

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of February 2, 2023
Hybrid meeting

Present: LaCava, Papp, Angevine

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by First Selectman LaCava

- 1) **Minutes of January 17, 2023:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes from January 17, 2023. All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 2) **Additions to agenda:** *none*
- 3) **Presentation on Bike Path through Warren:** Tom O'Brien from Western CT Greenway spoke on a possible bike path through Warren. Possibly coming up Rte 341 from Kent to Brick School Rd (option 1) or Cornwall Road-Rte 45N (option 2) down to Cornwall Bridge -Rte 7. Thought this was a safer route than Rte 7 from Kent to Cornwall Bridge. "US Bike Route 7" is an official route from Norwalk to Quebec. LaCava will be reviewing the paperwork to sign and then will send to the State of CT.
- 4) **Review of FY 2022-23 expenditures:** Board reviewed expenditures – watching truck maintenance, audit payment discrepancy, recycling and a few other small accounts – no concerns at this time.
- 5) **First Selectman's Report**
 - A Papp spoke on RSD20's progress – emails/website asking residents for their suggestions on a mascot, colors and design - only one suggestion per person. Board trying to decide on a name for the new region taking into consideration political and social etiquette: social media platforms are being formed. The District is also trying to offer Pre-K in Warren again – need to sign up, but a very small window to do so.
 - Town audit is complete and approved by the BoF. Copies are available in the Town Clerks office for review
 - Received a resignation letter from R. Schnell for the P&Z Commission.
Motion(Papp/Angevine) to accept R. Schnell's resignation from the P&Z Commission. All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0 Thank you to Ruth for her service. R. Schnell just celebrated her 90th birthday this past Sunday at the Warren Church. Happy Birthday Ruth.
 - Attended a webinar on technology – specifically on websites on **".org vs .gov"**. This was a suggestion from our cyber security audit. We will be looking into the fees associated with a change over.
 - Attended a legislative issue on Education Cost Sharing and why smaller towns are getting less when the State has received more funding.
 - Polar Bear run will not start and finish in Warren at the Hopkins Inn. The 38th Polar run will take place on Sunday Feb 26th at 11am.
 - We have established a Thumb Drive Policy effective January 25, 2023 as recommended through the Cyber Security Audit

- Met with A. Ridgeway from Litchfield 250. An organization working with towns for the 250th anniversary of our nation in 2026, coordinating information from Towns and sharing it through the different medias.
- Warren Affordable Housing developed a RFP for a Housing Development Consultant
- LaCava was invited to Wamogo to be a panelist on student's Capstone "Life Projects" – stationed in the Plant Science and Gardening section. Had a great experience with the students and their projects.
- Continuing to apply for Opioid funds from settlements with drug companies and stores. We will continue to work with COG and other entities to fight this epidemic.
- Eversource informed us that there will not be any tree work in Warren this year and then a couple of days later a representative stopped and said they would be working on North Kent/Brick School and Carter Roads. This is where most of our storm problems have been. J. Tanner and LaCava continue to collaborate with Eversource on these matters of safety.
- J. Tanner attended a Public Works/Highway Supervisor meeting at the COG this past week. The meeting was to help establish mutual assistance to towns during and after an emergency.
- As part of the budget process, continue to work on gathering information on building maintenance. Some items have been completed as part of this budget – i.e. fixing, repairing and cleaning up of buildings, doors, floors, and painting in the Spring.
- DPW – continue to be storm ready; continue outside clean up while weather permits; cleaning of facilities
- Social Services – fuel assistance; food bank every Thursday; establishing a "Young Womens Empowerment Program"; enrichment programs for children; wellness programs for senior's including yoga; working with Parks and Recreation on other senior programs/projects
- Parks and Recreation - read report from D Murphy
- Spoke with C Leone from RSD6 - he will presenting a budget review at the Warren School on March 1st and to the Warren BoF on April 5th. Hopefully Warren may see a \$100k cut this budget year.
- We submitted our paperwork for continued "Heart Safe Community" status, but has been put on hold until our EMS plan has been submitted to the State. This is currently in the works.
- Arrowpoint Water Association is interested in purchasing the circle on Arrowpoint Rd. R. Montegelas spoke on their behalf (president) and answered some questions from E Schoenfeld (BoF Chair). LaCava has reached out to Town Attorney regarding this matter. If the BoS decide to go forward, it will go to a Town Meeting.

6) Public Comment: The following resident(s) spoke:

- E Schoenfeld – option B

Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 6:20 pm

All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted by

Colleen Frisbie

Submitted attachments are available at the Town Hall, Town Clerk's Office

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