

Who is in attendance: David Dufresne, Richard Eichacker, Derick Veliz

1. **Call the Meeting to order:** 6:01 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **New Mexican restaurant in West Warren:** Picosso on Main St. Vinicio Ayala a Mexican Salvadorian Gluten Free mostly. Most of it will be made by our Corn Masa. Mr. Veliz is you need anything from us let us know. I gave them the paperwork and the Selectmen wanted to sign the certificate even without paying the fee and as long as they are done with the Board of Health they can open up on Sunday. Mr. Dufresne wanted to approve it last week, but they were not on the meeting from last week. Mr. Eichacker made the motion to give them permission to open their restaurant Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed and signed.
4. **Public Hearing for Liquor License for CITGO:** No one was here for the CITGO, so we moved them down the line. They are just doing gas right now and want to move forward to a full convenience store. They want to sell Beer, wine, candy, worms, and ice cream. The gas is not carrying business right now. Erin Murry, source provider for all Sherman Oil Stores was the representative. They will be doing a conversion slowly to just make sure they can make it work. Mr. Veliz asked about the parking. They feel that there is enough parking if the people visiting Masson's will stop parking in their back lot. They will still sell gas. They will be putting refrigerators in "no one likes warm beer." She stated that she had all the paperwork, so I let her know that she needed to fill out the town paperwork. They decided that she would come back and get the paperwork back to us. It was decided to vote to approve, and we will hold onto the license until all paperwork and monies were in our hands. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to approve the Victaulic's license and alcoholic license Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed and signed. She received a copy of the bill and was told that we will keep the licenses until we have all paperwork back and payment for the town licenses.
5. **Old Town Hall/Police Building:**

Chief Millett has been in contact with Rutland dispatch, and they estimated the cost to move the equipment to Fire station B is \$2,000.00, as long as everything that is there as far as the internet is operational. I have sketched out a design that might work. I knew that Adam (Chief Lavoie) is concerned about the tanker, so I think he has figured out a way to keep it in the building. Would you like to see my design? He then showed the Selectmen the design, explained what the layout would be, but still doesn't know the cost. Chief will get bids on all of that. Bev Soltys wanted to know where the money is coming from. Mr. Dufresne said that we will need to find it. We will have to pull from other areas, other budgets. It could come from a variety of places. Trying to do our best right, we can't leave them in the building.

Chief Millett said that the reason for the first-floor renovation is so that we can meet with someone because if they can't go up the stairs if they are handicapped. We will need to come up with a phone system to have people let us know they are outside so we can come down and meet with them in the conference room. We must run the wiring so we can have the correct phone system to be notified that someone is there.

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Mr. Dufresne said the Anne Gobi gave us some promising information; she just presented a bill that will get Federal money for a safety building. Towns like ours that need one but cannot afford one. She is optimistic.

Mr. Veliz said that he thought that it will be a very simple build out. How are your police guys feeling?

Chief Millette: They have mixed feeling; they just don't want to be stuck in that building. It will be a few years before a public safety building can be funded and built. It is a temporary solution. This is an issue for the whole town right now.

Mr. Kordek: When will we expect some movement?

Mr. Dufresne: We were hoping for 30 days but it might take longer due to the equipment and a lot of stuff that needs to be moved and hooked up to the internet and secure lines.

Ms. Soltys Where is Dawn going to be?

Chief Millett: She will be upstairs because there isn't a lobby. We will need to make an awning so the people waiting for us to answer the door don't get wet.

Mr. Kordek: How about the restoration for the Town Hall, you can't just walk away from it?

Mr. Dufresne: we are in a process to find out what needs to be done to the building. The building inspector has said that they cannot stay in that building due to code violation. We don't know what we are doing with the building, currently.

Mr. Kordek: Have you had a chance to speak with the Historical Society?

Mr. Dufresne: he left a message and had not received a call back. I did call again and left my number and a message several times. His name was given to be by Silva Buck. I will call him again tomorrow. I will not leave people in the building their safety is more important than a building. As I am sure you don't want to go to a funeral because someone gets hurt and dies. As far as the building because we do not know what the engineer is going to say, they might say this building is needs to be torn down or they might say that we could do this or that and the building is safe. We just don't know. The bottom line is that the town didn't do maintenance for several years and we have deal with it now. Once we get the number to fix the building or to remove the building, we will have a special town meeting and let the people of the town decide. Does that answer your question?

