

Selectmen Meeting
September 16, 2021

Who is in attendance:

1. **Call the Meeting to order: 6:00 PM**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Public Hearing for TreeTea Inc license for Marijuana manufacturing: Open the meeting at 6:02 PM**
Continued until Oct. 7, 2021, due to requesting business not available tonight motion to continue meeting until Oct 7 2nd AIF Passed
4. **Environmental Report on the Old Town Hall:** report by Economic Enviro Techs, Inc. We got back the environmental report on the Old Town Hall, it is on the website. Jim spoke on it: The report is attached to the minutes. The company that provided this report did not give us a cost estimate to remediate the asbestos. There was a question about old reports and results of those reports. It was determined that those tests were air quality test not for asbestos. Everyone can get a copy of the report online and or pick up in the Selectmen's office. What we are now faced with the decision to have this company come back and give us an estimate or have other company do it. Motion was moved to have Economic Enviro Techs come back and give us an estimate on what it would cost to remediate the asbestos, lead, and mold. 2nd AIF Passed
5. **Approve Payment for PVPC per the contract:** Motion to approve the contract with PVPC for the Historical Society gathering information on the cemetery. 2nd AIF passed
6. **Update on the Police move:** We do not have a final contract from DexTrust, because they are trying to get a price on the generator cost and installation. They said that it will take them 60 days to get the building up to where we can move in. Once we get more information, we will let you know. Police Chief reported that they have been working with H.L. Security to get a MILO training system it has been approved we would be the only ones with that training capacity in this area. So, wherever we move we need to create a room to do this training for surrounding towns. It was asked again where the money is coming from to move the PD. Is the town going to approve this expenditure? Once again it was said that we can't leave the Police in a building that has been deemed unsafe. We must move them and are looking for the best place for cost, and safety. Looking at different ways to fund it. Trying to find the right money sources to fund. The move is not the expensive part it is only about \$5,000.00. Waiting to see how much the rent will be. We are backed into a corner they have to move whether the Old Town Hall is taken down or refurbished they have to move. Bev wanted to know why the combustible things are not out of the Old Town Hall. That stuff isn't the only reason we are moving the Police. We have to do a full abatement and they cannot stay there. It is up to the residence to vote on. Mr. Veliz said that we are working on 2 problems here 1). The police need a place to go. 2) The building hasn't been taken care of and needs a lot of work. These are two very separate issues. We are not moving the police just because we feel they need a new place. We need to separate the issues.
7. **Warrants, or Bills Motion to pay the warrants, and bills 2nd AIF Passed**
 - a. **Warrants:**

i. 20	Payroll	\$40,081.64
ii. 21	Vendor	\$85,832.02
iii. 22	Payroll	\$44,685.35
iv. 23	Vendor	\$94,984.22
 - b. **Bills:**

i. Comcast	\$138.35
ii. National Grid	-\$262.52
iii. Verizon	\$131.67
iv. Verizon	\$1.42
v. Verizon	-\$12.53
vi. Karen Dusty Postage	\$58.00

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vii. Town of Warren Sewer	\$862.50
viii. Power Products batteries for Generators	\$2,058.90
ix. True Value	\$74.45
x. C2 MA Adams II LLC solar for Shepard and Streetlights	\$1,587.28
xi. Economic Enviro Techs, Inc.	\$3,560.00
xii. Drawdown #2 grant 00043	\$5,027.00

8. Minutes: Approve September 9, 2021, minutes Motion to approve the minutes, 2nd AIF Passed

9. Correspondence:

- a. Letter from WRTA having a vacancy in the position of "Disabled Commuter Population" representative. Read the letter and the requirements.
- b. Letter from the Town of Brimfield selectmen about preventing Solar field from being placed in the area of Brookfield Rd, Apple Rd, and Governor Fairbanks Rd. Read the letter from the Town of Brimfield.
- c. Stan wanted to know about the questions that he gave the board. Rich let him know that he hadn't got the answer back from Legal yet.
- d. Police received a grant for the assessment for dispatch services for FY2022. The grant was for the amount of \$130,967.00 Thank Director Michael Moriarity for applying and receiving the grant for our town. Chief Lavoie said that the money that was allocated for this will be addressed in the special town meeting in November. David thanked the Police and Fire Chiefs for all their hard work in getting grant to help their department.
- e. Also received a letter from a concern resident about posting word documents on the website that could be changed. We need to make sure that everything we post is a PDF. It is harder to change and there is a trace when you change a PDF document.

