



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JUNE 9, 2020

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

**ATTENDEES:** See attached list

### Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Chairman Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this first portion of tonight's meeting was being both video and audio taped. Mr. Travis Baker acknowledged his video/audio taping of the meeting.

### MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2020 as written made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received the monthly reports from both the Police and Fire Chiefs and for Emergency Mgmt. for the month ending February 2020. - *Noted*
2. The Board of Health is holding their Annual Compost Bin Giveaway again. Any Warren resident interested in entering their name can contact the Health Office at 436-5701 ext. 112. The drawing will take place on June 15<sup>th</sup>. - *Noted*
3. The Town Clerk has requested that the BOS waive the late fees for dog licenses due to the COVID-19 and resulting building closure. – *The Board was in full agreement to waive the fees considering the current circumstances.*
4. The Building Inspector, Jack Keough has submitted his letter of retirement effective June 30, 2020. He is happy to stay on until the position is filled. – **The Board expressed their thanks to Jack for over 20 years of dedication. He is working on a job description and once completed, the position will be posted.**

### COVID – 19 UPDATE

Mr. Nardi stated that now that the Commonwealth is in Phase II of the reopening, Mr. Lacey provided guidance on what Sturbridge is using. Mr. Lacey is waiting on further guidance. Mr. Nason questioned the guidance for outdoor dining. A meeting will be scheduled with the Board of Health to see where Warren is at and the next steps moving forward.

### TOWN MEETING

After much consideration and discussion with Atty. McCaughey, Town Clerk and Treasurer, the Town Meeting will move forward on June 23<sup>rd</sup> as planned. There was discussion of moving it further out to September, however concerns of going into the new fiscal year with a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget spurred this final decision. A modified warrant will be presented to the voters that evening, in which the meeting will begin at 7 PM at Quaboag.

### 71 PINE STREET

Motion to ratify the contract award to Fountain & Sons Construction in the amount of \$17,500.00 for the demolition and removal of 71 Pine Street made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention (Mr. Nardi). The Building Inspector and Fire Chief deemed the building a public safety hazard and ordered the structure down. A lien will be placed on the property for the cost incurred.



## COMINS POND PUBLIC USE AGREEMENT

Motion to approve and sign the Annual Comins Pond Public Use Agreement made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

## WARRANTS & INVOICES

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

### TOWN OF WARREN TREASURY WARRANTS

Date: 5/4/2020			Date: 5/11/2020			Date: 05/18/20		Date:	
<u>Warrant #</u>			<u>Warrant #</u>			<u>Warrant #</u>		<u>Warrant #</u>	
Payroll			90			92			
Vendor			91			93			
89			135,454.19			83,087.47			
177,206.58									
Date: 5/20/2020			Date: 5/25/2020			Date: 6/1/2020		Date: 6/8/2020	
<u>Warrant #</u>			<u>Warrant #</u>			<u>Warrant #</u>		<u>Warrant #</u>	
Payroll			95			97		99	
Vendor			96			98		100	
94			37,378.65			49,247.38		42,344.89	
\$2,834.14			761,259.42			42,763.03		166,762.89	

## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nason advised the Board that he attend the School Committee meeting last evening where there was a discussion on the transportation. Mr. Nason is in favor of paying 70% of the final quarter billing. Mr. Nardi and Mr. Richard are also in agreement. West Brookfield voted unanimously to not pay the remaining quarter.

## 7:15 PM – NATIONAL GRID/VERIZON – POLE HEARING

National Grid and Verizon are proposing to install a JO pole 39-50 on Little Rest Road, 2,235 ft. south of the centerline of the intersection of Little Rest and Bemis Road. Mr. Ryan Moskis from National Grid is in attendance this evening to answer any questions. The abutters were notified in writing as required. The proposed new pole is for the construction of a new dwelling. With no abutters in attendance and no objections from the audience, the following motion was made: Motion to close the Hearing at 7:20 PM for National Grid/Verizon and approve the installation as requested made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

## COMMENTS & CONCERNS

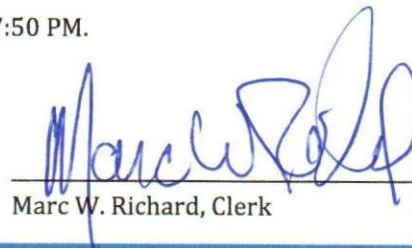
Mrs. Soltys requested a copy of the FY 21 budget; however, the Board will be having a meeting on June 12 to review. As stated earlier in the evening, the date of Town Meeting was moved so many times to accommodate everyone's needs, the Selectmen's Office will now scramble to put it together. Mr. Soltys questioned why the legal expense was so high. The Board advised that there have been several legal issues, however most was due to litigation with solar. The Planning Board must have representation.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary



Marc W. Richard, Clerk