

# TOWN OF WARREN

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

July 26, 2023

6:15 PM Regular Meeting

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

**Absent:** None

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

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Call to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairman Crabtree.

**Item 1**

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

**Item 2**

Public Participation

Justin Humes asked if there was a short summery from last week's meeting with the Town Assessor.

The Board and Manager would like residents to reach out to Jim Murphy he can best explain. He is available by phone or e-mail and has even gone out to residents' homes to discuss. He did say that the percentage is very estimated.

**Item 3**

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes July 12, 2023

**ACTION:**

Motion by Peabody; second by Luce to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes July 12, 2023

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 4**

Vote to Approve Amended Special Town Meeting minutes December 7, 2022

**ACTION:**

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Motion by Luce; second by Macdonald to approve Amended Special Town Meeting minutes December 7, 2022

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 5**

Vote to Approve Warrant #2

**ACTION:**

Motion by Luce; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #2 and #26B

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 6**

Vote to Approve Warrant #26B

**Item 7**

Meet with / approve appointment Jeff Schroeder – GRRSM Shellfish Warden

**ACTION:**

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to approve appointment Jeff Schroeder – GRRSM Shellfish Warden

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 8**

Board of Selectmen presentation to Kylea Stone

The Board presented Kylea Stone a Certificate for all her hard work obtaining the title of Valedictorian for the Medomak Valley Class of 2023

**Item 9**

Vote to Approve Local Cannabis Establishment Permit Application

- The Flower Farm – Medical Use Cannabis Caregiver Store (Renewal)

He is building the parking lot. CEO has no concerns.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to approve license renewal for The Flower Farm – Medical Use Cannabis Caregiver Store

**Vote: 5-0**

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**ACTION:**

Motion by Luce; second by Peabody to go into executive Session • 1 MRSA 405 § (6)(A) • 1 MRSA 405 § (6)(E) Consultation between attorney and municipality at 7:30p.m.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Leave Executive Session**

**ACTION:**

Motion by Peabody; second by Pratt to send a letter to hauler stating he has two weeks to return emptied Town Containers that he has.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 19**

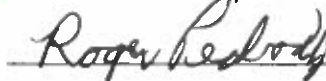
Adjourn

**ACTION:**

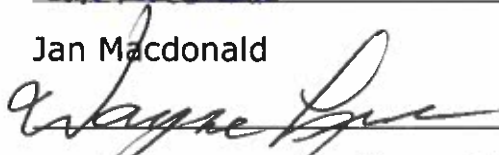
Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to adjourn the meeting at 8:20p.m.

**Vote: 5-0**

  
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John Crabtree, Chairman

  
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Brent Pratt

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- Healing Tree LLC – Medical Use Cannabis Caregiver Store & Retail Medical Dispensary (2 Renewals)

There is some confusion with application and Board would like clarification.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Luce; second by Pratt to table for clarification from owner.

**Vote: 5-0**

- Yanni Cannabis (358 Atlantic Hwy)- Adult Use Cannabis Cultivation Establishment (Renewal)
- Yanni Cannabis (825 Atlantic Hwy)- Adult Use Cannabis Products Manufacturing (Renewal)

Board has questions on applications wording and there may be additional fees for the multiple uses for both facilities.

Peabody asked if the odor complaints from Residents have been resolved, Daniel believes so. Peabody asked if he will continue to monitor and keep up with the filtration, yes Daniel will be keeping up with it.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Luce; second by Pratt to table for further clarification using new ordinance and fee schedule.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 10**

Town Forest Committee to give a report on the Patterson Mill Property

Town Forest Committee walked the property. No cutting needs to be done at this point. Committee does want to remind the Board to leave an area to get into the forest with equipment. Board thanks them for all their work.

**Item 11**

Vote to accept Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for State Fees

**ACTION:**

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to accept Policy on Treasurer's Disbursement Warrants for State Fees

**Vote: 5-0**

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**Item 12**

Present State of Maine Warrant for assessment of Tax Regional School Unit No. 40

**Item 13**

Discuss Spirit of America recipient award

Manager would like Board to think about who they would like to nominate for the Spirit of America Award.

**Item 14**

Vote to replace modine heater at Public Works

**ACTION:**

Motion by Luce; second by Macdonald to request bids for the replacement of the heater or equivalent.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 15**

Vote to accept Propane tank quote for the new generator

Board would like to know; the price for owning vs. renting, cost of propane from all companies, if Colby and Gale will hook up tank if they go with them for propane delivery.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Pratt; second by Luce to table to explore options.

**Vote: 5-0**

**Item 16**

Managers' Report

Amanda is back and would like to set up a time with the Board to discuss Cemeteries. Board would like Amanda to come in at 5:30 directly before next meeting August 9<sup>th</sup> 2023. Board would also like a reminder of the time change.

Manager, Joe, DEP, and Haley Ward met at the Rifle Range property. They are hoping to have a plan for the building by Fall. They would like the Board to think about what they would like done with the building.

Fence around Public Works is completed.

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Striping on the Roads was completed.

Willis Berry would like to know what the Boards thoughts are on eliminating the 75-foot buffer for the Patterson mill road property that will be used as a pit for sand. He has offered to let the town come right up to his property and would like the same in return and culverts for personal use.

Board wants to keep the 75-foot setback and abide by Warren ordinances.

There was damage done at the Counce Cemetery.

Town Attorney doesn't see why the Board couldn't use Cemetery funds to offer a reward for the conviction of the individual that drove through the cemetery causing all of the damage to the stones and posts.

Sherriff was going to a home that had a vehicle with damage that matches the description. They are still investigating.

At the beginning of the next Selectman meeting, they will be holding a Public Hearing for the extension of the Mining Moratorium. Then the Board can vote to extend during the regular meeting.

There will be a TIF committee meeting tomorrow night.

Public Works has a new employee, Caleb Emerson started on Monday.

### **Item 17**

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Pratt, would like an update in person or a letter from our State Representative on the Solar Farm permitting and what's going on in Augusta.

Stencils have been purchased now just need paint for the containers at the Transfer Station.

Crabtree, any update on the manhole covers being raised. Sanitary district said last week that they will be fixing them.

DOT was on the Middle Road bridge.

Any update on Route 235, not yet.

### **Item 18**

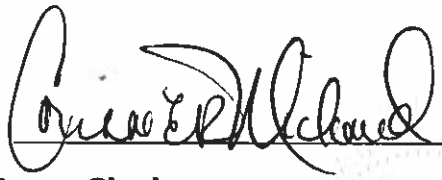
Executive session:

- 1 MRSA 405 § (6)(A)
  - 1 MRSA 405 § (6)(E) Consultation between attorney and municipality
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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 9<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

Date: August 10, 2023

Signature:   
Town Clerk

