

Town of Warren

Minutes for June 21, 2022

The Town of Warren Meeting at the Masonic Hall June 21, 2022 was opened by Corinne Michaud at 7:00p.m.

Article 1: Election of Moderator - To choose a moderator by written ballot to preside at said meeting.
Mike Mayo was elected as moderator with 5 ballots cast.

Article 2: Election of Officers – To elect all necessary Town Officers as are required to be elected by secret ballot:
One [1] member of the Board of Selectmen for a three [3] year term. **Brent Pratt was elected with 288 votes term to expire 2025.**

Three [3] members of the RSU #40 Board of Directors, two [2] for three [3] year terms, one [1] for remainder of a three-year term **Julie Swindler was elected with 304 votes term to expire 2025, Randy J. Kassa was elected with 305 votes term to expire 2025, and Naomi Aho was elected with 69 write in votes term to expire 2024.**

One [1] member of the Warren Sanitary District Trustees for remainder of a three [3] year term. **Saralee E. Andrews was elected with 362 votes term to expire 2024.**

Article 3: To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year, other than those now required to be elected by ballot under the provisions of Maine law.

Nine [9] members of the Budget Committee for three [3] year terms, to expire 2025. **Mark David, Christine Wakely, Joseph Powers, & Anthony Jameson Were Nominated.**

Two (2) Fish Wardens for one (1) year terms, to expire 2022

No Nominations were made

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen pursuant to 12 MRS § 6131 to promulgate such regulations compatible with the General Laws of the State to govern the time when and the manner in which alewives shall be taken therein. *(Note: Municipal rights in existence on January 1, 1974, which are not exercised for 3 consecutive years shall lapse 12 MRS §6131.)*

Article 4 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell surplus alewives for one or more years, or take any action relative to the same.

Article 5 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to have the Town's portion of the surplus alewives transferred into the Capital Building Reserve.

Article 6 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 7: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for The Board of Selectmen for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$54,245

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 5-2 \$54,245

Article 7 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 8: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Administration for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$254,526

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$254,526

Article 8 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 9: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Clerk for The period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$54,020

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$54,020

Article 9 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 10: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Assessing for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$53,300

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$53,300

Article 10 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 11: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Code Enforcement & Planning for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$58,178

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$58,178

Article 11 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 12: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$101,313

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$101,313

Article 12 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 13: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Ambulance for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$596,358

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 5-2 \$596,358

Article 13 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 14: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Animal Control for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$12,088

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$12,088

Article 14 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 15: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Works for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 3-1 \$556,179

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 6-1 \$556,179

Article 15 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 16: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Transfer Station for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$339,490

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$338,158

Discussion: Higher amount is to be voted on first according to the Moderators handbook. Difference in amount is an increase in pay to try and get more help.

Article 16 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands in the amount of \$339,490.

Article 17: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Library for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$37,478

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$37,478

Article 17 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 18: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Recreation for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$58,851

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$58,851

Article 18 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 19: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Protection for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$271,972
 Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$271,972

Article 19 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 20: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Social Services & Contributions for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$18,342
 Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$18,342

Social Service & Contributions: Community Services 4,342
 General Assistance 10,000
 Historical Society 4,000
Total 18,342

Community Services:

New Hope for Women 1,155
 Penquis Community Action 3,187

Total 4,342

Article 20 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 21: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Facilities & Grounds for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$ 113,843
 Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$113,843

Article 22: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Capital Improvement Plan Reserves for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$ 892,500
 Budget Committee recommends: Vote 7-0 \$ 892,500

Capital Improvement	FY-23		
	MGR	BC	BOS
Office Equipment Reserve (Admin)	1,500	1,500	
Assessment Review Reserve (Admin)	20,000	20,000	
Public Works Reserve	100,000	100,000	
Ambulance Reserve	50,000	50,000	
Bridge/ Culvert Repair	100,000	100,000	
BLDG Improvements	50,000	50,000	
Generator Replacement	65,000	65,000	
Comprehensive Plan	2,000	2,000	
Dry Hydrant Reserve	2,000	2,000	
FD Equipment Reserve	75,000	75,000	
FD Digital Communication Reserve	2,000	2,000	
Ambulance Equipment Reserve	25,000	25,000	
Road Improvement/ Paving Reserve	350,000	350,000	
Town Properties Paving Reserve	30,000	30,000	
Transfer Station Reserve	20,000	20,000	
TOTAL	892,500	892,500	

Article 22 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 23:

To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Personnel for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends: Vote 4-0 \$266,072

Budget Committee recommends: Vote 6-1 \$265,970

Article 24: To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Warren Days for the period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Board of Selectmen recommends Vote 4-0 \$5,000

Budget Committee recommends Vote 7-0 \$5,000

Article 24 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands in the amount of 266,072.

