

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

December 28, 2022

6:15 PM Regular Meeting

Selectmen Present: Wayne Luce Chairman, Jan Macdonald, Brent Pratt, and John Crabtree.

Absent: Roger Peabody Vice-Chair

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

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

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

None

Item 3

Vote to Approve Special Town Meeting minutes December 7, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Special Town Meeting minutes December 7, 2022

Vote: 4-0

Item 4

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes December 14, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes December 14, 2022 as amended.

Vote: 4-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Warrant #13

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to approve Warrant #13 & Trust Fund Warrant #8

Vote: 4-0

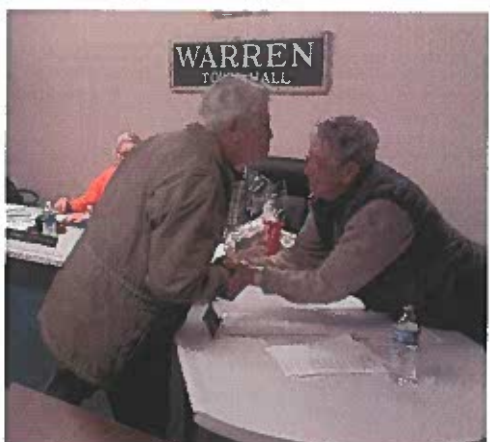
Item 6

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #8

Item 7

Meet with Albert Overlock

Albert was presented with a clock thanking him for his years of service on the Town of Warren Planning Board.



Item 8

Meet with Town Forest Committee

Tracy Swan, recommends that the Board hire a Town Forester with landowner objectives in mind. The market is up for wood and now is the perfect time to harvest while the ground is frozen and sell.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to hire Barrie Brusilla as Town Forester.

Vote: 4-0

Item 9

Bring back to the table - Discussion of tax acquired property list

ACTION:

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

Vote: 4-0

Manager has sent letter to mortgage holder with no response yet. They have three months to reply.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to put out to bid the properties on Camden Road, Beechwood Street, Highland Road, and Union Street.

Vote: 4-0

Item 10

Inform Board of Town Attorney fee increase

As of February 1st, price will increase from \$175. Per hour to \$195. Per hour.

Item 11

Set date for Public Hearing on Amended Parking Ordinance

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Set date for Public Hearing on Amended Parking Ordinance as January 11th 2023

Vote: 4-0

Item 12

Vote to approve uncollectible fee

There are two residents with the same name and this was under the wrong resident.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to determine uncollectible R0416R 2022 Lien cost of \$74.08

Vote: 4-0

Item 13

Update the Select Board on the 2002 GMC bid

The awarded bidder came to pick up the truck and claimed it unfit, unsafe for even in a driveway and withdrew his bid. Pratt, he needs to come get his truck, and the Town should charge a storage fee for it not being picked up. He won the bid it's his. Would like to hear Mr. Kelly's take. Crabtree, doesn't want to spend any more money on the truck with legal fees/advertising and suggests reaching out to other bidder to see if he is still interested.

ACTION:

Motion by Luce; second by Pratt to speak to Mr. Kelly and ask his opinion on the legality of the bid.

Vote: 3-1 Crabtree

Item 14

Appoint Registrar of Voters

Pratt, she is doing an excellent job for this Town.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to appoint Corinne Michaud Registrar of Voters.

Vote: 4-0

Item 15

Manager Report

A donation was made to the Woolen Mill Park from Peter Guistra.

Amanda reported that there is damage to a fence from limb falling in the Cemetery.

A few shingles were lost on the cold storage building.

There were many trees down during the wind and rain storm that Public Works took care of. There were no road washouts.

The solar contract anticipated time of completion is 3-1-23- 12-31-23

Item 16

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Macdonald, has received four complaints about the size of the material used on the sides of the road. Same material they normally used, being addressed.

Pratt, asked about winter sand for Residents use. Other Towns provide sand, there must be a way to put out sand that doesn't allow access of a truck to be backed up and loaded. Manager, the sand is for road use not private use. When it was in use it was abused, people taking truck loads instead of the two 5-gallon buckets allowed to residents. Manager will check with MMA.

Luce, would like agenda item for next meeting to address increase in demolition going up from \$46 to \$80.

Item 17

Executive Session • Executive Session MRSA 1 § 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement (2)

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session •
Executive Session MRSA 1 § 405 (6) (F) Poverty Abatement (2) at 7:07p.m.

Vote: 4-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to deny #1 Poverty abatement
and to take funds out of the appropriate Trust Fund account to cover 2021
taxes in the amount of \$1,217.48

Vote: 4-0

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to deny applicant #2 poverty
abatement and take funds out of the appropriate Trust Fund account to
cover 2021 taxes in the amount of \$931.33

Vote: 4-0

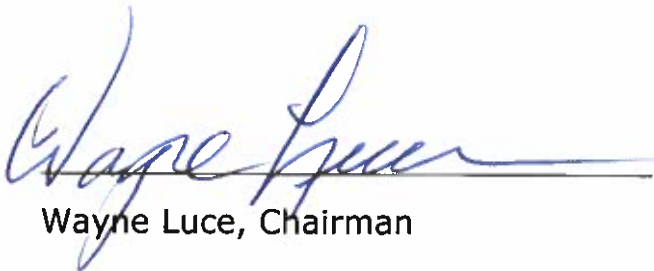
Item 18

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to adjourn the meeting at
7:58p.m.

Vote: 4-0


Wayne Luce, Chairman


Jan Macdonald

Jan Macdonald

John Crabtree
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 17th day of January, 2023.

Date: Jan. 12, 2023

Signature: *Brent K. Michael*
Town Clerk

