

Select Board Meeting March 9, 2023

In attendance: David Dufresne, Chair; Rich Eichacker, Vice-Chair; Derick Veliz, Clerk; Jim Ferrera, Town Administrator; Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant

Call Meeting to order:

Pledge of Allegiance

State legislative updates from Senator Jacob Oliveira and Representative Todd

Smola. Mr. Dufresne welcomed Senator Jacob Oliveira and his assistant Jennifer Pickering. Representative Todd Smola came a little later. The discussion focused on how the government could help the town in 2 ways: First topic helping with the school budget, which Senator Oliveira said that they totally understand and are trying to get the other House and Senate to understand that what is given to the rural towns needs to increase. The other topic that was discussed was how to help fund a Public Safety Complex. Neither one knew of any grants or any help to get a Public Safety Complex, but they will keep looking. There is a bill by Senator Anne Gobi to help small towns have the money to build a Public Safety Complex. They both stated that they approve and support this bill.

1. **Discussion and possible vote to allow the Highway Surveyor to deficit spend in the Snow & Ice Removal account number 001-423 for the purpose of purchasing salt and sand for snow plowing operations, and for the paying of snow plowing operations.** Mr. Olson, the Highway Surveyor, stated that the Town has had more ice storms than snowstorms. Ice storms are more costly. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to allow the Highway Surveyor to deficit spend in the "Snow and Ice Removal" account number 001-423 for the purpose of purchasing salt and sand and for snow plowing operations.
2. **Review of a proposed draft for request for proposals (RFP) for the Wright's Mill Recovery Master Plan project.** Review and possible vote on 3/16/23. Once they have a chance to look it over.
3. **Vote to accept a Health Benefit and Trust Wellness Grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association in the amount of \$1,800.00.** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept a Health Benefit and Trust Wellness Grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association in the amount of \$1,800.00. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF unanimously.
4. **Continued discussion of the Town's Cyber liability renewal application and possible vote to amend the Town's existing agreement with Northeast IT to reflect compliance with new insurance requirements.** Mr. Ferrera stated that since we need to update our Cyber security, Northeast IT's contract will be more costly because they have to provide a higher level of protection according to the requirements of our cyber insurance.
5. **Review the Emergency Management Monthly report.**

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6. **Discussion on possible changes to the Personnel By-laws** Mr. Eichacker made several changes to the Personnel By-Laws, the other select board members wanted to look over it so we'll table it until the 3-23-23 meeting.
7. **Discussion of possible changes to the Town By-laws**, Mr. Eichacker made a motion to remove the restriction on the distance that someone would have to live within to work for the Town. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed. unanimously This will be an article on for the Annual Town Meeting.
8. **Discussion and re-appointment of Shelia E. Laflower to the Board of Registrars for a three (3) year term.** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to re-appoint Shelia E. Laflower to the Board of registrars for a three (3) year term 2nd by Mr. Veliz. AIF Passed unanimously.
9. **Discussion and vote on the Selectmen budget and articles for the Annual Meeting**
Tabled until some numbers are verified.

10. Warrants & Bills:

- a. Warrants: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay for the following warrants: 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed unanimously.

i. #79	Payroll	\$56,595.86
ii. #80	Vendor	\$83,768.81
iii. #81	Vendor	\$105.00
iv. #82	Payroll	\$52,674.00
v. #83	Vendor	\$321,276.93

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

i. Ma Municipal Association	\$280.00+\$280.00=\$560.00
ii. Amazon	\$37.04
iii. Northeast IT	\$2,200.00
iv. Mirick O'Connell	\$618.95
v. KP Law, PC	\$2,003.10
vi. EZ True Value	\$42.98+\$22.36+\$30.06+\$22.78+\$24.96+\$10.40+\$7.88+\$15.48=\$176.90
vii. WB Mason	\$134.36
viii. Verizon	\$252.97
ix. National Grid	\$1657.69
x. C2 MA Adams II, LLC	\$686.96+\$932.57=\$1,619.53
xi. Marlin Leasing Corp	\$1,107.23
xii. Karen Dusty	\$53.78
xiii. Warren Water District	\$29,718.75
xiv. Renaissance Alliance Insurance Services, LLC	\$894.52
xv. Comcast Business	\$20.30

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11. Minutes: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept the minutes for January 5, 12, and 26th.
2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed unanimously.

12. Town Administrator Report:

- a. Request For Proposal for the EDA: the RFP for the police feasibility will be available next week.
- b. Meet with Gerry to go over the building condition, and his new cruiser is in.
- c. In the process of finalizing the budgets.
- d. Staff meeting on Tuesday, to go over cyber security, accident reporting, personnel by-law awareness, and thanking everyone for being so welcoming for my first year here.

13. New Business: The state approved Liquor license for the Country Corner Citgo Inc. and signed by the Board.

Old Business: None

14. Correspondence: Letter from the school District for residents to go in and read books in assigned classrooms on April 6, 2023.

15. Correspondence: Easter Hunt April 1, 2023

16. Correspondence: Lifeguard

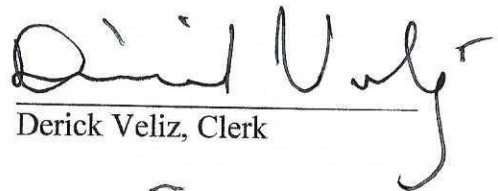
17. Comments and Concerns:

Mr. Kondrat stated that the veteran's sign outside of the library needs some work done.
Mr. Dufresne stated that we are giving a room upstairs to the Veteran's council to do the work on the sign along with storing items that they need.

