

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

January 25, 2023

6:15 PM Regular Meeting

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.

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

Resident asked why the sidewalks never get cleaned up after storms. Public Works was working on the sidewalks today.

Item 3

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes January 11, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes January 11, 2022

Vote: 4-0-1 Pratt

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #15

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to approve Warrant #15 and Trust Fund Warrant #11

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #11

Item 6

Waldo Theater to present available programs

Unable to be here tonight.

Item 7

Review/Vote to Approve RFP/Proposal for Annual Report (July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022)

Normally this goes out to bid, Town Clerk would like to reach out to companies and get quotes instead to save money. She also would like to get 500 copies instead of 600. Board agrees, go ahead and reach out to printing companies.

Item 8

Re-appoint Solar Array Committee: Alvin Chase, Shawn Saindon, Russell O'Bryan

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to Re-appoint Solar Array Committee: Alvin Chase, Shawn Saindon, Russell O'Bryan to expire in 2024

Vote: 5-0

Item 9

Solar Committee presenting Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance

Solar Committee would like time to finish Ordinance and get Town approval before allowing any more solar projects (not including municipality or private homes)

Item 10

Set date for Special Town Meeting and sign Certification for the Proposed Solar Facilities Moratorium Ordinance

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to hold a Public Hearing for Solar Facilities Moratorium February 8th 2023 with Special Town Meeting February 22nd 2023

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Discussion to combine Woolen Mill Park and Payson Park Committee
Table

Item 12

Review Transfer Station fees
Table

Item 13

Vote to approve amended Parking Ordinance
Who enforces? CEO would enforce then Town Attorney can take action and prosecute.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve amended Parking Ordinance

Vote: 4-1 Pratt

Item 14

Vote to approve sign purchase for cemeteries

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Crabtree to approve sign purchase for cemeteries in the amount of \$735.84 for 16 signs.

Vote: 5-0

Item 15

Discussion on reappointing Steamship Committee
Board grateful for all the work the Committee has done. Unsure if there is a continued need for a committee. Board would like to hear from the Town

Attorney what the next steps should be for the property before re-appointing the Committee.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to invite Town Attorney and Previous Committee to be on the next agenda, first after the Warrant.

Vote: 4-1 Pratt

Item 16

Vote to sign MOA between Town of Warren and DEP

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to have the Town Manager sign MOA between Town of Warren and DEP

Vote: 5-0

Item 17

Approve surveying Map R05 Lot 079 (Patterson Mill RD Property)

Cemetery Sexton Shelmerdine, asked that pins be put in when they survey so she knows the lot lines for Cemetery.

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to add surveying Map R05 Lot 079 (Patterson Mill Rd Property) to the next budget.

Vote: 5-0

Item 18

Manager Report:

Exiro minerals would like to meet with the Board. Thursday February 16th workshop. They are coming from Canada.

Manager reached out to previous bidder of the truck he is willing to pay \$1,500 for it.

Revision is putting up panels behind the Public Works building.

Tax acquired property bids typed up, hope to have done this week. Opening date February 21st at 2p.m. Award bids February 22nd during regular meeting.

Item 19

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Peabody, Road crew doing good job with storm clean up.

Macdonald would like truck issue resolved.

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to sell plow truck to previous bidder for \$1,500 to be removed within three weeks, if not removed sold for scrap.

Vote: 3-2 Peabody, Pratt

Crabtree, Town should just put sand just at the Transfer Station. Pratt wanted sand available at the Town office too.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Luce to have sand available to residents at the Transfer Station during open hours. Two-Five gallon buckets per resident, per storm.

Vote: 4-1 Pratt

Pratt, during meeting he said two top dog people are Jim and Max. After thinking about it wanted to add the Town Manager to that list. Manager appreciates comment.

Item 20

Executive Session • Executive Session MRSA 1 §405 (6) (F)

Hardship abatement

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to go into Executive Session MRSA 1 § 405 (6) (F) Hardship abatement at 7:41p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

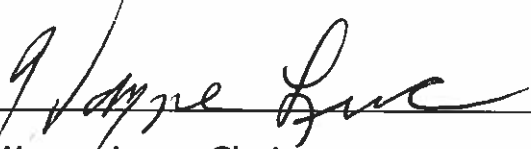
Item 21

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to adjourn the meeting at 8:30p.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 9th day of February, 2023.

Date: Feb 9, 2023

Signature: 
Town Clerk