

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Mr. David Dufresne: Chairman, Mr. Richard Eichacker: Vice-Chairman and Mr. Derick Veliz: Clerk.

ATTENDEES: See attached list.

Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

Mr. Dufresne called the meeting to order and led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION: Texmygov gave a brief zoom meeting presentation on how the Board of Selectmen can assist residents via text messages. Information will be forwarded to Mr. Veliz regarding the cost, how many municipalities are using the system, etc.

DOG APPEAL HEARING: Residence of Mr. Todd Brodeur and Ms. Angela Wordell, 38 Elm Street, Warren. Animal Control Officer, Tamara Dufresne, performed an inspection on October 9, 2021, and found three (3) violations to the previous order.

1. Dogs were not to be walked off the owner's property until a professional trainer states that the dogs are well enough to be walked on a leash. Ms. Wordell was seen walking Bear on Liberty Street, at 11:00 PM, while the order was in place.
2. A professional trainer was to be called within 30 days of the order - no information has been provided by the owners.
3. The fence was to be fixed within 30 days of the order - no repairs were made.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion that Ms. Wordell pay \$700.00, by Thursday, October 28, 2021, at 6:00 PM for shelter fees (\$25.00 per day, per dog) and pay fees each week after, by Thursday 6:00 PM. If, on Oct. 28th, no such payment is received, then the dogs will go up for adoption. The fence must be completed (in 3 weeks) by November 10, 2021; second: Mr. Veliz – All In Favor – Motion Passes.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to deny the appeal of the original order; second: Mr. Veliz – All In Favor – Motion Passes.

UPDATE ON POLICE MOVE: Discussion on the Police move to Pulaski Street, Building 14, West Warren. The monthly fee is approximately \$6,000.00, which includes DexTrust doing the build out; any and all maintenance/repairs are to be done at no cost to the Town. Ms. (BJ) Church, Building Inspector, approves this building. There is an article on the November Special Town Meeting Warrant seeking approval for a 7-year contract for use of this fully functional building.

VOTE ON HIRING PEOPLE AT DIFFERENT PAY RATE: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept hiring the following employees at different payrates; second: Mr. Veliz – All In Favor – Motion Passes.

- Walter Herrick was hired at a PW3 step minimum \$19.80 will increase to PW10 after he secures all the license requirements
- Scott Petraitis was promoted to PW4 Step 4
- David Bernard was promoted to PW2 Step 2
- Zachary Ritzer was hired at a Grade 5 Operator's License

WARRANTS & BILLS: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to approve the Warrants & Bills; second: Mr. Veliz – All In Favor – Motion Passes.

Warrants:

• 32	Payroll	\$44,194.82
• 33	Vendor	\$43,529.66

Bills:

• Jim Dusty for a mirror in the Women's restroom	\$ 55.88
• Northeast IT for WISP	\$625.00
• Comcast Business	\$138.35
• Verizon Long Distance	\$ 1.96
• National Grid Shepard Building	-\$231.62
• National Grid	-\$25.89
• National Grid	-\$1,016.59
• Central Mass Regional Planning Commission	\$1,000.00
• EZ True Value	\$8.28

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Dufresne explained that Spencer's (Edward H. Spencer, Inc.) is not going out of business.
- As of November 8, 2021, Igor is resigning as Chairman of the Warren Cable Advisory Committee; he will remain as an active member of the Committee. He introduced Travis Baker, who he recommends appointing as an intern Chairperson.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Dufresne explained that there are a few changes on the November 4, 2021 Special Town Meeting Warrant that was posted on October 20, 2021.
- Canceling the EV Station Contract: The Park and School Departments said no, it would have cost \$11,000.00 to put it across from the Town Hall. There were no other options. The Town was allowed to cancel one item on the Grant. The payback is \$6,000.00.
- Pole hearing for Verizon & National Grid on Reynolds Rd is scheduled for November 18, 2021.
- Proclamations for School: The Board agrees they need more time to research and talk with the school about it.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS:

- **MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness):** The State provides support and funding to Towns to help plan for climate change. Mr. Eichacker met with MVP and will continue to attend meetings.
- **ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act):** The state provides financial relief for COVID-19 related issues. Mr. Eichacker is looking into ARPA money for the Town, Water and Sewer Departments.

- **Southbridge Road Bus Stop:** Mr. Veliz is concerned about the safety of the children on Southbridge Road; said it is very dangerous. He will contact the Superintendent and the School Committee to see if they can arrange for another bus stop.

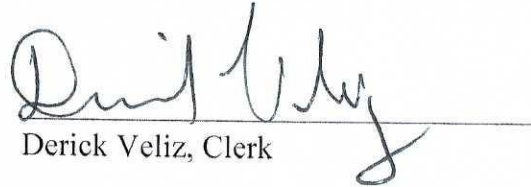
Open Meeting Law Violation by Dario Nardi: Mr. Dufresne said that the State ruled in favor of the Board of Selectmen.

Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2021, for the TreeTea hearing for a license.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 PM; second: Mr. Veliz – All In Favor – Motion Passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Lowell
Town Clerk


Derick Veliz, Clerk



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Facilitator: _____

Date: Oct 21, 2021

Objectives			

Attendee: <u>Anne Benville</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Bob + Pam MANGUM</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Angela Wordell</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>King Schmitt</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Jelly Topp</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Wade U. Topp</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Jim Dusky</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Beverly Saltzman</u>	Attendee: _____
Attendee: <u>Adam Leone</u>	Attendee: _____
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Warren Selectmen

From: Tamara Dufresne
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Richard Eichacker; Derick Veliz; David Dufresne; Warren Selectmen
Subject: Dog Hearing Appeal

Hello,

I spoke with Todd Brodeur and Angela Wordell. They were on their way out, stating they were going to meet with a dog trainer and see what they could get for training options. They asked how to start the process since they don't actually have their dogs. I advised to get an appointment and have proof of the appointment.

I also asked them if they had made any progress on the fence. They stated they will have something set up soon and asked if the appeal hearing was still taking place. I let them know that we will meet to review the case and that the meeting will be on Thursday at 6 pm to discuss any progress.

If they are able to comply with the orders, either in entirety or partially, and the board/hearing authority decides to allow for the return of the dogs, there are 2 things that will need to be considered.

1) The fence must be installed immediately. Diamond has been making great progress with her experienced handlers, but initially when she arrived, she was scared and tried to bite on several occasions. If she returns home and gets loose, and if someone tried to grab her, they would be risking their safety. We also believe she is in heat which means she may want to break free and roam if given even the slightest opportunity.

2) There has been a holding fee charge of \$25 per day and per dog since they were handed over. The day of the meeting will be day 13. The holding fee for one dog is \$325 and for both of the dogs, it is \$650. I doubt they will have that in cash but if they have a credit card, they could pay at the town clerk's office. Unless they have cash, the money to the holding facility will need to be paid by the town and then it would be the process of the town looking for reimbursement from Mr. Brodeur and Ms. Wordell.

Please let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you,

Tammy

Tamara Dufresne
Animal Control/Inspector
Town of Warren

Warren Selectmen

From: Proclamations Department <proclamations@schoolchoiceweek.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Warren Selectmen
Subject: Proclamation Request

Dear David Dufresne:

We are respectfully requesting that you consider joining city and county leaders across the country in officially recognizing January 23 – 29, 2022 as School Choice Week in WARREN.

Issuing a proclamation provides an opportunity to shine a positive spotlight on the K-12 education options available for children and families in WARREN.

Last year, more than 300 mayors and county leaders, along with 27 governors, and the unanimous United States Senate issued proclamations recognizing National School Choice Week.

National School Choice Week is entirely nonpolitical and nonpartisan, and we do not advocate for or against any legislation. Our goal is simply to raise awareness, among parents, of the public and nonpublic K-12 education options available to their children.

Please let me know if you will be able to issue this proclamation and help us raise awareness of the importance of opportunity in education. I greatly appreciate your consideration. We have provided both a Word and .PDF proclamation template on our website at:

<https://schoolchoiceweek.com/proclamations/>

Also, for your convenience, we have provided the suggested proclamation language below.

Best,

Andrew

Andrew Campanella

President

National School Choice Week

www.schoolchoiceweek.com

SUGGESTED PROCLAMATION LANGUAGE

WARREN School Choice Week

WHEREAS all children in WARREN should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and,

WHEREAS WARREN recognizes the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students in WARREN to be successful adults; and,

WHEREAS quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of WARREN; and,

WHEREAS WARREN is home to a multitude of high quality public and nonpublic schools from which parents can choose for their children, in addition to families who educate their children in the home; and

WHEREAS, educational variety not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and,

WHEREAS WARREN has many high-quality teaching professionals in all types of school settings who are committed to educating our children; and,

WHEREAS, School Choice Week is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective educational options;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Dufresne do hereby recognize January 23 – 29, 2022 as WARREN School Choice Week, and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.

INSTRUCTIONS

- **If you issue a proclamation, please send a .pdf copy of the proclamation to the Proclamations Department at proclamations@schoolchoiceweek.com, so that we may recognize you for participating.**
- **If you choose to send a hard copy of an issued proclamation, please send it to: National School Choice Week, 67 Mark Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903.**

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National School Choice Week provides an unprecedented opportunity, every January, to shine a spotlight on the need for effective education options for all children. Independently planned by a diverse coalition of individuals, schools and organizations, NSCW features thousands of special events across the country. The Week is a nonpartisan and nonpolitical public awareness effort.

Our mailing address is:

Proclamations Department

67 Mark Drive

San Rafael, CA 94903

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October 18, 2021

Warren Board of Selectmen

Dear Board,

As of November 8, 2021, I will be resigning as Chairman of the Warren Cable Advisory Committee. I will remain as an active member of the Committee. I will help with the transition and Selectmen's appointment of a new Chairperson and I will continue to offer my advise regarding new contract negotiations with Comact.

As of now, I would recommend appointing Travis Baker as an intern Chairperson for WCAT12. He has been training for the past 6 weeks and I feel he is capable of handing tasks involving running WCAT12.

It has been more than 25 years that I have given service to the Town of Warren, and I am proud to have served during this challenging technical growth of our small television station. Thank you for your support through the years.

Sincerely,



Igor Kuprycz