

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

June 29, 2022

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 Macdonald.

Item 1

Moment of Silence

Item 2

Pledge of Allegiance

Item 3

Public Participation

Kendra Schuster lives on Maple Street and is very concerned with the parking at the MAC building. There was an event on Sunday and cars filled the parking lot, sides of the road on Short Street, Route 1, and both sides of Maple Street. There would have been no way for emergency vehicles to get down the road. They need adequate parking for the events they hold. Crabtree would like the CEO to be informed of this. Macdonald, suggested that for large events that can't withhold all the cars in the parking lot, that they be shuttled from another location by bus to the property. Manager reached out and hasn't heard back.

Item 4

Elect Chairman

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to Elect Luce as Chairman

Vote: 3-1-1 Pratt, Luce

Luce took over as Chairman

Item 5

Elect Vice-Chairman

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Elect Peabody as Vice-Chairman

Vote: 3-1-1 Pratt, Peabody

Item 6

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes June 15, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes June 15, 2022

Vote: 5-0

Item 7

Vote to Approve Town Meeting minutes June 21, 2022

Crabtree found it sad that only 19 residents were in attendance that did not need to be there.

ACTION:

Motion by Peabody; second by Crabtree to approve Town Meeting minutes June 21, 2022

Vote: 5-0

Item 8

Vote to Approve Warrant #26, Warrant #25MV & 25A and Trust Fund Warrant #13

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Crabtree to approve Warrant #26, Warrant #25MV & 25A and Trust Fund Warrant # 13

Vote: 5-0

Item 9

Vote to Approve Trust Fund Warrant #12

Item 10

Present Volunteer Committee Members:

- Maida Cordero (Scholarship Committee)

Maida is a School Counselor at MVHS and was asked if she would be interested in being on the Scholarship Committee. She has been at MVHS for 5 years and knowing the students will be helpful in the process.

- Tom Watson (Planning Board)

Tom is a lover of Warren his entire life, he is the 3rd generation to live here and now that he has settled down would like to contribute his time to the Town.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to appoint Maida Cordero to the Scholarship Committee and Tom Watson to the Planning Board

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Vote to Approve and Sign Appointments:

- Town Forest
1. Barrie Brusila

2. Tracy Swan
3. Arnold D Hill
4. Richard Parent
5. Mark B David

Board is unsure if it is a requirement that the members to be able to walk the Town Forests to be a part of this Committee. Would like to speak with Arnold.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to table Town Forest Committee appointments until they can speak with Arnold.

Vote: 5-0

- Scholarship Committee
 1. Amanda Shelmerdine
 2. Mary Beth Pope
 3. Christine Wakely
 4. Danny Swindler
 5. Richard Parent

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to appoint Amanda Shelmerdine, Mary Beth Pope, Christine Wakely, Danny Swindler & Richard Parent to the Scholarship Committee

Vote: 5-0

Item 12

Vote to Appoint Fish Wardens (2)

Jerry owns and operated the cold storage facility on Route 1 and was one of the Warden last year. The Fishing of alewives is very important to him. He is concerned about the blockage to South and North ponds due to beaver dams. He and two others took it upon themselves and spent the day opening up the access for the fish. This needs to continue to keep the fish flowing upstream to spawn. This is the first year that the Town was denied the two

week extension to keep fishing for alewives. He would like to continue working for the Town. 11 beavers were caught in one afternoon from one of the dams. He will be going back out to make sure there is a clear way for the fish to get back through.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to appoint George Knutson, Jerry Cushman and Tom Watson as Fish Wardens.

Vote: 5-0

Item 13

Set Workshop date to discuss ARPA Money
Board would like it put on the next agenda.

Item 14

Sign Cemetery Quit claim Deeds

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to have Chairman sign Quit claim Deeds.

Vote: 5-0

Item 15

Manager Report

New Truck was delivered on Thursday, stop by and see it.

Tree fell at Payson Park, Public Works took care of it.

Grant for the on-demand generator has been finalized.

Melvaney Dinsmore, finished the paperwork for the Halloween storm reimbursement.

Steelman Roofing is heading down to do the Alewife shack on Thursday.

Jan presented Mrs. Smith with the Boston Cane.

Meklin's met with Doug on site to discuss processing sand. They are busy during the summer months, could possibly in the winter months. No prices have been discussed yet.

Second ARPA money was received in the amount of \$256,098.66 for a total of \$512,197.

DOT will be working on the Route 90 Bridge over the Georges River.

Manager cannot find anything stating that an employee cannot bid on a piece of equipment that is out to bid.

Michael McKeon from the Planning Board has given his resignation.

Warren days was a great time, music and fireworks Friday, parade, games, chicken barbeque on Saturday they did a nice job and it was good to see townspeople out enjoying the festivities.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to accept resignation from Michael McKeon from the Planning Board.

Vote: 5-0

Item 16

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Macdonald, the Historical Society will be holding a picnic July 12th from 5-7 Board is invited.

Pratt, has received complaints from 4/5 residents about excessive speeding in the Town truck to get to emergencies. Manager will look into.

Crabtree, thinks the whiteboard idea to keep current items on is a good idea.

Luce, parking on the sides of the road during the event at the MAC was a safety hazard. He wasn't able to get his truck out so he knows an emergency vehicle could not get up through Maple Street.

Pratt, it's the Boards constitutional right to have access to the Town Office and would like the code and key. He had to wait to come into the building for the meeting. Crabtree, does not want the key or code and questions what would be needed in the building that the Selectman would need to get in. If any of them did need access he thinks it would be just the Chairman and Vice-Chair. Pratt, if the Board needed to access in emergency etc. Macdonald and Peabody agree and don't want a key.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to allow Board of Selectman access to the Town office building.

Vote: 3-2 Crabtree, Peabody

Item 17

17. Executive Session

- 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session •1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(F) Review Conceal Weapons at 7:10p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to have the Chairman sign Conceal Weapons.

Vote: 5-0

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to use up to \$1,500. Out of appropriate Trust Fund account to help purchase building material for a ramp.

Vote: 5-0

Item 18

Adjourn

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Peabody to adjourn the meeting at 7:21p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Wayne Luce, Chairman

Roger Peabody

Roger Peabody, Vice-Chair

Jan Macdonald

Jan Macdonald

John A. Crabtree

John Crabtree

Brent A Pratt

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 13th day of July, 2022.

Date: July 14, 2022

Signature: Caree E. Michael



Town Clerk