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount to be raised by taxation using estimated revenues for the Municipal Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Revenue	FY 22-23
Administration Income	8,000
Ambulance Fees	120,000
Boat Excise	3,000
Building Permits	9,500
Cable Franchise	25,000
Recreation Programing Fees	5,000
Excise Tax	650,000
Property Tax Interest	30,000
Investment Interest	20,000
Transfer Station Fees	40,000
Trash Bags	87,000
Lien Costs	13,000
Concealed Weapons	100
Planning Board	1,000
Tree Growth	9,000
Animal Control	1,200
Junk Yard Permits	150
Plumbing Permits	4,500
Town Clerk Fees	4,000
DOT/LRAP	55,000
General Assistance Reimbursement	5,000
Grants	29,750
Prison Hydrant Refund	7,300
Total:	1,127,500

Article 25 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to move up to 10% of unexpended balances, from various accounts as needed to provide for the continuity of public services.

Article 26 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 27: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to expend such monies as they deemed necessary from Reserve Funds, or take any action relative to the same, so long as the funds are used for their intended purpose.

Article 27 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to fix the 15th day of November, 2022 and the 15th day of May, 2023 as the due dates when assessed taxes shall be payable and to charge 4.00% per annum interest on all unpaid taxes after that date.

Article 28 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 29: To see if the Town will authorize the use of funds from the Fund Balance to cover annual abatements, or take any action relating to the same.

Article 29 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$400,000 from Fund Balance to be used to reduce the 2023 Tax Commitment.

Article 30 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A §506, to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet due or assessed to pay 3% interest on any prepaid taxes that are abated or act thereon.

Article 31 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for same. If sale is to anyone other than the former owner, the Board of Selectmen shall follow the special sale process required by 36 M.R.S.A. §943-c for qualifying homestead property.

Article 32 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of Town-owned personal property as it deems advisable.

Discussion: Does this include Town Forest? No.

Article 33 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept the proceeds of any payment on insurance claims for damage occurring to Town equipment and to allow the expenditure of funds as necessary to replace said equipment as they deem appropriate or act thereon.

Article 34 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to accept grants, insurance refunds, reimbursements or other funds received by the Town and apply these funds to the accounts the Selectmen deem appropriate.

Article 35 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 36: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A §5655, on behalf of the Town, to accept unconditional donations of property or money to supplement a specific appropriation already made, to reduce the tax assessment, to endow a municipal education fund, or to reduce permanent debt, and to accept dry hydrant easements for Fire Department needs.

Article 36 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A §5654, on behalf of the Town, to accept conditional gifts of money or property in trust pending affirmative action by Town Meeting vote.

Article 37 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 38: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate all of the money received from the State of Maine for snowmobile registrations to the Bog Brigade Snowmobile Club for the maintenance of their network of trails, on the condition that those trails are open to the public for the purpose of snowmobiling at no charge.

Article 38 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 39: To see if the Town will vote to apply the proceeds of sales from tax acquired property to the Capital Building Fund.

Discussion: What is this used for? This is for the upkeep of Town Buildings.

Article 39 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply the proceeds of sales of Town-owned personal property to the appropriate Department's Reserve Account.

Article 40 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 41: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to \$60,000 of the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (aka American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA funds) received by the Town from the federal; government for the following project: A stipend to be given in recognition of Town Employees during the Covid Pandemic

Article 41 was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Article 42: Shall an ordinance entitled "Sign Ordinance "be enacted? (A copy of the ordinance is available from the Town Clerk)

Article was moved and seconded. It was passed as written, by a show of hands.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41p.m.

29 Residents & 4 non-residents attended the Warren Town Meeting on June 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary Sara K. Davis on June 22, 2022

Given under our hands this 29th day of June, A.D., 2022.

Jan Macdonald
Jan Macdonald, Chair

Wayne Luce
Wayne Luce, Vice Chair

Brent Pratt
Brent Pratt

John Crabtree
John Crabtree

Roger Peabody
Roger Peabody

Selectmen for the Town of Warren

Original, Attest: Corinne E. R. Michaud
Corinne E. R. Michaud, Town Clerk

A True Copy, Attest: _____
Corinne E. R. Michaud, Town Clerk