

Selectmen Meeting
April 28, 2022

In Attendance:

1. **Call Meeting to order:**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Dangerous Dog Hearing:** All abutters were notified and owners. ACO also. Mr. Dufresne made the disclosure that the Animal Control Officer (ACO) was his wife and that because there is no money, he doesn't have to recuse himself unless any objects to him being in this hearing. No one objected. Mr. Dufresne had everyone that was going to speaking about the dog stand and take an oath that they would tell the truth. The ACO stated that the last Friday April 15, 2022, she was notified that there was a dog bite at 84 Moore Ave and that the victim was taken to the hospital. That this was not the first bite, but the other ones where not reported. Mrs. Dufresne reported that the owners were on vacation at the time and that once they returned and the dog was out of quarantine that they would have the dog euthanized. An abutter said that she had been bitten by the dog but just told the owners. Mr. Dufresne asked if anyone in the audience was the victim or was around when it happen. A neighbor said that he and his wife were home and heard the cleaning lady scream and was running out the door with blood dripping. They called 911 and Officer Early came, they called for the ambulance and took the victim to the hospital. The Owner said that once the quarantine was over, they were going to euthanize the dog on May 3. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to continue the hearing until the next meeting, and then if the owner didn't go through with what they said they would do we could do something about that. Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Pass to continue the hearing.
4. **Valley Communication:** Mr. Tremble of Valley Communication did Power Point Presentation for a new phone system for the town buildings. After the presentation he answered some question, the consensus was to find out from NEIT if our server could handle it and check with Comcast to see if we could and needed to boast out WI-FI capability.
5. **Street Sign for parking downtown:** Mr. Petal asked for a meeting all surrounding business were informed. He wants the handicap parking moved and the hours moved to 9:00 everyone else wants the 30 min sign taken down. Jeremy will be here to discuss what can be done. After much discussion and debate Mr. Olson the Town Highway Surveyor said that he would suggest that the signs be put back the way they were. Mr. Dufresne brought up the fact that the Selectboard was looking to move the gazabo back and put slanted parking on main street in front of the common. That would get at least 20 more parking spots downtown and hopefully it can be done with a grant. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to make the parking downtown the same as it was before the last change that all spots will be 1 hour parking between 6am-6pm. Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Passed.
6. **Acceptance of the Articles for the Special and Annual Town Meeting:** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept the Warrant for the Special and the Annual Town Meetings as amended. Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Passed
7. **Warrants & Bills:** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay all Warrants and Bills:
 - a. Warrants:
 - i. 89 Payroll \$42,242.73
 - ii. 90 Vendors \$47,311.07

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b. Bills:

i. Select Print Solutions Town Meeting	\$2,339.00
ii. Kellco Toilet Paper	\$104.00
iii. Valley Communications Systems Town Admin Phone	\$88.00
iv. Warren Electrical Fixing all the Handy Cap door system	\$1,032.20
v. Karen Dusty Stamps for the office	\$69.60
vi. Marlin Solutions Monthly Charge + Late Fee	\$1273.31

Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Pass pay the bills.

8. **Minutes:** No minutes this week to approve

9. **New Business:** Chief Lavoie reported to the board that he was still trying to get the lease agreements for the towers in town.

10. **Old Business: American Recovery Planning Act (ARPA),** Mrs. Dusty reported that the first reporting requirements where in. She said that because she had reported, and that the town was not doing tracing anymore that the money indicated for the nurse could be designated for another purpose. A motion was made to allocate the money to the funding of the radios so that they had enough to pay for the tower leases. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to that, and Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Passed

