

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

March 22, 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, Town Clerk Corinne Michaud 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 Selectmen's Meeting minutes March 8, 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes March 8, 2023

Vote: 4-1 Pratt

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #19 & Warrant #19 Bank Transfer

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #19 & Warrant #19 Bank Transfer

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #14

Not needed

Agenda item moved up.

Item 8

Proposed amendment to Land Use and Shore Land Ordinance to be placed on Referendum Ballot June 13, 2023

Patrick Mellor on behalf of "CARMA" presented Board with a request to place a question to amend Warren Land Use and Shoreland Zoning Ordinance to regulate and control industrial Metallic mineral mining on Ballot for June 13, 2023. This would not affect current non-commercial mineral exploration activities that disturb less than once acre of land, nor any traditional mining operations. Board explains that an amendment would first need to be presented to the Planning Board, after Planning Board review would go to the Town Attorney then to the Board of Selectman. Board will accept for consideration and will forward to the Planning Board for review.

Item 9

Jason Tourilla to address moratorium on Mining Ordinance

Tuorilla, read the proposed moratorium. Explained that they would like time to review and update the outdated Ordinance that has been untouched since 1992. He and the Warren Planning Board would like to work with "CARMA"

Cori, the Town typically holds a Public Hearing then a Town Meeting to vote on a moratorium. A Public Hearing is not necessary, but there can be no changes made to the moratorium at a Town Meeting. Public Hearing allows changes to be made. Board can have a Public Hearing as soon as April 10th 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to hold a Public hearing on April 5th 2023 for a Moratorium on Mining Ordinance.

Vote: 5-0

Item 6

Meet with Nick Hodgkins from DEP on the Rifle Range

Nick, wanted to thank Board and Residents for acquiring the property now they can move forward with grants to clean it up. He is hopeful they will be able to get the front portion of the property cleaned up this year. There are portions of the property that will need to be surveyed. He believes there is material on abutters property as well and would like to work with them to get it cleaned up. Manager asked if there would be any costs to the residents, no. Surveys would also be at no cost to the Town. Pratt asked what would qualify the piles under the Brownfield grant, PFAS not recognized Federally yet. Nick, there will be no problem getting grants for the material clean up. Right now, is the perfect time to acquire and clean up this property. The grant is a no match grant.

Item 7

Representative of TDS Telecom to discuss TDS Franchise Agreement

Cam, representative from TDS explained that by State law in order to offer cable television to Warren they must first have an agreement with the Town. The Town may request a 5% fee, that will be passed on to customers. The contract would be for 15 years. Board would like Town Attorney to review contract. Peabody, would like it available to everyone in Warren.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to have Town attorney review and bring back to the Board with recommendation.

Vote: 5-0

Item 10

Review/appoint Doug Pope to Town Forest Committee

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to appoint Doug Pope to Town Forest Committee

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Review/sign Parks Committee appointments

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Review/sign Parks Committee appointments for 1 Year term Lane Sturtevant, two-year term Tammy Luce & Helene Rondeau, three-year term Mark Richardson, Thomas Sigler & Jessica Goldfin.

Vote: 5-0

Item 12

Vote to Approve 2023 Lincoln County Recycling Services Agreement

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Luce to Approve 2023 Lincoln County Recycling Services Agreement

Vote: 5-0

Item 13

Review Cemetery Mowing Quotes

Only one Company gave a quote a one- and three-year quote.

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Peabody to go with the three-year quote from Rocky Hill Landscaping in the amount of \$38,447.

Vote: 0-5 Motion Fails

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go with the one-year quote from Rocky Hill Landscaping in the amount of \$34,700.

Vote: 5-0

Item 14

Review Annual Report Quotes

Three quotes were received, the lowest and Town Clerks recommendation is for Lincoln County Publishing. Town will pick up.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to accept Lincoln County Publishing Company's quote of \$2465.

Vote: 5-0

Item 15

Present Peter Krakoff's proposed resume and fee schedule
Board would like to discuss with Peter.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to table until the Board can speak to Peter.

Vote: 5-0

Item 16

Discuss/Approve Postage Meter lease agreement

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to go with the Postage meter and scale from Quadient.

Vote: 5-0

Item 17

Sign Quit Claim Deeds

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to sign quit claim deeds.

Vote: 5-0

Item 19

Manager Report

Animal control officer wanted to know Boards take on situation that occurred and what to do going forward. The emergency vet asked ACO for authorization to give medical attention to stray cat. He did not feel comfortable giving the okay without Boards approval. Consensus of the Board, not comfortable with okaying services for a stray cat.

Highland Road property is back out to bid. Bids due April 4th opening April 5th.

Mark David is working on Project canopy forest management plan.

Chip from Haylee Ward reported to Manager that the grant for the culvert replacement on Beechwood was not accepted. Board has the choice to re-apply next year or cover cost with ARPA money and what is in the reserve. Board would like to know how bad the culvert is, if they have the option to wait until next year.

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Pratt to table culvert replacement discussion.

Vote: 5-0

Item 20

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Luce, Forest reserve would like to review funds with Committee.

ACTION:

Motion by Luce; second by Pratt to have a short recess at 7:56p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Open meeting back up at 8:01

Item 18

Discuss Hauling Contract with Grindle's Transport

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to go into executive Session 1 MRSA § 405 (6) (C) at 8:02

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

Item 21

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to adjourn the meeting at 8:26p.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 _____ day of _____, 2023.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Town Clerk
