

Select Board Meeting

April 27, 2023

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

Call Meeting to order. 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

• **Discussion by members of the Veterans Council on upcoming events and an update on the Wreaths Across America project.**

- May 28 Memorial Day Parade starting at St. Paul's cemetery ending in West Warren. Lunch at the Senior Center.
- June 14 Flag retirement day on the common
- June 30 activity with Parks and Rec more information to come.
- Aug 5 Purple Heart Chicken BBQ at St. Stanislaus in West Warren

There will be more information coming. Wreaths Across America are on sale again this year. Contact the Veterans Council for information.

1. Discussion and possible vote on the Pole Hearing for a new pole on Cronin Road.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to give National Grid permission to install 1 SO Pole on Cronin Rd beginning at a point approximately 2137 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Bragg Rd. Install SO Pole #35, and 1 JO Pole on Cronin Rd beginning at a point approximately 1733 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Bragg Rd. guy, and anchor. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF passed unanimously.

2. Presentation by Whip City Fiber for possibly providing high speed internet service to Town residents.

Mr. Andrew Short from Whip City Fiber passed out information about the company. Whip City Fiber is in Westfield, MA, it is their goal to help outlying towns and communities have better internet for less money. Mr. Short stated that the next step would be for the Board to go to their office and at that point they can give them a better idea of the cost. It was decided by the Board that late May or early June would be a suitable time to get back together.

3. Discussion and possible vote on Petty Cash for the Town Clerk Office.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to allow the Town Clerk Office to have petty cash in the amount of \$50.00. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed unanimously.

4. Discussion and possible vote on Petty Cash for the Selectmen Office.

Mr. Eichacker made a motion to allow the Selectmen Office to have petty cash in the amount of \$100.00. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF passed unanimously.

5. Discussion and possible vote to reestablish a petty cash account for the office of Building and Planning.

Mr. Eichacker asked why this motion was different then that others. Mr. Ferrera stated that the Building and Planning was one of the departments that already had a petty cash, and this is just to reconcile it. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to reestablish a petty cash account for the Building and Planning Office. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed unanimously.

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6. **Review and possible vote to approve a draft of an RFP for a feasibility study of constructing a new public safety/municipal complex.** After the Board reviewed the RFP, they wanted to have Mr. Ferrera make changes. TABLED until next week's meeting.

7. Warrants & Bills:

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

i. #94	Payroll	\$52,551.05
ii. #95	Vendor	\$28,816.49
iii. #96	Payroll	\$54,427.17
iv. #97	Vendor	\$924,355.68

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

i. James Dusty Constable	\$40.00
ii. WB Mason	$\$93.96 + \$7.68 + \$19.46 + 159.98 + 579.92 + 110.94 = \971.94
iii. Associated Building Wreckers	\$625.00
iv. Warren Water District	\$166.92
v. Kellco	\$57.40
vi. Karen Dusty Postage	\$50.13
vii. EZ True Value	$\$13.99 + 26.99 + 17.99 = \58.97
viii. Verizon	\$17.48
ix. PEAC Connect (My Marlin)	\$1,273.31
x. Select Print Solutions	\$2,499.00
xi. MIIA	\$367.00
xii. Minuteman Trucks, LLC	\$500.00
xiii. Comcast	\$20.30

- **Minutes:** None

• Town Administrator Report:

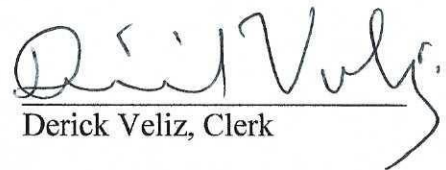
- Mr. Ferrera stated that he is hoping to get the RFP for the feasibility study for the safety complex out next week.
- Regarding the Feasibility study for the EDA grant, no one submitted a bid, but there were companies that stated interest in doing it so he will reach out to speak with them.
- The animal control officer is looking for a place to be able to take cats when they are in her custody. We have a place for dogs. Once we have a memorandum of understanding with Here Today Gone Tomorrow, I will bring it to the Select Board.
- Next week we will finalize the Employee Performance Evaluations and implement them in June.
- The Chief of Police would like to hire two part-time officers and he will bring them before the Board next week.
- Still working with NEIT to get the firewall for the Highway and Fire Departments

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- Received delivery of the Refrigerator and other items in the Break Room from the Health and Wellness grant, through MIIA.
 - Mr. Dufresne asked about the radio system. Chief Millette stated that we are just waiting for one more tower.
 - Mr. Dufresne stated the light on the side of the building does not shine on the flag, so we need to adjust that or put on a new light.
8. **New Business:** Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Plan Mr. Dufresne stated that the report should be on the website and sent out to all the department heads.
- **Old Business:**
 - **Correspondence:**
 - **Comments and Concerns:** Mr. Kondrat stated that since the railroad bridge is on Route 19 that maybe the state could give us the paint.
 - **Next meeting May 4, 2023, 6PM regular meeting**
 - **Adjourn** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Mr. Veliz AIF Passed adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Karen Dusty, Administrator Assistant


Derick Veliz, Clerk



March 28, 2023

Town of Warren

Karen Dusty:

Enclosed please find a petition of NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON, covering joint NATIONAL GRID-VERIZON pole location(s)

If you have any questions regarding this permit please contact:

Please notify National Grid's Vincent LoGuidice of the hearing date / time.

