

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2019**

PRESENT: Mr. John Nason, Vice-Chairman and Mr. Marc Richard

ABSENT: Mr. Dario F. Nardi

ATTENDEES: See Attached List

Opened the Meeting at 6:00 PM

Vice-Chairman Nason chaired the meeting this evening in Mr. Nardi's absence and opened the meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Nason advised all that this evening's meeting is being both video and audio recorded as did Michael Baril.

MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2019 as written made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. The office received a letter from residents of Brookfield Road citing their concerns over a proposed solar project. The office also received several emails from residents echoing their concerns with regard to solar. - **Noted**
2. The office also received correspondence from residents of Town Farm Road regarding the persistent noise from the Palmer Racetrack. The residents are urging town officials to take action. - **Noted. The office did contact the Town of Palmer and the matter is currently in litigation. Mr. Richard further reminded all that the tract is not located in our town so this Board's authority is limited.**
3. The office received the monthly report of CERT/EM for the months ending May & June 2019 and the Police and Fire Chief's reports for month ending June 2019. - **Noted and thank you.**
4. Park & Recreation's Concerts in the Park series continues on Friday evening at Dean Park. All concerts begin at 6 PM. In addition, a free tennis program will be offered to residents on Mondays and Wednesday's beginning on July 15th and will run through August 14th. More information on both events is available on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. - **Noted**
5. Park & Recreation will be holding a Town Wide Tag Sale on Saturday, September 7th from 8 AM to 4 PM. More information on this event is also available on the town's website at www.warren-ma.gov. - **Noted**
6. The Veterans Council will be hosting its 4th Annual Purple Heart Breakfast on Sunday, August 4th 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**

OLD BUSINESS

- A. **980 Main Street** - Mr. Richard stated that after a long drawn out back and forth, it appears that the 980 Main Street Municipal Parking Lot may be completed shortly. He wanted to thank Palmer Paving for their generosity for as well as Lowe's Home Improvement and our Highway Department.
- B. **Dumpster** – The office will arrange for a dumpster to be dropped for August 12th & 13th. Monday and Tuesday will be the best days in order to not disrupt business at Mason's.
- C. **Scrap Items** – The Board voted to allow for the Sewer Department to dispose of the F250 Truck (Munici-bid) and for the bicycles in the basement at the Town Hall to be donated to Lamoureux Greenhouses in Brookfield. Mr. Nason will check to see if there are any bikes worth saving prior to the donation.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE VOTE ON POLICE CHIEF POSITION – TABLED (Matter will be taken up at next regular meeting tentatively scheduled for July 30, 2019.)

FARM EXCISE TAX (EXEMPTION)

The Board of Assessors have requested that the Board of Selectmen vote to place an Article on the anticipated STM Warrant in the fall to address the Farm Excise or personal property tax. With no objection, a motion was made to place an Article on an upcoming STM Warrant to address this issue as requested by the Assessor's Office made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

PLANNING BOARD – APPOINTMENT

Motion to appoint David P. Dufresne to the Planning Board as recommended by the Planning Board made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

YEAR END TRANSFERS

Motion to approve the Year End Transfer requests for the Tax Collector and Treasurer in the amounts of \$306.46 and \$65.00 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason (Both transfers have already been approved by Finance)

Motion to approve the Year End Transfer request for the Police Department in the amount of \$200.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous. (Finance was present this evening and voted in favor – Rule of Necessity).

And finally, a Year End Transfer request from the Board of Assessors was disapproved by both the Finance Committee and Selectmen. This matter was discussed prior to the purchase and was advised that it would not be supported then and is still not supported now. The Assessors' Office will be advised of tonight's vote.

WARRANTS & INVOICES

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No's 106 & 107 dated June 24, 2019 in the amounts of \$40,064.51 and \$67,194.92 respectively made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 108 dated June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$56,945.62 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 1 dated July 1, 2019 in the amount of \$367,357.00 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign Warrant No. 2 dated July 8, 2019 in the amount of \$44,169.35 made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

Motion to approve and sign FY 18 Invoice No. 3 in the amount of \$6,481.06 and FY 17 Invoice 16 in the amount of \$748.19 to PVPC made by Mr. Richard; second: Mr. Nason – unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

National Grid will be contacted regarding brush growing out of the electrical box which is an ongoing matter every year.

COMMENTS & CONCERNS

Mr. Soltys asked if the vehicles at the Highway Barn would be able to be scrapped. Chief Millette will look into the matter. Also, Mr. Baril confirmed that the Board of Selectmen do not have any issues with him videoing or audio recording the meetings. Both members stated no providing that he declares that at the beginning of the meeting. He would also like to be able to be put on an upcoming agenda to present evidence of campaign sign tampering by a town employee. Mr. Nason advised him to contact the office to be placed on the agenda.

Motion to Recess to attend the Planning Board meeting at 7:15 PM and to enter into Executive Session under G.L. c.30A, Section 21(a) (3) to discuss litigation strategy relating to litigation known as Syncarpha Capital, LLC et al v. Ramsey et al., Land Court Case No. 19 PS 000219, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board, not to return to open session made by Mr. Nason; second: Mr. Richard - unanimous at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Acerra
Administrative Secretary

Marc W. Richard, Clerk

