his time. It has been five years since the town lobbied for a bill that Gov. Baker signed allowing him to extend his time to a maximum age of 70. Dennis will continue to serve on the department as a First Responder. The Board presented Dennis with a citation acknowledging his service.

CHIEF MILLETTE - DISCUSSION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Chief Millette was in attendance to address the Board and request permission to create a department Facebook page. The current social media page is locked as it was created by our former Chief Spiewakowski. Chief Millette stated that he is aware of the town's policy on social media and would adhere to the guidelines. With no objections from the Board, the following motion was made: Motion to allow Chief Millette to create a department Facebook page in accordance with the town's Social Media Policy made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of July 30, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

4th QUARTER AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS

Motion to approve the 4th (FY19) Quarter Ambulance Abatements in the \$101,333.82 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

7:10 PM - POLEHEARING - NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON - COY HILL ROAD

Opened the hearing for the joint petition of National Grid/Verizon to install (2) JO poles on Coy Hill road approximately 460 feet north of the center line of the intersection of Reynolds Road and continuing approximately 225 feet in a northern direction. National Grid to install (2) midspan poles (P.19-50) for access to solar project and (P 20-50) for long span.

Representatives from National Grid were on hand to answer any questions. Dave Johnson did question if any upgrades were proposed. Ms. Clowes stated that there are future plans to upgrade the lines to three phase, however that is not part of this petition. With no other comments or questions from those in attendance, the following motion was made: Motion to close the hearing for National Grid/Verizon and approve the petition as presented this evening made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

7:15 PM – PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGE OF LOCATION OF A LIQUOR LICENSE

Jiten Patel along with his Attorney, Matthew Porter were on hand this evening requesting a change of location be approved for his current All Alcoholic Retail License located at the Warren Spa & Package Store, from the location at 958 Main Street, to 942 Main Street. On behalf of Mr. Patel, Attorney Porter stated that Mr. Patel is requesting the change in order to provide more room for merchandise and a possible expansion to include grocery items as well as a coffee bar. The proposed location is the former Cash Market and all Board members agree that this move would be good for the community, especially with the added grocery aspect. Proper notification was made to the paper as well as to the abutters, to which there were no objections. With no objections from the Board, the following motion was made: Motion to close the hearing and approve the transfer of the All Alcoholic Retail License from the Warren Spa & Package Store, from the location at 958 Main Street, Warren, MA to 940 Main Street, Warren, MA as presented this evening made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion to appoint the following:

Jeremy Olson	Community Development Advisory Committee	Indefinite Term
Peter Krawczyk	CMRPC – Alternate Delegate	June 30, 2020
Drue King	Planning Board	May 2020 Election
Gary Norton	Planning Board	May 2020 Election

Motion made by Mr. Nason; second; Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Mr. Richard thanked Mr. Krawczyk for offering his time to CMRPC. Peter has a wide range of knowledge of zoning and many of this issues that are currently at the forefront for this town. Mr. Richard also expressed hope that the two newest appointees take advance of Mr. Krawczyk's knowledge.

BORREGO PILOT AGREEMENT (DRAFT)

The Board of Assessors have provided a draft of a PILOT for the Borrego Solar Project on Cronin Road. The draft has been vetted by our Counsel and the Assessors are in agreement that this proposal is fair. All members have had a chance to review the draft and with no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the draft and send to Borrego Solar for their review, with the understanding that any changes will need to go to our counsel for approval prior to signing made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. As a reminder, Park & Recreation will be holding a Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, September 7th from 8 AM to 4 PM. More information on this event is also available on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. - **Noted**
2. A Walk to End Alzheimer's will be held on September 15, 2019 in Worcester. More information can be obtained in the Selectmen's Office. - **Noted**
3. The office also received notice that the Town of Warren's Hazard Mitigation Plan has received FEMA's final approval. This plan will expire on August 5, 2024. - **Noted**
4. On Wednesday, September 11th, the Warren Fire Department will honor the first responders who died during the World Trade Center attack. The ceremony will begin at 9 AM at Station A and will be joined by Quaboag's Student Athletes with a Freedom Run. In addition, that same day, the American Legion Post 244 in West Brookfield will be holding a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony beginning at 6 PM. Both observances are open to the public and all residents are encouraged to attend. - **Noted**
5. The Warren/West Brookfield Football & Cheer will be holding a Voluntary Toll on Saturday, September 7th from 9 AM to 12 Noon. Locations of the toll will be at the lights in West Warren and at the corner of Main Street and Old West Brookfield Road in Warren. Please support our youth sports groups! - **Noted**
6. The office received notice that Rachael Carney has resigned from the Conservation Commission effective today. - **Noted**
7. The office received the monthly reports from the Fire and Police Chief's for the month ending July 2019. - **Noted**

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign the Warrants & Invoices as presented this evening (Attached) made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nason addressed the need for residents to serve on Capital Planning. At the last meeting, Mr. Nardi extended the deadline to December 31st in order for departments to get their requests into the Selectmen's Office. Mrs. Acerra will send an email to all department heads with pertinent information.

Mr. Richard wanted to extend his thanks to the Warren Police Department for solving the mystery of the stolen Humvee doors. A special thank you to Ofc. Shawn Morin for his diligence in tracking down the alleged suspect and returning the doors. Mr. Richard also noted that after several months, the cruiser is now back up and running.

7:30 PM – PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG BLOCK GRANT PERFORMANCE HEARING

In Principal Planner Christopher Dunphy's absence, Mr. John O'Leary from PVPC is in attendance this evening to provide a status update of the ongoing programs. First, PVPC is proposing an amendment to the FY 17 grant funds. This project (Quaboag Street) is now complete and there are residual funds remaining. There is a total of \$98,060 that can be reallocated which PVPC is hoping for \$90,060.00 to go towards engineering for School, Otis and Prospect Streets and the remaining \$8,000.00 for new windows at the Senior Center. The Board was in full agreement to allocate the funds, therefore, the following motion was made: Motion to allow the Chairman to sign the request from PVPC for the FY 2017 Budget and Program Revision Form as presented made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

FY 2018 Grant updates continue to be geared toward housing rehab, social service program and adult education. There are still funds available for housing rehab grants and encourage residents to take advantage of the program. Social Service Programs include the Ware Adult Learning Center, which are available at no charge for Warren residents. There are also programs that are community based, which include medical and mental health services, food programs, clinical services and domestic violence programs. Again, residents are encouraged to utilize these services.

Motion to close the hearing made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:40 PM.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Nardi stated that he is hoping his fellow Board members will agree to holding a STM in the fall. The Town Hall is in desperate need of a new boiler which some of the funds have been allocated, however not enough to do the project. He'd also like to address the window project at that time. Also a reminder that school is back in session and urged drivers to be cautious. Mr. Richard acknowledged the assistance of the members of the Highway Department, the two Chiefs and Fire Department staff that were instrumental in filling the dumpster. Mrs. Acerra and Chief Millette picked up a dehumidifier at Lowes and it is already an improvement in the basement. In closing, Mrs. Acerra thanked all of those who attended the 4th Annual Purple Heart Breakfast that was held on August 4th. Approximately 90 Veterans and their families came out to honor our resident Purple Heart Recipients. She also thanked all of those who helped in making the breakfast a success.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk

