

Select Board Meeting

May 25, 2023

In attendance: David Dufresne, Chair; Rich Eichacker, Vice-Chair, Karen Dusty,
Administrative Assistant

Call Meeting to order 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance

1. **In accordance with MGL c 140, §157, the Board of Selectmen has scheduled a hearing in response to written and verbal complaints received by this office relative to incidents involving a dog residing at 250 Reed Street:** Mr. Dufresne swore everyone in. After listening to the testimonies of everyone at the meeting Mr. Dufresne stated that no one at the meeting had seen the incident, that everything was 3rd hand and therefore there were no grounds for the dangerous dog hearing. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to close the dog hearing due to this charge was unfounded 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF passed.

Called the 2nd meeting to order: 7:00pm

- **School Budget meeting:** No one from the School Committee showed up. Mr. Dufresne stated that we are trying to work out a budget before July 1st so that the Regional School District does not need to lay off teachers. Mr. Eichacker said that we invited them to our meetings to accommodate getting enough meetings in before they must send out letters of layoffs. Mr. Kopacko stated if any other department in town would ask for this much money after they were to level fund, they would not get the money. They will also come to FinCom and the Board of Selectmen to talk about it. They may not like what the Select Board might say, but in the end, they would make the budget work. We have scheduled five meetings, but they have not come to any of them yet. We have even looked at a Special Town Meeting date to get this worked out before July 1st. We have reserved ½ of the time of our meeting for them to come and speak with us. Still nothing.
 - **Discussion with the Veterans Council about the Veteran memorabilia that is being stored at the West Brookfield American Legion.** No one from the Veterans Council came to speak about the Veteran's memorabilia asking for them to return it to the Town. The Veteran's Council is looking to display the memorabilia in town. Since the Select Board gave it to West Brookfield, we need to ask for it back.
2. **Discussion and possible vote on reappointing Katie Mellen and Albert Dimo for three (3) more years on the Council on Aging.** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to reappoint Katie Mellen and Albert Dimo to the Council on Aging for a three (3) year term. 2nd by Mr. Dufresne. AIF passed unanimously.
 3. **Police Monthly report:** Please see attached report.
 4. **Discussion and possible vote for Petty cash for Board of Health** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to approve Petty cash for the Board of Health in the amount of \$50.00. 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF passed unanimously.

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5. **Discussion and possible vote on accepting the gift of a Terex Light trailer:** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept the gift of a Terex Light trailer. 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF passed unanimously.
6. **Discussion and vote on the one stop application with a \$10,000.00 town match.** Mr. Ferrera has reached out to Mr. Eichacker to have this tabled and put it on next week's agenda.
7. **Warrants & Bills:**
 - a. Warrants: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay for the warrants, 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF Passed unanimously.

i. #105	Payroll	\$ 51,299.57
ii. #106	Vendor	\$103,269.98
 - b. Bills Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay the bills, 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF passed unanimously.

i. KP Law	\$2,079.97+\$504.00 = \$	2,583.97
ii. Comcast	\$	20.30
8. **Minutes:** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to approve minutes for May 9, 2023, 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF passed unanimously
- **New Business: NONE**
- **Old Business:** Chief Millette stated that the radio towers will be up and running in a week-and-a-half. On the 27th, all towers should be in service.
9. **Correspondence:** Letter from Jeff Trip, a police matter
10. **Correspondence:** Bench by flagpole: Mr. Shepard would like to put a bench out by the flagpole at the Shepard Building in memory of his grandparents. Both Mr. Dufresne and Mr. Eichacker thought this would be a delightful place for people to come and sit.
11. **Comments and Concerns:** Mr. Kondrat reminded everyone of the Memorial Parade on Sunday. Starting at 1:00pm
12. **Comments and Concerns:** Chief Lavoie stated that Lowes Store had donated 50 signposts for the house numbers. The Fire Department will put the word out for anyone that needs one on the outside of their home.
13. **Next meeting June 1, 2023, 6PM**

Adjourn: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting 2nd by Mr. Dufresne AIF Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant


Rich Eichacker, Vice-Chair

Monthly Report April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023

In the month of April 2023, the Warren Police Department responded to a total of 1818 calls for service with 24 ending in arrests. The following is a breakdown of statistics.

Calls Logged	1818
Felonies Investigated	9
Incident reports	92
On View Arrests	3
Warrant Arrests	1
Summons Arrests	20
Total Arrests	24
Protective Custodies	0
Juvenile Arrests	0
Motor Vehicle Stops	342
Motor Vehicle Citations	131

In April 2023, the Police Department had 6 total vehicles on the roster. They consist of 5 Ford Police Interceptor SUV's and 1 Humvee. Mileage on each is as follows.

KM62	2,256
CT62	2,001
D785	51,432
5068	22,888
C564	99,520
Humvee	8,331

On the third of the month, I met with State Police Lieutenant Scott Shea. Lt. Shea is the new commander of C3 in Brookfield. I have known Lt. Shea for many years as he was a patrol trooper at C3. Congratulations to Lt. Shea on his promotion and new assignment, I look forward to working with him.

On the 4th, I attended my monthly Homeland Security meeting. At this meeting we discussed the closing FY23 budget as well as the upcoming FY24 budget.

On the 6th, I had the pleasure of being a part of the Warren Elementary Schools community reading day. I was selected to read a book to a 6th grade classroom. The book that was selected was "House Arrest". I was able to read a few chapters to the class, they will continue reading it for a class assignment.

On the 10th, I conducted lockdown drills at Quaboag Middle High School, Warren Elementary and West Brookfield Elementary. These drills went very well with Quaboag completing a hands-on drill. I would like to thank the members of my department that assisted as well as members from Warren Fire, West Brookfield PD, Sturbridge PD and the State Police C3 barracks.

On the 14th, Jim Ferrera, Jeremy Olsen and I met with the engineer and the contractor that will be completing the CBDG improvements to School Street and Prospect Street. Construction is slated to state in mid-summer.

Training this month, I attended a class on gun dealer inspections as well as a class put on by the DA's Office on child abuse prevention. Officer Soojian completed instructor training on stop the bleed and can now teach classes for us.

Stay Safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chief Gerald Millette", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chief Gerald Millette



Warren Selectmen

From: JEFFREY Tripp <JMT69@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2023 1:38 PM
To: Warren Selectmen; Town Administrator
Subject: Main St bike lane parking/ fence 793 main st
Attachments: 20230525_063559.jpg; 20230525_063521.jpg; 20230525_063519.jpg

There is a picture attached of this vehicle and motorcycle parking on main street in front of 804 main street. They use the street in bike lane for their personal parking. They have off st parking but, won't use it unless during winter parking ban. So, for several months don't park there. Now ban is over and park there regularly. It is dangerous because many vehicles swing out over double yellow lines to avoid being too close if someone opens a door to parked vehicle. Furthermore, not allowed to park in bike lane. They are the only one's parking there all the time like it is their parking spot.

At 793 the illegal fence is still there. Nothing has been done. Last summer huge excavation replacing existing pool. Fence is rotted falling down. Is not completely enclosed. Using pallets as makeshift fence. Please have this remedied.

Thank you
Jeff Tripp

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Board of Selectmen Meeting

Date: 5/25/23

Attendee:

Joseph Kandrak Jr

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Tamara Dufresne

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Karen Rucci

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Dan Thibodeau

Attendee:

Attendee:

Adam Lasee

Attendee:

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Jim McKern

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