

Selectmen Meeting

Aug 19, 2021

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

1. **Call the Meeting to order:** 6:00 PM
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Update on the Police moving:** Mr. Veliz showed us a plan for the new police temporary station. He said that once it was completed it need to go to the Building Inspector and then final plans drawn up. There were several questions and concerns about this building. One was that there was only one way out. It was pointed out that there are two ways out of the area. If Highway would plow the parking lot to help the owners since they are giving us such a good deal. What is the rent going to be? Mr. Dufresne said that they will know once the owners of the building figure out utilities, etc. but it will be less then renting trailers. How long to build the upfit? We won't know that until we get the plans to them, and they can meet with the contractor.
Mr. Veliz excused himself he has a date with his son at the school.
4. **Update on the location of the EV Station:** Had a zoom meeting with National Grid, and CMRPC, Guardian was not on the call, Karen was on the call also, about moving the EV station to the parking lot across from the current Police station. The next steps are to have Guardian come out and assess the location and the National Grid need to look at the pole situation to see if we need another pole set up. There was no answer about the cost to move. At one time we were told that they had spent \$4,000.00 already on the project. Parks is firm that they do not want the EV stations in the park. Mr. Dufresne stated that it is a better place because you are on the same side of the street for most of the stores, and it give us more parking places especially when the Police move out of there. Everyone agrees that the parking lot is better. We do not know why Parks, Building and Planning Boards were not informed about this. We will go forward.
5. **Update Town Administrator:** It has been posted and we have gotten 3 replies already. The applications will close on Sept. 22, on the 23 we give it to the committee, and the preselect committee has until Sept. 30 and we will call them on Oct. 1. That is all in the posting. Any more question about that? So, if anyone know of a good Town Administrator, please let send them our way, great town, great people to work with.
6. **Update on Hands free bids:** Are due into Tammy on September 1. No other updates.
7. **Streetlight's outage:** There was a resident letting us know that there was a streetlight out across from Grove Street, by the sewer department. Mrs. Dusty said that she spoke with the company, and they said that they needed the pole number and the phone number of the person reporting it and they will go out and fix it. I also, spoke with Scot Mansfield the Electrical Inspector that he would check on the streetlight and the electrician that was here fixing the power outage we had could fix all the streetlights in town probably faster than the company we have now. But we do have a contract with Tanko until the end of this year. We can address the contract at that time. We will report it and give them the selectmen's phone number. They work for us. Tell them the pole number and fix the light. I spoke with them to put the new light up, they said that they must get National Grid approval to put it up but will do it as soon as they have that. They said that they had lights designated for our town. The Chief of Police said that he would have his officers keep an eye out too. Mr.

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Dufresne we could look at the energy efficient grant for LED lighting. All the streetlights are already LED and so are the light in all the town buildings.

Found out about more grants today that needed to deal with COVID. We can talk to Tammy about APPRA funds and redo the windows in this building. The underlining problem is not fixed. It would be nice to use some of that money for that. So, the streetlights we will get pole numbers for you. If there are any residence that notice that a streetlight is out, please let us know the pole number.

8. Warrants, Bills, Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay all warrants and bills Mr. Dufresne 2nd and called for a vote AIF Passed

a. Warrants:

i. 10	Payroll	\$53,972.38
ii. 11	Vendor	\$113,133.34
iii. 12	Payroll	\$38,303.77
iv. 13	Vendor	\$28,445.86
v. 14	Payroll	\$43,883.19
vi. 15	Vendor	\$129,698.07

b. Bills:

i. Serv-U Locksmiths	\$221.97
ii. PowerProducts contract	\$2,908.65
iii. Comcast	\$138.35
iv. National Grid	\$202.29
v. National Grid	-\$14.08
vi. Verizon	-\$27.79
vii. Verizon	\$0.43
viii. Northeast IT	\$20.00
ix. MIIA	\$2,119.00
x. Paul W. Shepardson Electric	\$ 380.00
xi. MIIA	\$111,735.00
xii. Larochelle Construction	\$41,515.00

9. Minutes: No minutes to be read or approved We had technical issues yesterday and the battery back worked great and did what they are supposed to do.

10. Correspondence: No correspondence.

11. New Business: No new business

12. Comments & Concerns: Ms. Soltys: have you received a report from the building inspector as far as the walk thru that was done at the Town Hall.

Mr. Dufresne: We have not received it yet. The problem is that she is not a full-time employee, and she is not here a lot, when she is, she is doing her inspections in other buildings and stuff, and she is trying to write that report also. She is working with her legal and the state inspector also to make sure all of her I's are dotted and T's crossed.

Mrs. Soltys: she did call me and said that she was working on it, because I had put in a 2nd request, it would take probably 3 – 4 weeks.

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Mr. Dufresne: I will follow up on that again this week, we should have something by now.

Mrs. Soltys: It has been 6 weeks, and she is a paid employee, correct?

Mr. Dufresne: Yes, she is.

Mrs. Soltys: I realize she works part-time for the town, but the report is important she made these claims that it is unsafe, and that there were all these code issues.

Mr. Dufresne: We are waiting for it also, it is important.

Mr. Soltys asked what our tax rate was going to be. Mr. Dufresne answered that it hasn't been determined yet. There was a discussion about when it comes out. Ms. Schmidt the tax collector said it is usually set after the special town meeting that is usually in October and then we set the Tax Rate in early November.

Mr. Dufresne said that we don't have one planned yet until we get all the information together.

Mrs. Soltys: I gave a packet of information about the Old Town Hall to Karen did you receive it and look it over.

Mr. Dufresne yes, we looked at it. Do you have the information on how it got to be a historical building? Was there anything special or just the age. I mean a President going in there, anything?

Mrs. Soltys: No, I don't know

Mrs. Dusty: I know that Nancy has a call into Ms. Buck to see if she has the application. So, we can get more background. We don't have anything in the file that I have collected.

Mr. Dufresne that preservation restriction was only good for five years but being on the registry as a historical site is different.

Mrs. Soltys: The five years was only for the grant.

Mr. Dufresne: Right, the town voted to allow the selectmen to enter into that agreement that shall not exceed more than five years.

Mrs. Soltys: I am sure we can find the application somewhere. I am sure Nancy has it. There is a box in the selectmen office that says town hall it should be in there.

Mrs. Dusty said that she would look for it.

Mr. Soltys: Could you go to the state to see if they have it.

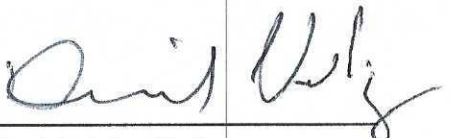
Mr. Dufresne: We are trying to find out what is the reason and what does it say.

No more Comments and Concerns?

13. Next Meeting Date: August 26

14. Adjourn: Mr. Eichacker motion to adjourn so moved Mr. Dufresne 2nd AIF adjourned

Respectively submitted by
Karen Dusty
Administrative Secretary


Derick Veliz, Clerk



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Facilitator: David Dufresne

Date: 8/19/21

Objectives				

Attendee: Beverly Saltys

Attendee: DJ Saltys

Attendee: G. Millette

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August 9, 2021

To Members of the Board of Selectmen:

I have been informed that my 3 year term is expiring on the Warren Cultural Council.

I would like to apply for another term as a voting member of the Warren Cultural Council.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sylvia Cummings", written in dark ink.

Sylvia Cummings