If this petition meets with your approval, please return an executed copy to each of the above named Companies.

National Grid Contact: Vincent LoGuidice; 1101 Turnpike Street; North Andover, MA 01845. Phone 978-725-1392.

Very truly yours,

Jim Kehrer
Supervisor, Distribution Design

Enclosures

Questions contact – Jill Wilson 413-267-6019

PETITION FOR JOINT OR IDENTICAL POLE LOCATIONS

North Andover, Massachusetts

To the Board of Selectmen
Of Warren, Massachusetts

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way:

Cronin Rd - National Grid to install 1 JO Pole on Cronin Rd beginning at a point approximately 1733 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Bragg Rd. Install JO Pole # 40.

Location approximately as shown on plan attached

Wherefore it prays that after due notice and hearing as provided by law, it be granted a location for and permission to erect and maintain poles and wires, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary, said poles to be erected substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked – Cronin Rd - Warren - Massachusetts.

No. 30739422 March 7, 2023

Also for permission to lay and maintain underground laterals, cables, and wires in the above or intersecting public ways for the purpose of making connections with such poles and buildings as each of said petitioners may desire for distributing purposes.

Your petitioner agrees to reserve space for one cross-arm at a suitable point on each of said poles for the fire, police, telephone, and telegraph signal wires belonging to the municipality and used by it exclusively for municipal purposes.

Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a

NATIONAL GRID *Jim Kehrer*

BY _____
Engineering Department

VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC.

BY *Albert C. Bessette* _____
Manager / Right of Way

Questions contact – Jill Wilson 413-267-6019

PETITION FOR POLE AND WIRE LOCATIONS

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Location approximately as shown on plan attached

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Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a

NATIONAL GRID *Jim Kehrer*

BY _____

Engineering Department

YOUR BUSINESS + GIGABIT INTERNET

Westfield Gas + Electric has years of experience supporting your business. Let us connect you to fast and reliable gigabit internet too with Whip City Fiber. Our fiber network will help your business stay competitive today and provide flexibility for the future as you grow.



GIGABIT SPEED

Symmetrical speeds for a connection that allows your team to work more efficiently.



LOCAL SERVICE

Help is always just a call away. Our local team is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



WHIP CITY FIBER

YOUR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND PARTNER



We have the connections, experience, and expertise to make your project a success.

LOCAL

Our customer service staff, technicians, managers, and equipment are based in Westfield. We are dedicated to and passionate about the work we do.

EXPERIENCED

In six years we have brought a future-proof fiber network to more than 75% of Westfield while supporting 23 other municipalities in bringing their own local services to life.

EXPERTS

Our team can help you with the process from beginning to end. We provide insights, processes, and tools which have been proven successful. We offer services for:

- Design and engineering
- Make ready and pole administration
- Procurement of construction and materials
- Project management
- Website and marketing
- Customer fulfillment and relationship management
- Billing and collections
- Network operator/Internet service provider
- Emergency response/storms and accident management

GIGABIT INTERNET IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE IN THESE PARTNER COMMUNITIES:

Alford
Ashfield
Becket
Blandford
Charlemont
Chesterfield
Colrain
Cummington
Goshen
Heath
Leyden
New Ashford
New Salem
Otis
Plainfield
Rowe
Washington
Westfield
Wendell
Windsor

INTERESTED? LET'S TALK! BUSINESS@WGELD.ORG



GIGABIT INTERNET POWERED BY WESTFIELD GAS + ELECTRIC
WHIPCITYFIBER.COM

WHIP CITY FIBER

YOUR MUNICIPAL BROADBAND PARTNER

PROUDLY SERVING 23 COMMUNITIES



Whip City Fiber has helped 23 communities design and build locally owned fiber networks that provide gigabit speeds to the homes and businesses in their towns. **We are proud to provide the connections, experience, and expertise to help them succeed.**

SMART SAVINGS

We have helped to keep our partners projects on time and on budget. From make-ready work through design, installation, and finally lighting up your customers, we will help you make decisions that will protect your community's investment.

OUR CONNECTIONS SUPPORT YOUR PROJECT



Your customers benefit from our strong relationships with:

- Adjoining utilities and state agencies
- Equipment and supply vendors
- Emergency response contract crews

SUPPORT AND EXPERTISE

We offer a turnkey solution for your customers and network.



- Custom Website
- Online Application
- Marketing
- Customer Onboarding
- Billing + Collections
- Customer Service
- Tech Support
- Fiber Technicians
- Network Operations
- Emergency Response



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WHIPCITYFIBER.COM



Board of Selectmen Meeting

Date: 4/27/23

Attendee: Joseph Kondest Jr.

Attendee: Rebecca Gurnea

Attendee: [Signature]

Attendee: Ben Saltys

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