

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

May 17, 2023

Public Hearing

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, and Board Secretary Sara K. Davis

The Warren Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing immediately before the regular Board of Selectmen meeting Wednesday May 17, 2023 at the Warren Municipal Complex, Western Road, to hear comments on the proposed Town of Warren Solar Ordinance and the proposed Cannabis Ordinance (Amended)

Open Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m.

Ike asked if there is a wind power ordinance, not at this time.

Close Public Hearing at 6:16 p.m.

Call regular Board of Selectman Meeting to order at 6:16 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 May 3, 2023

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes May 3, 2023

Crabtree, he makes the motion 9/10 of the time.

Vote: 4-0-1 Pratt

Item 4

Vote to Approve Warrant #23

Pratt asked what Mission Square is, Retirement company.

Crabtree asked why the Library books weren't coming out of the Trust Fund, it's a budget line item.

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #23 & Trust Fund Warrant #17

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #17

Item 6

Max Johnstone to give report on TIF progress and contract with MCOG

The TIF is ready for Town vote. Max suggests and Jim agrees that they should hold off on the vote until the November election. It is imperative for it to be voted on before March 31st of 2024. The TIF is for 30 years after enacted.

When a TIF is in place the tax received from a large project is captured and can be used within the Town for projects. Such as a Fire Station, Fire trucks etc. allowing for a reduced need for that money to be raised by taxes. None of this money goes back to the company doing a project. This also shelters it from the State so the Town still receives funding. If we do not have a TIF the ~~State takes the money and~~ we lose State funding.

Item 7

Vote to accept quote to waterproof walls of sand shed

Pratt recusing himself from this Item.

Salt is eating away at the shed and needed to be done a while ago.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Luce to waterproof half of the sand shed this year and the other half next year at the same locked price.

Vote: 4-0-1 Pratt

Item 8

Review and Discuss 2022 Season bid for Winter Sand

Flagg is a good product and good price.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go with the bid from D.R Flagg in the amount of \$59,150.

Vote: 5-0

Item 9

Present survey of Patterson Mill property

Survey was completed there is quite a bit to work with on the property, sand, forest to be harvested. Board would like the Forest Committee to check the property and come to the Board with suggestions. Joe is getting quotes for screening the sand.

Item 10

Spirit of America Nomination discussion

Would like the Board to think of anyone who may be deserving of this award. Crabtree last year they nominated the Town of Warren Employees.

Item 11

Sign RSU 40 Budget Referendum Warrant (7 copies)

Board would like to know what would happen if they voted no.

ACTION:

Motion by Luce; second by Peabody to sign RUS 40 Budget Referendum Warrant

Vote: 3-2 Pratt, Macdonald

Item 12

Sign certification of proposed ordinances:

- Solar
- Cannabis

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Macdonald to Sign certification of proposed ordinances: •Solar & •Cannabis

Vote: 5-0

Item 13

Sign Quit Claim Deeds •Corrected Cemetery Deed •Paul Shuman

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to have Manager and Chairman Sign Quit Claim Deeds •Corrected Cemetery Deed •Paul Shuman

Vote: 5-0

Item 14

Manager Report

Nick from DEP reported to Manager that the Phase two project had no bids, but is putting it back out to bid.

Bangor lawn and landscape will be repairing the 235 washout starting May 28th hopeful for a June 16th opening of the road.

Public Works and Wilshire Electric are working on getting the Generator up and running.

Mining Committee applications, Town has received 14 so far. Crabtree, unsure why they would need to come in. Board always has applicants visit the Board in person before appointing anyone to a committee. Board will meet May 24th at 6:15 with applicants. To be appointed during next regular meeting.

Macdonald asked about the Beechwood culvert status. They are looking into all the options and the longevity of the repairs.

Item 15

Other Business with Leave of the Board

There are three volunteer applications for the TIF Committee.

Item 16

Executive Session •MRSA 1 § 405 (6) (F) Trust Fund Application

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session •MRSA 1 § 405 (6) (F) Trust Fund Application at 7:28p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to help applicant #1 with \$5000. To be taken out of appropriate Trust Fund.

Vote: 5-0

Item 17

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Pratt to adjourn the meeting at 7:40p.m.

Vote: 5-0



Wayne Luce, Chairman



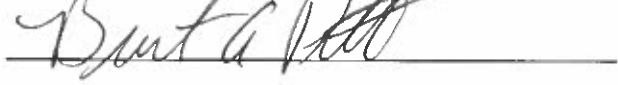
Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair



Jan Macdonald



John Crabtree

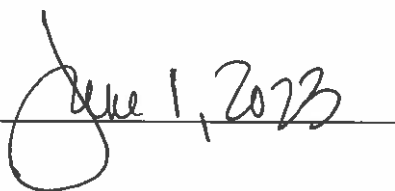


Brent Pratt


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~~ Warren, Maine, and adopted by the Board of Selectmen on the 31st day of May, 2023.

Date:



Signature:



Town Clerk
