

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**Minutes OF JUNE 3,2021**

**PRESENT:** Mr. David P. Dufresne, Chairman; Richard J. Eichacker Vice-Chairman; Derick R. Veliz Clerk by Zoom

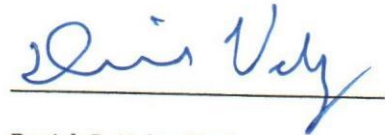
**ATTENDEES:** See attached List

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1. **OPENING MEETING:** Called to order by Mr. Dufresne at 6:12pm
  2. **APPOINTMENT:** Officer Christos Tsigas as a part-time Police Officer Mr. Eichacker made a motion, Derick 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF
  3. **SEWER DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION & STATUS UPDATE:** Mr. Dufresne update us on what the Attorney said that we can have Shawn resend his retirement and hire the new person at the wages they requested as a Chief Operator for one year. At that point we are redoing the wages for the town and will make sure his new wage will be comparable to other towns. Also, that we can give Shawn his full benefits back and a bonus at the end on one year. David Johnson asked that Mr. Dufresne to reach out to Shawn and let him know. The Sewer Board said that they investigated hiring an outside company, but it was \$180.00 an hour +travel costs. So, it would be less expensive for us to hire Shawn back and the other candidate. On another matter an Executive meeting was scheduled for June 11 at 5.
  4. **ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE DISCUSSION:** Tamara Dufresne was interviewed to become the next ACO for the town. She informed the town that it will be less expensive to have a boarding/holding facility then taking the animal to a shelter that charges up to \$250.00 per day and has 10 days maximum. She reported that there are classes that she will need to take, and she is willing to do such. She does need the paperwork sent as soon as possible because the State Animal Control person will fast track her. She also would like to update the town website so that everyone knows that law and that would help her enforce the law. This will be cheaper than the Regional Dog Pound. Mr. Veliz made a motion and Mr. Eichacker 2<sup>nd</sup> it. Mr. Dufresne recuse himself from all discussion and voting. AIF Mr. Veliz is going to get ride of the old Email address and make a new one [ACO@warren-ma.gov](mailto:ACO@warren-ma.gov)
  5. **DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE VOTE FOR THE SENIOR TAX PROGRAM:** Mr. Dufresne informed the rest of the Board Members, and the people present how the Senior Tax program worked and why it was stopped (due to COVID). It was voted on to not require the 62.5 hours to qualify for the program this year. Mr. Veliz was going to put on the Website that it was back up and running and to put in your application. The person would need to fill out the form and supply a tax return. Mr. Eichacker made a motion, Mr. Veliz 2<sup>nd</sup> AIF.
  6. **WARRANTS, BILLS, INVOICES, LINE-ITEM TRANSFERS:** Mr. Dufresne explained that we would not be ratifying the warrants. There were no Line-Item transfers. Mr. Eichacker read each bill and made a motion to pay and Mr. Veliz 2<sup>nd</sup> . AIF The invoices were Google \$366.00; EZ tree Service \$26.54; National Grid \$386.54; Verizon \$147.68; Northeast IT \$2043.00; Witco \$1320.48 for AC units
  7. **MINUTES:** Mr. Dufresne explained that we would not be reading minutes due to no Secretary at the time of the last meeting.
  8. **CORRESPONDENCE:** Gary W. Lapine requested help in putting up the flags at the Cemetery

9. **NEW BUSINESS:** Town Administrator – Still looking for more residents to be on the committee; MVP grant submitted on June 2, 2021; A meeting with Ann Gobi is being scheduled for the beaver problem with Highway Surveyor (Jeremy Olson); Selectmen Richard Eichacker, Conservation Broad member Joyce Eichacker; and a person from Fisheries and Wildlife. We received a report on the money that has be reimbursed for the town COVID expenditures is around \$38,000. We are still looking for other things that we might need to purchase. The town Clerk (Nancy Lowell) is looking into an electronic way to do our voting at the town meetings.
10. **COMMENTS & CONCERNS:** Mr. Veliz let us know that a resident wanted to take his grandson up to the top of the clock tower and wanted to know if he could do that. Mr. Dufresne let Mr. Veliz know that it was unsafe and should not be allowed to take the child up. The building is having structure issues, brick falling off and the ceiling on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor falling down. The board of Selectmen will be touring all of the Town Building with the Maintenance Person (Jim Dusty) and putting together a maintenance plan for all town owned buildings.
11. **Next Meeting Date:** June 10, 2021, at 6:00pm with an executive meeting at 5:00
12. **Motion to Adjourn:** By Mr. Dufresne 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Eichacker AIF

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Dusty  
Administrative Secretary

  
Derick R. Veliz Clerk