11. **Town Administrator Report:**

- a. First the ARPA funds that came in are STATE ARPA not federal, so they are to be used for a different purpose. The \$1,093,733.00 is to be used to fix the roads, culverts, or any other areas of road surface due to the storms last summer. These are not to be used the same as the other ARPA funds.
- b. The second round of ARPA funds of \$780,455.74 will be delivered in June and these funds are to be used the same as the last federal ARPA funds. Mr. Ferrera is asking for all departments to think of ways that they could use the funds and let him know.
- c. Mr. Ferrera was working with the Accountant and the Assessor to figure out an estimate on what the taxes would go up depending on what the town votes to give the school above minimum: \$450,000.00 would be around 16%; 1 million would be around 25% and 1.7 Million would be around 35%. Now this doesn't take into consideration of any new business, new growth or change in value of the new assessments.
- d. Mr. Ferrera asked that each department get their line-item transfer to him as soon as they could so that he could go over them and have FinCom sign them.
- e. Chief Lavoie asked if the Board would appoint Kerri Schmidt to the Municipal Hearing Officer.
- f. The EDA let us know that they are moving forward on the grant request and will let us know if she needs anything else.
- g. Tanko lighting said that there are 467 streetlights in town, that they are all LED. As far as the light that was to be installed and ordered in Aug. of 2021 was not installed was that they needed National Grid to do secondary power for the light. This was done in late December; they had ordered all of the fixtures but couldn't get the installer to install it. Their contract with us was up on December 31,

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2021. They said that we had only paid them for the labor about \$900.00 so we need to double check on that. Mrs. Dusty said that we had paid them for both the fixture and the labor. Mr. Dufresne asked Mrs. Dusty to investigate it and let them know. Mr. Ferrera stated that he would see what he could do to get the light put up even without a contract with them.

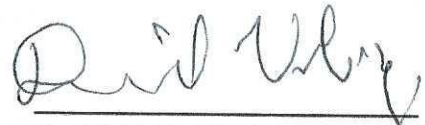
12. Comments and Concerns:

- a. Chief Lavoie stated that they had the Radio contract in and was looking for Mr. Dufresne to sign it. So, they can get it going. It should be completed in November of this year.
- b. Emails:
 - i. MIIA Mr. Eichacker made a motion to apply the refund of \$694.00 to the renewal invoice. Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Passed
 - ii. Senior Center Letter for New Dishwasher from ARPA funds Memo allowing Sharon Meli Council on Aging proceed with getting quotes for the dishwasher and we would then look at this and all other department needs.
 - iii. KP Law: Just FYI Lawsuit with the Board of Health and Kwasi Sarpong (29 Bacon St)

13. Next Meeting Date: May 5, 2022, 6:00 PM

14. Adjourn Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Veliz 2nd AIF Adjourned 9:38

Respectfully Submitted by
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant


Derick Veliz, Clerk



May 11, 2022

Board of Selectmen
Town of Warren
48 High Street
Warren, MA 01083

Re: *Programming Advisory*

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. Accordingly, please note the following changes to the Xfinity channel lineup provided in your community:

- Effective June 16, 2022, NDTV 24x7 will be removed from Hindi Pack and the price of Hindi Pack will be reduced from \$29.99 to \$26.99 per month.
- Effective June 16, 2022, NDTV 24x7 and Eros Now services will be removed from Hindi Plus Pack and the price of Hindi Plus Pack will be reduced from \$39.99 to \$32.99 per month.
- Effective August 8, 2022, due to changes in business costs, AMC+ On Demand will increase from \$6.99 to \$8.99 per month.

Customers are being notified of these changes by means of a bill statement message. Please feel free to contact me at 413-730-4513 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eileen Leahy
Sr. Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DATE: 04/28/22

Attendee:

Joseph G. Kundiak, Jr.

Attendee:

Adrian Laore

Attendee:

Dan Sexton

Attendee:

Eugene J. Gattens

Attendee:

Nora Lindley

Attendee:

John F. [unclear]

Attendee:

James O'Brien

Attendee:

Jim Dwyer

Attendee:

G. Millette

Attendee:

T. Dufresne

Attendee:

A. Snowell

Attendee:

L. Ross

Attendee:

Myron [unclear]

Attendee:

Robert E. Madigan

Attendee:

Glenda Morin

Attendee:

Richard Tuttle

Attendee:

Brian Connolly

Attendee:

Garry J. Keith

Attendee:

Jiten Patel

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Richard P. Strong

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