

Agenda for Selectmen Meeting July 1, 2021

1. **Call the Meeting to order:** 6:01PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Tree Public Hearing:** Speaker from National Grid is Brandy. Because the customer has been permitted it is National Grid's duty to provide a way to get the power to a substation. We would need to put up taller poles and make the wires tighter because of the type of energy going through the lines. Question was asked if this is for a solar power? The answer is YES. The tree Warden was in favor of cutting the dead trees and trees that are in the roadway. Not all the trees. There was lots of discussion and questions about why and how many, if the person that owns the property could get reimbursed for the trees by National Grid. They were told to contact the Real Estate department of National Grid but yes, they do give out compensation. Steve Skowyr's lawyer stated that Mr. Skowyr's family trust owns the land that the road it on, and the town does not own it. Drew from the planning Board said since it was for a Solar project it was against our By-Laws to cut down healthy shade trees. It was asked if there was another way to provide the service to the solar farm without going down Cronin Rd. There was a motion by Mr. Eichacker to close the hearing and vote. Mr. Veliz 2nd it. AIF Pass. At that time, the selectmen discussed amongst themselves, and Mr. Veliz made the motion to vote to deny the tree cutting of the trees because it is against the by-laws. Mr. Eichacker 2nd it and AIF Passed.
4. **Maintenance proposal for all the boilers, hot water heaters, mini split and packaged unit for all town owned buildings:** Mr. Dusty said that he had one bid and was meeting with two other people this next week and was expecting the bids by the end of the week.
 - a. Site Visit from today Mr. Dufresne talked about what they saw on the tour and how bad the police stations building was. He stated that he was afraid that the building would fall down if we had an earthquake. He wanted to have a structure engineer to come and inspect the building and if it was not habitable, we would need to move the police out of there immediately. The Fire Department was just too small, and they also needed more room. They are going to do the Highway and Senior center in the future.
5. **Bid for removal of vegetation at the Old Town Hall:** (discuss what is next since we received the bid) Mr. Dusty gave an update that we had one bid to remove the but were expecting more by the end of next week. Mr. Dufresne said that it was an exorbitant amount and that he would go over and do it himself with any volunteers.
6. **Bids for Hands-Free for all town buildings:** (no bids received yet) Mr. Dusty said that he had not received any bids back yet, was hoping to get them this coming week.
7. **Windows for the Old Town Hall:**
 - a. Jim to update where we are with this. They have put 3 windows in and moving right along.
 - b. Payment for windows purchased and starting to put it: Waiting for the Architect to approve the payment.
 - c. When they are expected to be done within the next 3 weeks.
8. **Warrants, Bills, Invoices, Line-Item Transfers**
 - a. **Warrants:** Not able to report due to end of year
 - b. **Bills:** Motion was made by Mr. Eichacker 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed

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i. Massachusetts Municipal Association for town Administrator	\$200.00
ii. Verizon for phone lines in the Shepard building	\$150.21
iii. National Grid for Street Lights	(\$24,260.31)
iv. Modern Pest Services	\$ 80.00
v. NorthEast IT for batteries	\$3,114.81
vi. NorthEast IT for July Bill	\$2,043.00
vii. WB Mason	\$ 110.23
viii. WB Mason	\$ 39.95
ix. WB Mason	\$73.61
x. WB Mason	\$ 48.41
xi. Chubb Special Risk Accident Insurance	\$23,444.00
xii. Telegram & Gazette for new Liquor License for Citgo	\$98.00
xiii. Kellco	\$88.95
xiv. New England Security Fire panel in Shepard Building	\$395.00

c. Invoices: NONE

d. Line-Item Transfer: Motion to accept the transfers by Mr. Eichacker 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed

- i. Board of Selectmen \$269.40 from Shepard Building Expense to Janitor Salary
- ii. Animal Control Officer \$4665.00 from Animal Control Regionalization to Animal control Expense

9. Minutes: Mr. Eichacker recused himself because he was not here. Motion to accept except for the miss spelling of Mr. Dufresne made by Mr. Veliz 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed.

10. Correspondence: CRX Transportation spraying between June 14-July 16 It was asked that we CRX to clean up the vegetation on the track by the bridge downtown. Mrs. Dusty to contact CRX to do that.

