



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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### MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2020

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

**ATTENDEES:** See attached list

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#### Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

Mr. Nason opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this meeting is being video, and audio taped.

#### MINUTES

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of September 24, 2020 as written made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received notice that the Town Treasurer, Dawn Swistak successfully passed the exam and met the other requirements for certification which allows for her designation as a Certified MA Municipal Treasurer. - **Noted**
2. The office received the monthly report of the Police & Fire Chiefs for month ending September 2020. - **Noted**
3. Daffodil bulb planting at Lucy Stone is now scheduled for Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10-12. Volunteers are always welcome. - **Noted**
4. The Town Clerk advises that the town was awarded a \$5K grant towards the upcoming election. - **Noted**
5. The town received a credit of \$126,659.89 from Rutland Regional Emergency Communication Center which zeros out the FY 21 assessment. - **Noted**
6. The Warren Water District has requested the BOS among other town boards and officials to attend a Special Meeting on Wednesday, October 21, at 7 PM in the gym at the Shepard Building. They are looking for municipal officials to express their support to the district's customers in favor of this new treatment plant, which the Sewer Commissioners have denied the permit. - **Noted**

#### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Due to several fiscal uncertainties, the Board has tabled the discussion on the Special Town Meeting to a later date.

#### WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No's. 27 & 28 dated September 28, 2020 in the amounts of \$38,023.78 & \$91,930.94 respectively made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No's. 29 & 30 dated October 5, 2020 in the amounts of \$37,359.85 & \$721,540.21 respectively made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Invoice No. 156 for FY 2019 CDBG Draw Down to PVPC in the amount of \$127,429.08 made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.



## NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nason extended this thanks to Mr. Richard for his work on getting the road to the landfill packed with millings, which was at no cost to the town. Mr. Richard passed the praise along to the Highway Department for all their assistance as well.

Mr. Dufresne said that he had a conversation with Ellen Cumming from Verizon. She stated that they would be sending someone out to do a survey in order to identify dead zones. He should have some information back within the next several weeks. Mr. Nickerson has requested that the Board encourage representatives from Verizon to come to a meeting and explain their findings and any corrective measures they would be taking in order to improve service.

Residents have questioned the status of Trick or Treat and Mr. Nason advises that Chief Millette was going to contact Board of Health Chairman, Mr. Lacey for guidance.

Mr. Richard said that the Town Clerk's Office received a donation from the State for face masks for First Responders and for the upcoming election at no charge. The State provided the masks to all cities and towns across the Commonwealth. In addition, a new secure drop box was installed by our Facilities Custodian, Mr. Jim Dusty. The finished product will allow for residents to confidently drop off not only ballots, but other sensitive information.

## 6:15 PM – NATIONAL GRID POLE HEARING

A petition by national Grid for the installation of 1 (SO) pole (Pole#6-2) on Burbank Ave. beginning at a point approximately 800 +/- feet east of the centerline of the intersection of Main Street. The proposed pole is for service to a new single-family dwelling. Mandy Patneaude from National Grid was on hand should anyone have any questions. Abutters were notified accordingly and with no opposition, the following motion was made: Motion to approve the petition of National Grid to install 1 (SO) pole as presented this evening made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.


## COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Kuprycz from WCAT-12 stated that Valley Communications will be on site on October 20<sup>th</sup> to install wires/equipment so meetings can be televised live from the gymnasium. He did ask the all boards/committees that use the gym for meetings consider moving to the opposite side of the room nearest the stage which will ease in the installation of the wiring. A further review into the improving the sound is being sought. As always, individuals are being sought to work on WCAT-12, however, there has no response to the ad. In closing, he is looking for direction into selling old/outdated equipment that is now obsolete. He would like to put the equipment on eBay and any proceeds would go into the scholarship fund.

**Next Regular Meeting Date: October 22, 2020 – 6 PM.**


Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Dufresne – unanimous at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,



Rebecca Acerra

Administrative Secretary

  
David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk  
*approved 10-22-20*