

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF JULY 21, 2020

PRESENT: Mr. John A. Nason; Chairman, Mr. Marc Richard; Vice-Chairman and Mr. David Dufresne, Clerk

ATTENDEES: Chief Lavoie, Chief Millette, Kerry Schmidt, Rachael Carney, Ken Lacey, Kathy & Tim Czub, Lisa Digris, Nancy

Lowell, Jim McKeon, Bruce Martin, Bev & Stan Soltys, Peter Krawczyk

Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM

Mr. Nason opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this meeting is being video/audio taped and will be rebroadcast following the meeting. (Minutes taken from DVD)

LINE ITEM TRANSFER

Motion to Ratify the Line Item Transfer for the Town Clerk as presented in the amount of \$1,500.00 to cover the remaining cost of Annual Election/Town Meeting Expense made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Dufresne – unanimous.

The Board met this evening to hold what is expected to be regular department head meetings. Currently, the MOB is open by appointment only. The Board is agreeable to investigate other options. Chief Lavoie stated that he would prefer to see the Fire Department remain closed to the public. They do have a buzzer should anyone need assistance.

The Town Treasurer hasn't seen a decline in tax receipts thus far. She is more concerned over the next 12-18 months and the extended ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ken Lacey stated that there is a slight uptick statewide however Warren is holding at two cases. He said that the mortality rate is more important. He is also working with the school to see what can be done on opening in September.

Nancy Lowell stated that she had an issue with her phone, however, seems to be resolved at this point. The system is obsolete and should be looked at replacing.

Mr. Dufresne asked that all department heads check their webpages for accuracy and request to the office any changes they would like. Remote access was discussed with the uncertainly of COVID-19. The Board will investigate what will need to be done for all offices to be able to work, whether in person or remote. Also, unrestricted access to the building was discussed.

Chief Lavoie brought up the issue of a town credit card again. This subject was discussed with the Treasurer in June and is still looking into it. She is looking into different ways.

Mr. Nason stated that this is the first of the meetings and the office will address each concern one by one.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous at 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Secretary

David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk