

TOWN OF WARREN

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/ASSESSORS

August 24, 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

ACTION

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to go into Executive Session • 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) at 6:03p.m.

Vote: 5-0

No action taken

Leave executive Session

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

Item 1

Moment of Silence/ Pledge of Allegiance

Item 2

Public Participation

Kerry Johnson 1588 Oyster River Road is concerned with the speeding on her road. There was an accident just across the bridge that could have been prevented had they been going slower. She suggests a speed monitor be placed in the area to remind people of the speed. Board will address with Sherriff. Being a State Road DOT would be responsible.

Item 3

Vote to Approve Special Town Meeting minutes August 10, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Special Town Meeting minutes August 10, 2022

Vote: 5-0

Item 4

Vote to Approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes August 10, 2022

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to approve Selectmen's Meeting minutes August 10, 2022

Vote: 5-0

Item 5

Vote to Approve Warrant #4, Warrant # 3MV and Warrant # 3 A Bank Transfer

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to approve Warrant #4

Vote: 5-0

Item 6

Discuss appointments: Nikos DeMaria BOARD OF APPEALS

Helene Rondeau PAYSON PARK COMMITTEE

Nikos grew up in Rockport, then Warren. He does IT in Thomaston and is an Election Clerk for Warren. He was asked if he'd like to serve on the Board of Appeals. He has attended the last two Planning Board meetings to see how things are run. Board thanks him for volunteering.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to appoint Nikos DeMaria to the Warren Board of Appeals

Vote: 5-0

Helene has been on the Payson Park Committee for a number of years.

Luce, mentioned they would like to get both Park Committee's together for a meeting to discussing combining the two parks.

Pratt, asked about the trash issues at Payson Park. Since the removal of the can the trash issues have gone away.

Board Thanks her for volunteering.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to reappoint Helene Rondeau to the Payson Park Committee

Vote: 5-0

Item 7

Matt Weaver from The First National Wealth Management to give an update on accounts

Board was given a Portfolio Summary. Cash and Equivalents at 10.1% Equities at 46.3% and Fixed Income at 43.6%. 2022 has been a difficult year but he is confident they will be looking up. Since taking over the accounts the Town still has a positive return of 6%. Since taking over the reserve accounts in January they have been slowly adding that, should get a better return that way. Matt also suggests that the accounts that will be used in the near future be in a different account.

Item 8

Jake Miller from The First National Bank to talk about our accounts

All of the changes since moving over to The First have gone really well.

When the Town first was moved over they were able to give the Town a .45 seeing changes Jake reached out and was able to get the Town a .60 There are no fees to the Town if one ever is charged Heather just calls and it gets taken care of right away.

Pratt asked if Payroll could be taken over by them. It is something they could look at. The Biggest reason it wasn't moved over there is because they don't cut checks only direct deposit, making more work for Heather.

Item 9

Sign the 2022-2023 Commitment

Jim, the Mil rate for this year is 20 mils on the dollar, up from 19 last year. As soon as the solar project is online the Town can expect the taxes to go down. He has his son Joseph, third generation assessor assisting him.

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to sign the 2022-2023 Assessors' Certification of Assessment.

Vote: 5-0

Item 10

Approve/Sign Revaluation Contract

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to Approve/Sign Revaluation Contract

Vote: 5-0

Item 11

Discuss approved ARPA Fund Disbursement

Board agrees this should be done in Executive Session.

Item 12

Discuss Haley Ward Proposal- Peabody Stream Crossing Replacement

Hayley Ward will write grants, hire and oversee the entire project. They did a good job with the Sandy Shores project.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Peabody to accept Haley Ward Proposal for the Peabody Stream Crossing Replacement.

Vote: 5-0

Item 13

Sign Corrected Cemetery Quit Claim – Edwards

ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Macdonald to sign corrected Cemetery Quit Claim

Vote: 5-0

Item 14

Discuss setting an NSF Fee
Manager, currently there is no fee for a returned check. Most places have a NSF fee due to the time it takes to track them down, cost of mailing, etc.

ACTION:

Motion by Pratt; second by Macdonald to set a NSF fee of \$35.

Vote: 5-0

Item 15

Consideration of Appointment for Cemetery Sexton – Amanda Shelmerdine
Moved to bottom of agenda

Item 16

Manager Report

Public Works working on ditching, High Street, Riverview, Western from Beth's to 235.

Warren Meadows Solar Farm was approved at the Planning Board Meeting.

Item 17

Other Business with Leave of the Board

Macdonald, the Historical Society is working on the Walking tour down in the Village. They found out that Payson Park was once called Boggs Landing at one time, they would like to make a plaque for the Park.

Crabtree asked about the 35mph zone by Beth's Farm. This has been done. Adding an additional Public Works Employee for mowing would cost 16 thousand, down from the 24 thousand paid for mowing this year. Helene mentioned that this year's mowing is the best she has ever seen, they get off the mowers and weed whack and it looks really nice this year.

Pratt, would like to see the shoulders of the Roads finished. He would also like to see the monthly report from Public Works, including what projects are coming up. Board gets one from every other department.

Pratt, was brought to his attention that the brook by Beth's is dry. Board is seeing it everywhere.

Item 18

Executive Session • 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A)

ACTION

Motion by Macdonald; second by Peabody to go into Executive Session • 1 M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) at 7:23p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

ACTION:

Motion by Macdonald; second by Peabody to amend the motion from the July 27th 2022 Meeting to include to pay Amanda Shelmerdine \$25.00 per hour not to exceed 37 hours. To be taken from perpetual care.

Vote: 5-0

Amanda, there have been some issues with folks wanting to burry remains without the gravediggers. Manager, it is mandatory that a grave digger be there for the burial.

ACTION

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to go into Executive Session • 1
M.R.S.A § 405 (6)(A) at 8:04p.m.

Vote: 5-0

Leave Executive Session

Item 19

Adjourn

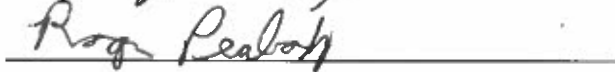
ACTION:

Motion by Crabtree; second by Peabody to adjourn the meeting at 8:45p.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 14 day of September, 2022.

Date: September 8, 2022

Signature: *Craig E. Michael*

Town Clerk