Mr. Kordek: No, I don't think it is fair for you three to make decisions on what is happening to the building.

Mr. Dufresne: We aren't, we are just gathering information to bring it to the town so that the people in the town can know what their choices are. The only decision we made is for the safety of the police. We are not going to wait until one of our officers gets hurt. The build inspector says that no one should be occupying the building because of code violations. We have several bids from structural engineers, and we will decide who we will hire to have them come in and assess the building. We must identify where we can get the money for this. We must get the numbers to know and be able to present it to the residents. We won't know until they go into our town hall. We have two right now and Lanard is being reached out to.

Mr. Dusty gave a report on the engineers and their background and that they are qualified to make the correct assessment of the building. The cost difference is one that is for 16 hours and the other is a flat rate to come in and do the assessments that we have specified

for the building. Mr. Dusty also read what we have asked them to do. Once this is done everyone in town will have the information to make an informed decision. This building kind of scares me because the bricks are falling off.

Ms. Banville: How much will the insurance go up if the police move out?

Mr. Dufresne: it will go up, but we will not leave anyone in the building. It has gotten to the point that it is getting dangerous.

This building comes down to safety and expense. Eventually it must come to the taxpayers.

Mr. Veliz: it is a very sad situation because it is a very beautiful building. We need a structural engineer to give us a report and let the town know what their options are. It would be wrong of us, to leave the people in there when the building inspector says that there are many code violations. If you do not maintain your car or house, it will go bad.

Which is what has happened with the building. It is hard for us, but safety first.

Mr. Eichacker: we are going to investigate maintenance on all our other buildings, so we do not end up in this position in all of the buildings.

Mr. Dufresne: Therefore, we are having Mr. Dusty go through the buildings and come up with a maintenance plan. It will cost a lot less if we work on it now.

Does that answer all the questions? Okay if there is no more question about the town hall we will go on.

6. **COA New employee:** They would like to hire a lunch specialist. How many people applied for this position? Only one. It is hard hiring anyone in all places. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to approve the COA to hire Jonathan Dusty as the COA lunch Coordinator at the Senior Center. Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed
7. **EV Charging Station Update:** Mr. Dufresne, spoke with Jill at National Grid, apparently there was an issue, and she told the contractor to stop work, because they are putting a pole right where they are putting the charging station. So, when I spoke with Jill and asked what was going on. She said that the paperwork was to be in front of us and she identified that it was for a Solar company. When I asked "for a Solar company, she went back on her word and said that it was for the charging station that asked for service and that is why they are putting in 2 large poles. It doesn't make sense to me because why do they need the big heavy-duty poles for a charging station. The basics of it the charging station have stopped work until National Grid gets their easement approved to go through the common and then install the poles. Once that is done the charging station contractor can pick up where they left off. These two spots were identified as town owned, but we do not have any other spots to put the charging station in. we do not have a lot of spots to move them somewhere else. So right now, the charging stations are on hold until National Grid is done. As service is requested, they must upgrade the poles. The charging station contractor do not want National Grid to drill through the conduit for the charging station. So, until we have an easement hearing and give the okay it is stopped. We need to get parks involved in the hearing.

Mr. Veliz: Could this be a part of needing to upgrade because of all the power that is coming from the increase of solar.

Mr. Dufresne: it seems an overkill for me to put that big of a pole for a charging station. Any other questions?

8. **Update on bids for various items:** Mr. Dusty: we are getting bids for upgrading to Hands-Free in all six buildings. We finally got three very complete bids and it is just a matter of the board to accept the bids, then turn over to the CARES Act.
- Also, we have bids for the maintenance on all HVAC units in the six buildings, we have 2 new systems in the fire department and two German boilers in the Shepard building and we did not have a preventive maintenance contract on them so when one went down last winter we had to pay for that repair. It won't be cheap but taking care of our buildings is what is needed so we don't have a huge expense later.
- We have a fire suppression system that the dial out system was malfunctioning, and I was getting calls 2 to 3 times a week. That is critical to the system so that was replaced yesterday to a new dial-out system using a cell number, so the town doesn't have to pay for two land lines anymore at a cost of less then \$400.00. and it hadn't been upgraded or serviced for over 20 years.
- Mr. Dusty: The last thing is the Selectmen have toured almost all the building and I am putting together a list of repairs for the buildings. The Shepard building needs maintenance to the windows to prevent leaks like this all over the building. If we have a capital expense, we can chip away at this over the years and we won't have a bad situation in 25 years.
- Mr. Dufresne: Thank you for all your hard work on this. Any questions about that?

