

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

April 19, 2023

Special Town Meeting

6:15 PM Regular Meeting to 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, Town Attorney Bill Kelley, Town Clerk Corinne Michaud, and Board Secretary Sara K. Davis

Call to order at 6:52 p.m. by Chairman Luce.

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

Rick Butler wanted to publicly say that his no vote had nothing to do with the mining. The ordinance is thirty years old and should have been reviewed before now.

Item 3

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes April 5, 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes April 5, 2023

Vote: 4-0-1 Pratt

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #21

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #21 & Trust Fund Warrant #15

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #15

Item 6

Present Citizen's Petition

Town Clerk presented the Selectmen with Citizen's Petition. There were 339 signatures, 314 of those are registered voters in the Town of Warren.

Town Attorney Bill Kelly, procedurally he would advise the Board to not accept the Citizen's Petition. The townspeople just voted for and enacted a Moratorium for Mining. Adding this to the June vote would cause a ping-pong effect. The Town should avoid going back and forth. The moratorium process that was just voted on should be respected. The timing is not right to get this on the June ballot, for absentee ballots it needs to be at the printer and back by the middle of May. Kelly also suggests asking Exiro to pay for an expert to assist in the process of updating the ordinance. The Board of Selectman have the authority to refuse the petition and Attorney urges the Board to do so for these reasons.

Board agrees to go with the recommendation of the Town Attorney.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to accept Citizen's Petition

Vote: 0-5 Motion Failed

Item 7

Vote to accept Planning Board's proposed Land Use amendment

Planning Board Chair Tuorila, after hearing what the Town Attorney just stated he requests the Board to act the same for this request.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to accept Planning Board's proposed Land Use amendment

Vote: 0-5 Motion Failed

Item 8

Discuss creating a committee to review Mining Ordinance

Board would like seven members on the Mining Ordinance Committee. Applications are available on the website, to be appointed by Board of Selectman for a one-year term.

Item 9

Guite Property request payment of services

Guite, took over for Luce picking up the Town's trash in September and would like to continue and be paid for services from January and going forward. With the addition of Payson Park price will be \$85. Per month. \$60. Per month when the park is closed.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to pay Guite \$180. For removing trash for the Town since January, to be paid from Selectman Contingency fund.

Vote: 5-0

Item 10

Sign Assessor's Return for Knox County

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to sign Assessor's return for Knox County with regret.

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Bring back discussion of Beechwood St Culvert project to the table

ACTION:

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

Vote: 5-0

Haylee Ward could not give an answer on how long culvert will last; a large storm could cause it to wash out. Could a weight limit be put on the road? State would need to do that because the road travels through two Towns. Board would like to check on options, i.e., a sleeve.

Item 12

Discuss processing material on Patterson Mill Rd property

Joe has reached out to companies for quotes, he has received two quotes so far. Inch minus and sand should both be about half the normal cost to the Town. There is a lot of trees and would like for the Town Forest Committee to take a look at what could be harvested to offset the price.

Amanda Shelmerdine, would like a buffer around the cemetery. Also, to work on the Leonard extension.

Item 13

Bring back discussion on update on progress with Patterson Mill Rd property survey

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Macdonald to take discussion on update on progress with Patterson Mill Rd property survey off the table.

Vote: 5-0

Three quotes were received, \$7,500 may be able to do a portion of the survey this spring the rest in late summer/fall. One for \$8,000 that can survey property in the next couple weeks. And an addition quote for \$7,500 that that could get to it in early summer.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Crabtree to accept quote from Mark Ingraham to survey Patterson Mill Road Property in the amount at \$8,000. To be taken from Buildings and Grounds.

Vote: 5-0

Item 14

Discuss creating a TIF committee

Board would like seven members on the TIF Advisory Committee. Applications available on the website, to be appointed by Board of Selectman for a one year term.

Item 15

Discuss fencing quotes between Recreation Field and Public Works Dept
Board received three quotes, \$33,220. \$43,172.25 & \$24,988.61

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to table until the Board has a chance to review quotes.

Vote: 5-0

Item 16

Manager Report

Amanda Shelmerdine, will be ordering flags soon for the Veterans. She would like to start replacing the plastic flag holders with aluminum holders. To start she would like to order 50, there is a deal if you order 50. Board agrees to order significantly more, prices will continue to go up and would like for the Veterans to have them.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to purchase 600 aluminum Veterans markers for the Cemeteries.

Vote: 5-0

Jason of Public Works will be going for his Class B Road test.

The portable toilet at Payson Park has had trash in it again and Handy Portable toilet is asking if a trash bin can be placed back down at the park. Board agrees. Tuorila also suggests a sharps box.

Nick Hodgkin's of DEP working on phase two getting bids and cost of cleanup at the rifle range property.

Item 17

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Peabody, Public Works doing a good job.

*Filing cabinet in Town Hall, Bottom to Top- Luce, Peabody, Crabtree, Macdonald, Pratt.

ACTION:

Item 18

Executive Session • 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Trust Fund request

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to go into Executive Session • 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(F) Trust Fund request at 8:30p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve applicant #1 \$2000. To be paid out of proper trust fund, report to Town Manager on how it will be paid and bills. Bills to be paid through Town Office.

Vote: 5-0

Item 19

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Macdonald to adjourn the meeting at 8:44p.m.

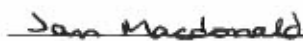
Vote: 5-0



Wayne Luce, Chairman



Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair



Jan Macdonald



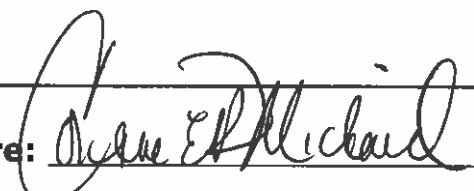
John Crabtree

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 3rd day of May, 2023.

Date: May 4, 2023

Signature: 
Town Clerk