

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2020 – 7 PM  
COVID-19 OUTBREAK UPDATE**

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

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**Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Mr. Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nardi also advised all that this evening's meeting is being both video and audio taped. As clearly indicated by no audience members, residents are adhering to the stay at home orders from the Governor due to COVID-19 outbreak.

Mr. Nardi took a moment to update residents again on the COVID-19 outbreak. Just today, the Governor extended the stay at home of all non-essential personnel to May 4<sup>th</sup>, which is in line with the schools across the Commonwealth.

Mr. Nardi continues to be in constant contact with Ken Lacey, Board of Health Chairman for the most up to date information available. That information is being updated on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov) as it comes in. The Municipal Office Building remains closed to the public at this time, however some offices are being staffed at reduced levels.

Mr. Nardi also advised all residents to heed the advice of Public Health Officials to maintain social distancing, wash your hands, sanitize frequently used surfaces, (i.e., door knobs, telephones, keyboards, counters, etc.). Sanitizing wipes are in short supply right now and he was going to try to see if he could get some for Warren through his supplier in West Springfield.

The Senior Center continues to serve grab and go meals for Senior Citizens in need. Anyone wishing to sign up can contact Sharon at 436-5662.

Board of Health Chairman also expressed his concern that our local parks are being used by residents, which could spread the virus unintentionally. With that said, the Board of Selectmen made by the following motion: Motion to close town parks until further notice on the recommendation of the Board of Health made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Mr. Lacey advised that failure to comply could result in citations. Again, Mr. Nardi stressed that this outbreak is serious and is asking all residents do their part to flatten the curve in order to protect one another.

**M.G.L. c41, SECTION 56**

In light of the current situation, the Dept. of Local Services (DLS) has provided guidance in signing weekly warrants. Upon a vote taken by the Executive Board (Board of Selectmen) only one signatory is required to process payments on warrants. With no objection, the following motion was made: Motion to designate Marc Richard as the signatory in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c41, Section 56 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## **TREASURY WARRANTS**

Motion to approve and sign the Warrants as presented made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous

**NEXT MEETING DATE: TBD – In closing, the Board again thanked our First Responders, employees and residents for pulling together during this time. Warren will get through this and as always, if anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact our office.**

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc W. Richard, Clerk

