

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

February 8, 2023

6:15 PM

Public Hearing to hear comments on the adoption of the Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance.

Regular Meeting to immediately follow.

Selectmen Present: Wayne Luce Chairman, Roger Peabody Vice-Chair, Jan Macdonald, Brent Pratt, and John Crabtree.

Absent: None

Staff present: Town Manager Sherry Howard, and Board Secretary Sara K. Davis

Call to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Luce.

Open Public Hearing.

Bill Lufkin asked the Board to read the Moratorium. Macdonald read Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance.

When will the vote be, February 22nd

Are there any solar farms in the works, none.

Matt from Waldon, still waiting on State approval for over a year. The part on VII would affect Warren Meadows.

Will Solar Ordinance be ready for the June Meeting, yes.

Pratt, The BOS were told that this would not affect approved projects.

Alvin Chase, this was not the intention of the Committee, when they wrote this up they did not have that project in mind.

Jason Tuorila, the sole intent is to finish the Solar Ordinance before any other projects are submitted. This was pieced together from other similar sized towns to form the Moratorium.

Board of Selectman, Planning Board, and Solar Ordinance Committee in no way intended for the Moratorium to affect the already fully approved Warren

Meadow's Project. Only to allow time to complete Solar Ordinance before any additional projects are approved.

Close Public Hearing at 6:56p.m.

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

Tuorila, will be attending the Union Meeting next week to hear Exiro's proposal.

Item 3

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes January 25, 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes January 25, 2023

Vote: 5-0

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #16 and 14 void & reissue

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Crabtree

To Approve Warrant #16, 14 void & reissue, and Trust Fund Warrant #12

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #12

Item 6

Discuss and approve Town of Warren Residency Requirement Policy

There is no requirement policy. This was made to clarify.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Crabtree to approve Town of Warren Residency Requirement Policy

Vote: 5-0

Item 7

Discuss and (Re-) Appoint to Steamship Advisory Committee:

- Jason Tuorila, Alvin Chase, Eric Tolman, Ed Laflamme, Doug Pope

Board was advised by Town Attorney not appoint at this time.

Board and Manager want to thank members for all of their hard work, they and the Attorney think they did an excellent job.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to Re-Appoint to Steamship Advisory Committee •Jason Tuorila, Alvin Chase, Eric Tolman, Ed Laflamme, Doug Pope

Vote: 0-5 Motion Failed

Item 8

Discuss and appoint Mark Hilchey to Planning Board

Board thanks him for being on the Planning Board

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to appoint Mark Hilchey to Planning Board

Vote: 5-0

Item 9

Bring back discussion to combine Woolen Mill Park and Payson Park Committee from the table

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to take off the table.

Vote: 5-0

One member of the Woolen Mill Park Committee is in attendance, she states that she is the only active member and she would welcome the extra help.

Payson Park Committee, not in attendance, they are not interested in combining. They don't have enough help as it is and do not wish to serve on both committees or they would have volunteered to be on both. Some members are too busy, or don't have the interest/stamina to help at both parks.

Doug Pope and Jason Tuorila offered to be on Committee.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to combine Woolen Mill Park Committee and Payson Park Committee

Vote: 5-0

Item 10

Bring back review Transfer Station Fees from the table.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to take off the table.

Vote: 5-0

Due to the increase in Demo, David made a revised list of fees at the Transfer Station. Board would like to avoid increase across the Board and only increase Demo fees.

ACTION:

Motion by Luce; second by Crabtree to go with David's increase recommendations for Demo only.

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Sign Quit Claim Deed(s)

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to have Chairman and Town Manager Sign Quit Claim Deed(s)

Vote: 5-0

Item 12

Discuss/Approve putting General Liability on the Rifle Range Property

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to put general liability on the Rifle Range property in the amount of \$1,133.00 to be taken from the insurance line.

Vote: 5-0

Item 13

Manager Report

Public Works in the process of boarding up all doors at the Rifle Range Property. Board would like access to the property blocked off. Ed, there is a rite of way, should contact owner to see if he's okay with blocking access. Skip may have something to block entrances.

Board has a workshop scheduled for Thursday Feb 16th at 5p.m.

Rescheduled training will be February 14th Town office will open at noon time.

Tax acquired properties and Mowing is out to bid. Bids will be opened on the 21st so Manager can make a spreadsheet for the Board.

Kudos to Harry from the ambulance crew he has been helping with shoveling at the Town Office he has been going above and beyond.

Item 14

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Macdonald is curious how many non-profits we have in Town not paying taxes.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to on item VII. (Effective Date) seventh line add a period at the end of Town of Warren and remove the rest and to cancel the Town Meeting on February 22nd.

Vote: 5-0

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to hold a public Hearing at the next meeting February 22nd 2023

Vote: 5-0

Item 15

15. Executive Session

- Executive Session MRSA 1 ss 405 (6) (F) Hardship abatement
- M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session

- Executive Session MRSA 1 ss 405 (6) (F) Hardship abatement
- M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons at 7:43p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to award hardship application.

Vote: 5-0

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve and have Chairman sign Conceal weapons permits.

Vote: 5-0

Item 16

Adjourn

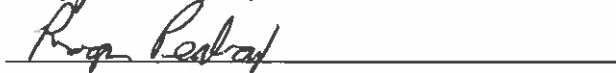
ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to adjourn the meeting at 8:08p.m.

Vote: 5-0



Wayne Luce, Chairman



Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair



Jan Macdonald

John Crabtree




Brent Pratt

Respectfully submitted by Board Secretary: Sara K. Davis

Attest: This is a true copy of the Warren Board of Selectmen's minutes, as certified to me by the municipal officers of the Town of Warren, Maine, and adopted by the Board of Selectmen on the 22nd day of February, 2023.

Date: February 23, 2023

Signature: 
Town Clerk