18. Next meeting March 16, 2023, 6 PM

Adjourn: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn 2nd Mr. Veliz AIF passed unanimously, adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant


Derick Veliz, Clerk

To: Board of Selectmen & Finance Committee

From: Jeremy Olson

Date: 3/2/2023

Re: Snow and Ice deficit spending

I would like to inform all members that after the last snowstorm on February 27th & 28th our snow and ice budget will have been exhausted. Any snow and ice events for the remainder of the FY23, will be deficit spending in our snow and ice account.

Emergency management Monthly reports

January and February 2023

January 8 test of the warning sirens test normal

January 24 Cert training review unit 12 hours from 6 to 8 PM five members attended

January 29 set up and organized shelving units in green storage unit at the back of Shepard building two members assisted in that.

February 3 and 4 extreme cold blast low temperatures on the morning of the fourth we're in the -15 to 17 range. Windchill is range from -40 to -50. A warming center was opened at the Warren senior center from 8 AM to 4 PM on the fourth Cert members staffed the warming center. We had two members two hours each shifts though no residents from the public needed the service there was one street that had no power most of the day due to tree on the wires which was a Dunham Road public safety officials checked on them to make sure they were all set.

February 5 test of the Warren sirens test normal

February 9 Mva vs pedestrian on South Street, which the road had to be closed for about two hours after the accident for investigation. signs and cones were used.

February 11 parking signs and cones were used at Quaboag for their craft fair

February 21 Monthly Cert training went over

unit two 4 members attended

February 24 windy conditions town wide causing tree on wires in Brookfield Road a pine tree branch on wires on lower South. Bridge Rd. cones and signs were used Brookfield Road had to be closed till the power crew could get the tree off the wires this took about four hours.

February 26 three members helped out at Quaboag regional high school where they had a cheerleader competition we assisted with parking and bus parking.

Grants up date:

contact can back form the 2022 Empg so we can make Purchases of the hand tools for the west warren dam project.

The 2 trailers form the CCP grant should ready in new few weeks.



Quaboag Regional School District ~ Warren and West Brookfield
Decisions are made in the best interest of our students



Kevin Slattery
Principal

Brian Guimond
Dean of Students

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West Warren, MA 01092-0446
Tel. 413-436-5983 Fax 413-436-9743

Yumei Yao
Director Student Services

Maureen Binienda
Interim Superintendent

March 6, 2023

Dear Valued Community Member,

On behalf of Warren Community Elementary School, I am pleased to invite you to participate in our annual Community Reading Day. This event will be held on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 9:00-10:30 at Warren Community Elementary School. We are excited to open our school to you for this annual event. Our students enjoy having guests come into our school and classrooms. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to get to know you and the role you have within our community.

This exciting event will begin at 9:00 a.m. with a welcoming reception, coffee, tea, and treats in our school's library. At 9:30 a.m. readers will be escorted to their assigned classroom by our students. We are inviting you to read to a class of students, and share how reading is important in your life. Some of the students may have questions about the story you have read or about the work you do in our community.

We are happy to choose a book for you to read to the students. If you would like to preview the story ahead of time, please call the school or email me and I will be sure to have your book available for you to pick up in advance. My email is lbeaudry@quaboagrsd.org.

Our students and staff hope that you will be able to join us. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to experience the joy of reading with members of our community. Please **RSVP** no later than **March 28, 2023** by emailing me, Linda Beaudry, at lbeaudry@quaboagrsd.org or calling the school at 413-436-5983. I look forward to having you join other community members in our annual Community Reading Day event.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, April 6, 2023!
Sincerely,

Linda Beaudry
lbeaudry@quaboagrsd.org
(413) 436-5983



February 23, 2023

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

Re: Channel Lineup Changes

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. As part of that commitment, we want to inform you of the changes to the Xfinity channel lineup in your community.

On March 28, 2023, News Nation and News Nation HD will move from the Entertainment tier to the Sports & News tier. News Nation HD will also move from Channel 1420 to Channel 1116.

Also on March 28, 2023, GrioTV HD will move from the Sports & News tier to the Entertainment tier and will also move from Channel 1116 to Channel 1636. An X1 TV Box or compatible customer owned device is required. The HD Technology Fee is required to receive HD channels.

Customers are being notified of all programming changes by means of bill statement messages.

Please feel free to contact me at 413-730-4513 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eileen Leahy
Sr. Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs



March 3, 2023

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

Re: Price Change

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

We are committed to keeping you and our customers informed about changes to Xfinity TV services. As part of that commitment, we want to inform you of a price change in your community.

Due to recent increases in HBO and HBO Max programming costs, the monthly subscription for HBO and HBO Max will increase from \$14.99 to \$15.99 per month, effective April 2, 2023. Customers are being notified of this change by means of a bill statement message.

Please feel free to contact me at 413-205-8403 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Eileen Leahy
Sr. Manager, Government & Regulatory Affairs



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DATE: 3/9/2023

Attendee: Joseph A. Kunderdt Jr.

Attendee: G. Millette

Attendee: Jay Am

Attendee: Madeline Webster

Attendee: Jake Oliveira

Attendee: Jim McKeon

Attendee: Jennifer Pickering

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