



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING
48 HIGH STREET
WARREN, MASSACHUSETTS 01083

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF MARCH 25, 2021

PRESENT: Mr. John Nason: Chairman and Mr. David Dufresne, Clerk.

ABSENT: Mr. Marc Richard: Vice-Chairman,

ATTENDEES: see attached list.

Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

Mr. Nason called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this meeting is being video/audio taped, and he advised that if anyone is taping the meeting to please notify the Board.

MINUTES:

Motion to approve and sign the Minutes of March 18, 2021 as written, made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Nason – AIF.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. The office received an up-to-date Building Permit Fee Schedule Proposal. See attached.
2. The Town received the letter of resignation from Deanna Lavigne the Assessors Clerk. Ms. Lavigne's last day of employment will be April 2nd.
3. The office received an Open Meeting Law Complaint Form, regarding a March 4th Notice of Meeting Posting – stating that "Business" on the agenda is too vague. "Transparency is key and being more descriptive will allow residents to become more engaged." - this Open Meeting Law Complaint will be scheduled on the Agenda at an upcoming Board of Selectmen meeting for discussion and for response to the complainant.

WARRANTS & INVOICES:

Motion to approve the Warrants & Invoices as written, made by Mr. Dufresne; second: Mr. Nason – AIF.

PARKS AND RECREATION- DRIVE-IN MOVIES: Ms. Suzanne Ramsey in attendance to discuss Drive-in Movies at the Shepard Building. The 20x40 screen attached to the building would come up and down with each movie. The prevailing wind is generally from the West at approximately 3-5 miles per hour at the most, and the Building would block the wind from the West. There will be under 40 cars with marked spots, the CERT team will direct traffic. Also, sani-can will be here for people to use, otherwise they will stay in their car. Ms. Ramsey will have liability waiver forms for participants to sign. Mr. Dufresne stated that it is not costing the Town anything and there will be no damage to the building- he is good with the idea of allowing this. Ms. Clowes stated that Mr. Marc Richard could not make it to tonight's meeting, yet he did phone in earlier to state that he has no concerns, and he is good with it. Mr. Nason abstains and requests that Mr. Richard sign approval in writing to make it official.

CDBG Public Performance Hearing: Mr. Chris Dunphy thanked the Board for having him here tonight, as required each year. Mr. Dunphy discussed recent improvements to Moore and Lombard, to be inspected next week to address any little concerns that need to be taken care of to finish the project. The next project ahead is School Street & Prospect Street. School Street will need to be done in 2 Phases, based on the scope of work needed, to afford it in 2 cycles. Mr. Dunphy

stated that he accepted a new job with CMRPC and hopes to continue assisting the Town in this new capacity. Mr. Nason and Mr. Dufresne congratulated him and wishes him the best in his new job.


New Business: Mr. Nason stated that he would like to have QRSD Civics Project student & teacher, along with COA Ms. Sharon Meli to attend BOS meeting Thursday April 8th, to discuss Food Pantry options for their Civics' Project. Ms. Clowes will reach out to request their attendance. Mr. Dufresne is working on the Town Administrator posting description, researching to confirm for the upcoming Town Meeting Articles. Mr. Igor Kuprycz stated that our Comcast License Expires on 12/31/2023. Contract negotiations need to be started 24-30 months in advance of the expiration. Mr. Kuprycz stated that the Shepard Building Gym is now wired for live taping.


Comments & Concerns: Mr. Jim Kordek stated that he is not happy with the service with Comcast WCAT service. Weekly meetings are not always live, and the taped versions online are not always available. Mr. Nason stated that help is not always available due to school kids and staff not always available every week. Mr. Knickerson questioned Mr. Dufresne why cell service problems still exist. Mr. Dufresne stated that the quality of cell service depends on updated phones, more compatible networks, also there is a lot of ledge in our Town that does affect certain areas. Mr. Dufresne stated that his cell phone service is better since he upgraded his phone. Mr. Knickerson stated that maybe if we sent a letter to the cell tower service and Anne Gobi & Todd Smola, that it would help.

Next Meeting date is Saturday March 27th at 1pm, to finalize Budgets, and review and finalize Articles.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:39pm by Mr. Dufresne; second by Mr. Nason— AIF.

Respectfully submitted,


Priscilla J. Clowes
Administrative Secretary


David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk