

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MINUTES OF JULY 30, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Mr. Dario F. Nardi; Chairman, Mr. John Nason, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc Richard

**ATTENDEES:** See Attached List

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**Opened the Meeting at 7:00 PM**

Chairman Nardi opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nardi advised all that this evening's meeting is being both video and audio recorded.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 15, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – 2 Yes, 1 Abstention – Mr. Nardi.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. As a reminder, the Veterans Council will be hosting its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Purple Heart Breakfast on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM at the Senior Center. The town will take this opportunity to acknowledge our Purple Heart Recipients. Veterans and their family are welcome to attend. More information can be obtained by contact the Selectmen's Office. – **Noted**
2. Park & Recreation will be holding a Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM to 4 PM. More information on this event is also available on the town's website at [www.warren-ma.gov](http://www.warren-ma.gov) - **Noted**

**DISCUSSION ON POLICE CHIEF POSITION**

Mr. Nardi requested this item be on this evening's agenda. In June, the Board of Selectmen appointed Sgt. Millette to the position of Interim Chief of Police. Residents were asked at that time to submit letters of interest to serve on a Police Chief Search Committee. There has been some letters of interest submitted, however not the number or diversity that the Board had hoped. In addition, the Board has received excellent reviews and feedback from the public regarding his work under Chief Millette's guidance. The NEBPA, Local 195 (Patrolman) also fully support Chief Millette. Mr. Richard agrees and has heard nothing but positive since the change. Mr. Nason stated that he has not heard of anything negative thus far. With that said, Mr. Nardi recommended to extend Chief Millette's appointment to June 30, 2020 in order to assess his skills in the position. With the current hiring policy in place, should the Board like to move forward with Chief Millette, there is no need to advertise. Should the Board wish to move forward with a search committee, one will be in place in the late winter, early spring. Mr. Nason requested that interested residents be able to submit letters of interest up until September 30<sup>th</sup>. All were in agreement. Ms. Banville questioned how many letters were received thus far, which to date are nine in total.

Chief Millette was present this evening and thanked the Board for their support and was grateful for the opportunity. He also thanked his officers, co-workers and the residents. With no further discussion, the following motion was made: Motion to amend and extend the appointment of Interim Police Chief to June 30, 2020 made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Richard – unanimous.

**APPOINTMENTS**

Motion to appoint Barbara Keith, Margaret Bernard and Joyce Stuart to the Council on Aging based on a recommendation from the COA made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Motion to appoint Albert Theberge as Alternate Custodian made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nardi – unanimous.

Mrs. Soltys submitted her name for the COA and thought that they would have contacted those who were not chosen. Mr. Nardi stated that he would contact the Director.

### **WARRANTS & INVOICES**

Motion to approve and sign the Warrants & Invoices as presented this evening (Attached) made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

### **CMRPC – HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN**

This is the final portion of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan that needs to be complete prior to submission. Peter Peloquin from CMRPC was on hand this evening to request that the Board of Selectmen vote to adopt the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. With no objections, the following motion was made: Motion to adopt and sign the Certificate of Adoption for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan as submitted made by Mr. Nardi; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board thanked the FOTTH for their Annual Duck Race which was held and was an enjoyable time for all. The Board also wanted to thank the Park & Rec Department for holding their summer concert series as well as the summer programs for the kids including free tennis lessons. Mr. Nardi stated that the negotiations with the Local 195 are going extremely well.

Mrs. Acerra spoke briefly about the Tribute to Fallen Soldiers Memorial torch Motorcycle Ride that she attended. This is the 10<sup>th</sup> year that this organization has sponsored this ride and have honored nearly 800 fallen service members post 9/11. The ride began in Eugene, Oregon on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> to begin its annual trek across the country to Washington D.C. arriving in Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup>. One stop on their journey was in West Warren to visit the family of Army PFC. Brian P. Odiorne. Brian died in the Al Anbar province of Iraq on February 20, 2017. He was an artilleryman stationed out of Fort Hood, Texas. He served as a cannon crewmember with the Army's 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 82 Field Artillery Regiment, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division. His decorations included the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and Army Service Medal. Defense Department officials posthumously awarded him the Inherent Resolve Campaign Medal and Overseas Service Ribbon.

Mrs. Acerra was honored to attend and expressed her utmost thanks to Officer Rene Cote, to whom was instrumental in organizing and coordinating the escort from Palmer into town. She also expressed her thanks to Officers Jolin and Sinni and to Asst. Fire Chief Ken Beauregard, Lt. Dennis Desrosiers and to Firefighters Jake Thompson and Kyle Sledziewski who proudly represented the Town of Warren. Members of the CERT Team were also on hand to aid with traffic.

Mr. Nardi thanked fellow Board member, Mr. Richard for finalizing the paving of the 980 Main Street parking lot and stated that interviews will be forthcoming on the custodial position. Mr. Nardi further stated that in light of the mass resignation of all of the Capital Planning Members, he has extended the time frame for submissions to December 31<sup>st</sup>. At the ATM, the former members of Capital Planning voted to expend all the funds in the account, leaving no cushion.

### **COMMENTS & CONCERNS**

Mr. Kordek asked about the status of the cell tower. The office will once again reach out to the developer.

Next Meeting Date: August 27, 2019 at 7 PM.

Motion to Adjourn made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra  
Administrative Secretary

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Marc W. Richard, Clerk