10. New Business:

- a. Fire Chief and Police Chief monthly report Fire Chief Lavoie stated that he had a demo ambulance come to the fire station today so that they could try it out. They are looking at 8 months to a year before they will be getting theirs. Police chief wanted to remind everyone to be aware that school is back in session and to drive slower. Talked about training going on for both Police and Fire that they are trying to get it done for all continuing education.
- b. Request for Transfer From the reserve Account Fund for Old Town Hall of \$15,100.00 Motion to transfer funds 2nd AIF passed.

11. Comments & Concerns: Stan WCAT ability or inability not being able to get a replay of the meetings. I have requested this several times. Answers: They are volunteers, our meetings are too long. Will it be replayed? No sure I know that they are trying and doing their best. We would rather have someone try then have nothing. They do not have enough volunteers if you would like to go up and train that would be great. It was supposed to be working but for some reason it wasn't that night. Not sure why. We are trying to work with Comcast to figure out what the problem is. Another item that was brought up is being link to Boston instead of Springfield. We can ask about that when we do the contract. Did anyone on the Board get an answer about why it was not broadcast from the gym last week? I think that was just covered. They didn't have the staff to cover it and it wasn't set up properly because of the Wi-Fi. You can't expect to have Fox news quality. I am sure that they would welcome your assistance. I know that they take it very personal, and they are hard on themselves. We don't have the budget to get the state-of-the-art equipment. A call was placed to WCAT why wasn't it replayed she said she didn't know, I asked why she said that Igor was out of town and wouldn't be back until next week. You can't expect them to live their life for the station. They are volunteers. Then the consumer should not expect to turn on the station and get the information. So, what you are saying is that your expectation that are set are not being met. Jim stated "that when he was watching the rebroadcast on Wednesday and he watch for 2 ½

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hours of dog hearing, leash, and fence hearing then it transitions to what is important or what I want to hear the engineering study and they break for a disc change and the screen goes black and it comes up no disc. That's wrong it is absolutely rotten it leads me to believe that possibly there is some constructive editing being done. That they do not want the people to know what is going on." That is my opinion. Has that third tape materialized or is it disintegrated? Travis came in and explain he set it up. Offered the DVD to Jim. He said that the system can play 2 tape and then we set it up to go to the hard drive. Not sure what happened. We will reach out to have a meeting with Comcast and try to work things out. Add training and speak with Igor when he returns.

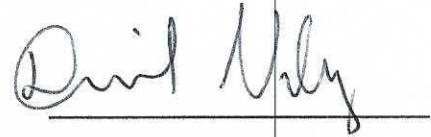
One comment brought to me "why is the town still dumping untreated wastewater into the river?" David stated we have never dumped untreated wastewater into the Quaboag River. It was treated but not tested, that made DEP notify residence down river that there is a chance of higher e coli. So, they needed to put on warning signs. It is now being treated and tested; everything is done according to requirements.

12. Next Meeting Date: September 23, 2021

13. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn 2nd AIF adjourned

Respectively submitted

Karen Dusty Administrative Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Derick Veliz", written over a horizontal line.

Derick Veliz, Clerk



Worcester Regional Transit Authority

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September 1, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Warren
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Warren, MA 01083

RE: Vacancy in the WRTA's Advisory Board Disabled Commuter Population position

Dear Board of Selectmen:

The WRTA Advisory Board has a vacancy in the position of "Disabled Commuter Population" * representative. We are reaching out to all 37 communities to inquire if your City/Town has a person to fill our vacancy. (This position is separate from any currently attending town representative presently on our Advisory Board.) Should you have someone willing to fill this vacancy please contact us by December 1, 2021. Please note: The Ridership position and the Disabled position cannot be filled by the same town/city.

Position Information:

*As stated in G.L. Title 12, C.161B, Sec (5) This representative shall be mobility impaired, have a family member who is mobility impaired, be a caretaker of a person who is mobility impaired, or work for an organization that serves the needs of the physically disabled.