11. New Business:

- a. Signatures of the certificates for the people that were appointment last meeting (select to sign all certificates after meeting tonight not to take up the time during meeting)
- b. Mr. Eichacker to look for copiers for the 4 in the Shepard building, 1 in the Fire Station, 1 in the Police and 1 in the Senior Center. He will report back next week.
- c. Walk thru of the Fire Stations A and B: outgrown building no space some items to be moved. New more room. Police Station: concern for building safety, Support pillars rusting through, Bick pillars crumbling Need to have a structure engineer firm to come out and assess the building. Mr. Veliz asked what next Mr. Eichacker is said that he would reach out to Chris Dunphy to see if he could find an engineer. The selectmen do not want to get rid of the building but do not want the police lives to be in jeopardy.
- d. Next meeting to confirm and vote on the Preselection committee for the new Town Administrator. Print off all applications. We have close to 50 that have applied. The residence that has asked to be on the committee are Jim McKeon, Steve Crystal, Jim Fountain, Stan the head of the departments: Chief Lavoie, Chief Millett, Jeremy Olson. There were more that had sign up and a list needed to be compiled.

12. Comments & Concerns:

- a. Rebecca Acerra the Chair for the Veteran's Association, wanted to let the public be aware that the Council oversees Mr. Lapine and it is their job to put the flags up and take them down and if they need help they will ask. She wanted to make sure it was clear that the Town of Warren does a lot for the Veterans and that there is a meeting on July 7 at 7 to talk about this situation. The selectmen informed her that he was just asking for some help and the Cemetery offered to help put up and take down. To just let the selectmen, know how we can help.
- b. Anne Banville wanted the Board to know that she hadn't heard from the building inspector or the ACO. Mr. Dufresne said that he did reach out to legal and there is a court order in place. The Building Inspector must enforce that and let the court know that they are in violation of the order. The people that can help her is the BOH, ACO, and Building Inspector.
- c. Peter Krawczyk wanted to know why we are putting in electric charging stations downtown, why in that location, and who is paying for the electricity used? Mr. Dufresne informed him that this is a grant, and it is a signed contract from the previous board. That in order to get money from the charging station the town would have to purchase the software for about \$2,000 and have someone monitor to make sure that we are charging enough to make money and do all of the changes to the cost. That we need to figure it out before they go live. The question was asked why we don't just scrap the project. Answer is that we would have to pay back the grant and pay to have everything removed. Why wasn't this thought through better and all ducks in a row. Answer: That is why this board is open and lets everyone know what we are doing, and we are on the same page.
- d. Grants: we have found several grants that will help parks and Rec. Police, Highway, water, sewer. CMRPC and Chris Dumphy is bringing in a IT team in September to make sure all of our divisions or office computers can speak to each other so we do not need to put in information several time in several places.
- e. Fire escape at the old town hall. Is it functioning? Mr. Dufresne let him know that we are getting a structural engineer ASAP Beth Soltys said that we had a structural engineer report from years ago and she would bring it to the Shepard building.
- f. Chief Lavoie reminded us that we have a vaccine clinic at the Senior Center July 8 from 9-1.

13. Next Meeting Date: July 8, 6:00

14. Adjourn: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn Mr. Veliz 2nd it and AIF Passed.

Respectably submitted,
Karen Dusty


Derick Veliz Clerk



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Facilitator: David Dufresne Date: 7/1/21

Objectives			

Attendee: Steve Skowyrka

Attendee: Gary Liguori

Attendee: Susan Skowyrka

Attendee: Paula Orinette

Attendee: Scott Sowden

Attendee: John Gifford

Attendee: John Freeman

Attendee: Jane Freeman

Attendee: Den + Lori Fournier

Attendee: Pamela Hill

Attendee: Brandi Tarantino

Attendee: Abigail Ruiz

Attendee: Judith Rice

Attendee: Paula

Attendee: Lynnda LeBoeuf

Attendee: Ann Bowville

Attendee: Rebecca Guerra

Attendee: Adam Lavoie

Attendee: Rich Donatelli

Attendee: Evan Turner

Attendee: Beverly Soltyz

Attendee: King Shum

Attendee: Karen Dusz

Attendee: Rich Eichacker

Derek Veliz