9. **Warrants, Bills, Invoices, Line-Item Transfers:**

- a. Warrants: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay the following warrants, Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passes

i. FY 2021

1. 110	Vendor	\$138,987.45
2. 111	Payroll	\$ 845.56

ii. FY 2022

1. 4	Payroll	\$46,677.81
2. 5	Vendor	\$ 30,012.24

- b. Bills: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay the following bills: Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed

i. National Grid	\$102.16
ii. National Grid	\$-402.24
iii. National Grid	\$ 39.37
iv. True Value	\$109.99
v. Google for Domain Name	\$366.00
vi. Massachusetts Municipal Association	\$700.00
vii. WB Mason	\$ 7.99
viii. WB Mason	\$37.74
ix. C2 MA Adams II LLC	\$691.38
x. Zoom for reimbursement	\$ 94.95
xi. Comcast Business	\$138.35
xii. Lowes (Paint for Bathrooms)	\$143.48
xiii. Tri-Valley Inc	\$908.00
xiv. Crystal Rock	\$25.74

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- c. Invoices: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay the following invoices Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed

- i. MassCor Letterhead for the Selectmen \$410.63
- ii. Association of Town Finance committees \$160.00

- d. Line-Item Transfer: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to make the following line-item transfers Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passes

- 10. Minutes:** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to table the July 8, meeting notes until all corrections have been made.

Mr. Soltys asked if they could read the minutes ahead of time so that they can just vote on them?

Mr. Veliz: That we are just trying to get caught up and we will be trying to make sure they are accurate too.

Mr. Dufresne wanted to table it until the next meeting to make the corrections.

Mr. Veliz 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed.

- 11. Correspondence:** A call about if the town is going to have a Hazardous waste dumpster this year.

Mr. Eichacker: This is a Board of Health question.

Mrs. Dusty: The person was concerned about old paint

Mr. Veliz: You can bring the old paint back to the store or to the dump in town.

- 12. New Business:** Shred-it box for the Shepard building (Karen's Request)

Mr. Dufresne: it is a good idea. That there is a lot of stuff to be gotten rid of and we need it. It turns into confetti; it is impossible for anyone to put the papers together. We will need to put it in the common areas. How much is it per month?

Mrs. Dusty: \$79.99 for 2 boxes.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to hire Shred-it to do our shredding. Mr. Veliz 2nd, Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed

- 13. Comments & Concerns:** Mr. Soltys: Do we have an update on the sewer department?

Mr. Eichacker: He spoke to Shawn he did file for retirement, so first thing he must wait 2 weeks and can work 960 hours per year for the sewer department. Shawn was going to check with DEP to see if they would allow him to work part-time. So that is the next step. The 2nd employee is in process.

Mr. Soltys: Are we treating of the water coming out of the plant?

Mr. Eichacker: The got the assistant operator from Palmer to put the chemicals in so we should be all set. We need to get clarification before we can take the notice off the website.

Mr. Dufresne: as far as the underpass it is going to be worked on and should be ready in a week or so, per the Police Chief.

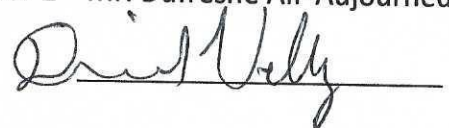
Any other comments or concerns?

- 14. Next Meeting Date:** July 29, 2021

- 15. Adjourn:** Mr. Veliz made a motion to adjourn Mr. Eichacker 2nd Mr. Dufresne AIF Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted by:

Karen Dusty



Derick Veliz, Clerk



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Facilitator: David Dufresne Date: 7/15/21

Objectives			

Attendee:	Anne Sanville	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Vincent Dyl	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Jen's Agala	Attendee:	
Attendee:	S. Soltyz	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Bru. Soltyz	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Anne Sanville	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Jake	Attendee:	peoples advocate
Attendee:	Jim Dusty	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Dave C King	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Kar Dusty	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Rich Erbacher	Attendee:	
Attendee:	Derrick Veliz	Attendee:	