

Selectmen Meeting
October 19, 2023

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

Open Meeting: 6:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance:

1. **Discussion on relocating the polling place from West Warren Senior Center to the Shepard Building.** Ms. Stockley requested that this be tabled until the 10/26/23 meeting.
2. **Discussion on accepting the hours for Leona Wrobel for the Senior Tax Work-off Abatement. (Anticipated vote)** Tabled until the 10/26/23 meeting.
3. **Review the articles for the Special Town Meeting. (Anticipated vote)** Mr. Dufresne read each article and asked if each selectman was good with it. The articles that are tabled are: articles 10, 13, 19, 22, 24, and 32.
4. **Discussion of a draft of a proposed policy regarding Town employees attending Special and Annual Town Meetings. (Anticipated Vote)** Mr. Eichacker read the letter. Mr. Eichacker made a motion to accept the policy titled Town employees attending Special and Annual Town meetings Policy.
5. **Review and discussion of a draft of a proposed policy regarding the raising of flags on Town property. (Anticipated Vote)** Tabled until next meeting.
6. **Fire Department monthly report:** Chief Lavoie read the report that is attached.
7. **Emergency Management report:** Mr. McKeon read the report that is attached.
8. **Review of a request from the Highway Department to use American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to purchase a Skid-mount truck loader for \$4,080.00. (Anticipated Vote)** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to allocate \$4,080.00 from the American Rescue Plan to the Highway Dept. to purchase a skid-mount truck loader, 2nd by Mr. Veliz, all in favor, passed unanimously.
9. **Discussion of eliminating the performance bond requirement for the Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan Request for Proposals for professional planning services. (Anticipated Vote)** Mr. Eichacker made a motion to eliminate the performance bond requirement for the Wright's Mill Master Recovery Plan Request for Proposal, 2nd by Mr. Veliz, all in favor, passed unanimously.
10. **Warrants & Bills:**
 - a. Warrants NONE
 - b. Bills Mr. Eichacker made a motion to pay the following bills, Mr. Veliz 2nd, all in favor, passed unanimously.
 - i. Massachusetts Municipal Human recourses \$ 255.00
 - ii. Modern Pest Services \$ 1,884.00
 - iii. 360 Building and Remodeling \$ 2,000.00

11. Minutes: None

12. Town Administrator Report:

- a. At this past Saturday's Open Meeting Law Training, we had 11 people attending. What was covered was how to make an agenda, taking minutes, and open meeting law. Next step is to offer training for employees in town.
- b. Mr. Ferrera had asked Chief Lavoie to go around and check for fire hazards. Chief Lavoie had identified areas and sent his report out to the different departments and asked them to act on those items.

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- c. We have a contractor out at the Senior Center, and work is progressing very nicely. He should be done by the deadline.
- d. Mr. Dufresne and I looked at the back of this building, where there was moss on the driveway (making it very slippery), walls, walkways and roof. I have asked a contractor to pressure wash all areas.
- e. The contractor will start the concrete work on the Wastewater Treatment Plant steps this coming week.
- f. FinCom and Mr. Ferrera met this last week. If you take all of the money in the articles that were discussed tonight, we still have \$490,000.00 for any emergencies.

13. New Business: None

14. Old Business: None

15. Correspondence: Letter from Mr. Platkin asking for more time to complete the removal of the asphalt and put back the soil along the levy at Wright's Mills.

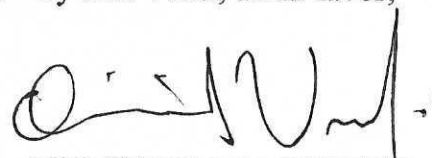
16. Comments and Concerns:

- a. Mr. Veliz stated that he was driving on Maple Street under the overpass, and a person was trying to cross the street. It is very dark right there, maybe we could put up some lighting so people can be seen crossing the road.
- b. Mr. Kondrat: I saw a pick-up truck loading railroad ties by Fire Station B. The railroad ties are not our property.
- c. Mr. McKeon was putting up a street sign near the Town sign on Maple and noticed that the Warren sign needed to be fixed.
- d. Mr. Olson purchased a bucket truck. 28', he got it at a very good price from another Town.
- e. Chief Lavoie stated that brush truck is done and should be in this week. It was paid off with a grant.
- f. Mr. Olson stated that the Town has received over \$550,000.00 in Chapter 90 funds.
- g. Ms. Challifoux-Miller stated that instead of getting a car maybe get a magnate that says Town of Warren to put on the side of the car that is going out.

17. Next meeting is October 26, 2023, 10:00am Tour of the Levee & a regular meeting at 6:00pm

18. Adjourn: Mr. Eichacker made a motion to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Veliz, all in favor, passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by
Karen Dusty, Administrative Assistant



Derick Veliz, Clerk

FIRE CHIEF REPORT
September 2023

FIRE CALLS:

The Fire Department responded to 34 calls in September of 2023.

Motor Vehicle Accident.....	8
Medical Assist.....	7
Structure Fires.....	1
Activated Alarms.....	8
Carbon Monoxide.....	1
Investigations.....	1
Power Line Incident.....	2
Illegal Burns.....	1
Cancelled.....	2
Mutual Aid.....	1
Service Call.....	2

AMBULANCE:

Warren EMS responded to 61 calls in September of 2023, and 14 ALS intercepts were required.

INSPECTIONS:

The following inspections took place in September of 2023:

- 4 Smoke/CO
- 4 Liquid Propane Tank Inspections
- 3 Oil Burner Inspections

ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS:

In September, Warren Firefighters conducted a walk through of the Wright's Complex. They reviewed the layout as well as the sprinkler system in the complex. Warren EMS trained on safe stretcher operations and pediatric restraint equipment and procedures.

BUDGET:

I have requested an article be considered to add monies to the Advanced Life Support line item for the Special Town Meeting in November due to a potential shortage. This will be discussed with the Finance Committee in the near future.

Respectfully,
Adam Lavoie
Fire Chief



BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

CHARLES E. SHEPARD MUNICIPAL BUILDING

DATE: 10/19/23

Attendee: Joseph Kundra Jr.

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Jerry Asmus

Attendee: _____

Attendee: Ray Kopacko

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Attendee: Jim McKen

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