



# BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MARCH 27, 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 1:00 PM

Mr. Nason called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. He advised all that this meeting is not being video/audio taped, and he advised that if anyone is taping the meeting to please notify the Board.

### WARREN HOUSING AUTHORITY APPOINTMENT:

Warren Housing Authority has 2 vacant spots: 1 appointed, and 1 elected. One position, required the State to appoint to the position and has been vacant since 2018, pending response from the State. Ms. Nancy Lowell stated that recently the Board of Selectmen have the authority, instead of the State, to appoint the position. Only one spot is on the Ballot for the 5-year elected position. Ms. Nancy Brown the Director of Warren Housing has forwarded the letter of interests to the Board, to appoint a candidate. Mr. Nason and Mr. Dufresne stated that in fairness, they will hold off on appointing the 1-year spot (which will convert to a 5-year). After the May 4<sup>th</sup> election results, they will review candidates to the appointed spot available. Mr. Nason motions to table until election, Mr. Dufresne seconds – AIF.

### BUDGETS AND ARTICLES REVIEW AND POSSIBLE VOTE:

Mr. Shawn Romanski in attendance to discuss Sewer Budget and Wage Classification Proposals. Mr. Romanski stated that they are understaffed and unable to attract advertised help due to their wage scale. They are in violation right now and DEP has been patient with them. Mr. Nason stated that we will be more than happy to work with a wage change, yet we need to be in compliance and avoid DEP fines now. Mr. Nason stated that they need to reduce their classification. Mr. Romanski stated that even if they drop their classification, they still need 4 workers, and filling positions will still be a problem. Mr. Dufresne stated Sewer was given recommendations and going on 2-years out of compliance with DEP on staffing. Ms. Joan Lavigne stated they are looking into a private company to run the plant. Mr. Dufresne suggested advertising on indeed.com, reach out to military to recruit people, etc. Ms. Swistak will rerun Sewer Budget and Sewer will submit updated Budget.

Mr. Dufresne made motion to accept Budgets on Omnibus for government, excluding Highway; second: Mr. Nason – AIF.

Mr. Nason stated that we need to request QRSD/Brett Kustigian to our next BOS meeting to go over the School Budget. Pathfinder is pretty cut and dry and no concerns.

**Next Meeting date is Thursday April 1, 2021.**

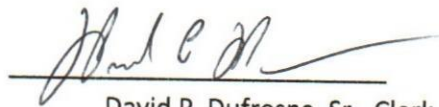
**Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:38pm by Mr. Dufresne; second by Mr. Nason– AIF.**

Respectfully submitted,



Priscilla J. Clowes

Administrative Secretary



David P. Dufresne, Sr., Clerk