<https://malegislature.gov/laws/generallaws/partI/titlexxII/chapter161B/Section5>

Rotation Guidelines:

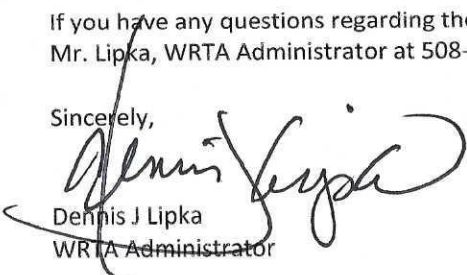
The position rotates throughout the town/city within the WRTA's regional coverage area. The date of response will be the determining factor of order in consideration for which town/city appointee fills the vacancy. The other appointees will be listed by date received and placed in que for the following term.

Representative Information:

- This is a volunteer one-year term commitment
- This is a voting position
- Attendance to the monthly WRTA Board Meetings -- third (3rd) Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. by zoom webinar and when appropriate at WRTA Hub 60 Foster Street Worcester MA 01608.
- Provide contact information to the board clerk -- name, address, phone number, email to receive Board information. Upon Request postal mail can be used.

If you have any questions regarding the "Disabled Commuter Population" representative vacancy please contact Mr. Lipka, WRTA Administrator at 508-453-3400 or email dlipka@therta.com.

Sincerely,


Dennis J Lipka
WRTA Administrator

Communities Served:

Auburn	Brimfield	Douglas	Grafton	Millbury	North Brookfield	Paxton	Southbridge	Wales	West Boylston
Barre	Brookfield	Dudley	Holden	New Braintree	Oakham	Princeton	Spencer	Warren	West Brookfield
Berlin	Charlton	East Brookfield	Holland	Northborough	Oxford	Rutland	Sturbridge	Webster	Worcester
Boylston	Clinton		Leicester	Northbridge		Shrewsbury	Sutton	Westborough	

NOTICE of VACANCY WRTA Advisory Board “DISABLED COMMUTER POPULATION*”

Position Requirements:

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*As stated in G.L. Title 12, C.161B, Sec (5)

Representative Information: Starts January 1, 2022

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Any appointments must go through your Town's appointment process. **Please contact your local Town Manager or Board of Directors to apply.**



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508-453-3403



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Board of Selectmen

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August 30, 2021

Board of Selectmen
Town of Warren
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To whom it may concern:

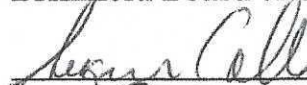
Let it be known that members of the Brimfield Select Board support the efforts of our neighbors living in the Northeast section of town in the area of Brookfield Road, Apple Road and Governor Fairbanks Road to prevent any part of a solar field from being placed in that vicinity.


Although the Board's official role is limited, we commit to aiding those Boards and officials who do have a more direct role in making the proper decision to keep this facility out of this agricultural/residentially zoned area.

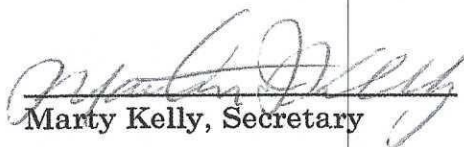
We have every confidence that the members of the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Building Department are equally committed to protecting this area. We believe that they will execute their duties in a thoughtful and professional way.

We extend our offer of cooperation to our friends and neighbors in the town of Warren. If we may be of any assistance to you in the process of dealing with this proposed facility, please do not hesitate to ask.

Very truly yours,
Brimfield Board of Selectmen


Suzanne Collins, Chair


Pat Leaming, Vice Chair


Marty Kelly, Secretary

Mike Doyle, member

Paul McCarthy, member

cc: Warren Panning Board
Warren ZBA

Brimfield Building Commissioner
Brimfield ZBA



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Facilitator: _____

Date: 9/16/21

Objectives				

Attendee:

Beverly Soltys

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B. Soltys

Attendee: _____

Attendee:

G. Millard

Attendee: _____

Attendee:

A. Core

Attendee: _____

Attendee:

A. Nason

Attendee: _____

Attendee:

Jim Dwyer

Attendee: _____

Attendee:

K. Duncan

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Andy Zalusky

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