

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

March 8, 2023

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TO VOTE ON THE SOLAR MORATORIUM (dated
February 8, 2023)

6:15 PM Regular Meeting

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

Absent: Brent Pratt

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

Call to order at 6:21 p.m. by Chairman Luce.

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

Doug Pope, Dan Davey recently passed away. He was a member of the Board of Selectman when he was on the Board and it was an honor and pleasure working with him. Board sent flowers.

Sara Andrews, asked for an update on the Rifle Range property and Warren Meadows solar farm. Manager, a Brownfield assessment form has been submitted to assess the property, and to find the best way to remove the building. There is no committee at this time. Jason Tuorila, Warren Meadows needed to update their plans to leave more vernal pools, and wildlife management.

Item 3

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes February 22, 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Macdonald to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes February 22, 2023

Vote: 3-0-1 Crabtree

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #18

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #18 & Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #13

Vote: 4-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #13

Item 6

Pen Williamson to discuss concerns with the Mining Ordinance

Pen Williamson, it is our hope that the Selectboards of both towns will place on the warrants of their up-coming annual Town Meetings revisions to our existing town mining ordinances which will ban industrial mining, while retaining community mining, such as gravel pits.

Pen is speaking on behalf of "CARMA" Citizens Against Residential Mining Activity.

The proposed changes to the mining ordinances are being drafted by legal experts the citizen group has engaged. The proposals will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Nothing would devastate Warren more than a full-scale metallic mineral mine right in our midst. To have such a mine in the midst of residential areas, should be unthinkable.

Mining is the number one toxic pollutant creating Sulfuric acid. When mineral drilling there will be waist rock, truck traffic on roads. This is dangerous to Warren no one will want to move here with the threat of polluted water.

We do not have the expertise for mining. The Town's Ordinance is thirty years old and will need to be reviewed and revised. He hopes to see Selectman at the Community Forum tomorrow night.

Item 7

Set a date for work session to show how TIF works
Board would like to meet with Max on March 29th 2023 at 5:00p.m.

Item 8

Present Owner's Offer – Assent from DOT for construction of culvert on RT 235
DOT needs additional property for the culvert on 235 and is offering \$500.
For both small parcels.

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Macdonald to accept offer from DOT for construction of culvert on RT 235

Vote: 4-0

Item 9

Present TDS request for Cable Television Franchise
Board would like to hear from TDS, to be added to agenda.

Item 10

Sign Quit Claims, John James

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Sign Quit Claims

For John James

Vote: 4-0

Item 11

Manager Report

Manager has reached out to companies for Cemetery mowing they are not interested, one gave a quote hoping for others, will bring to next meeting.

Corinne has been voted Chair for the Clerk Association. Kudos to her. Luce, let Board know if there is anything she needs.

Looking at getting a postage machine to stamp mail.

Last month's safety training was postponed and will be this Tuesday the 14th from 9am-12pm

Public Works just did a run of three snow storms, with truck issues still did a great job.

Item 12

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Peabody, Town crew did an awesome job with the back-to-back storms.

Crabtree, Lawyer said Board would need to rebid the Tax acquired property.

Luce, was approached by resident who wanted to thank town crew for pushing a stuck car out of a driveway. They did a great service for the community.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Put the Highland tax acquired property back out to bid.

Vote: 4-0

Item 13

Executive Session M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session •
M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons at 6:51p.m.

Vote: 4-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Crabtree to approve and have Chairman sign
Conceal Weapons for applicant 1

Vote: 4-0

Item 14

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Crabtree to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m.

Vote: 4-0



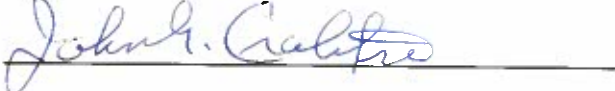
Wayne Luce, Chairman



Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair



Jan Macdonald



John Crabtree

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 March, 2023.

Date: March 23, 2023

Signature: 

Town Clerk
