

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of September 19, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: LaCava, Papp, and Schneiderbeck

Recording Secretary: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:01 pm by First Selectman LaCava

1) Minutes of September 5, 2023, Meeting: Motion (Schneiderbeck/Papp) All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

2) Additions to agenda: None

3) Appointment to NW Transit District: Motion (LaCava/Papp) to appoint Lacava to the NW Transit District Board of Directors until December 2023 All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-0 The position will be added to the "Appointment List" completed by the BoS each December to fulfil expiring terms and vacancies.

4) First Selectman's Report: LaCava welcomed all.

- Region 20 update: LaCava read an update from RSD20. He also noted that C. Leone was sending out an email on the updated information regarding the Bobcat Mascot.
- Parks and Recreation: LaCava read D. Murphy's report.
- Social Services: No report
- DPW: continues with fall work, paving, finalizing drainage projects and continues to do roadside mowing.
- Shred It Day will be Saturday, September 30th from 9-12noon at the Town Hall for Warren residents to get rid of their papers, financial statements, etc.
- Household Hazardous Waste Day- Saturday, October 14th from 9-2pm at J. Pettibone School in New Milford
- Fire Extinguishers have been certified in all the buildings and town vehicles including the Fire Company
- We have ordered 2 additional AEDs for the Town.
- The staff will be at a training on Wednesday, October 4th for a "Stop the Bleed" training being taught by our Ambulance Chief, Patrice Lago. A few months back, the staff along with employees from Kent and Washington attended an "Active Shooter" class held at the Town Hall. We have begun our "to do list" to react to this type of situation starting with our phone system,
- The Community Center had a major leak in our IT room. We have determined the cause and have repaired the area. We are now in the clean-up phase drying out the room.
- We have hired a Facility Maintainer and he will be starting at the end of September.
- DPW purchased a small, enclosed trailer to house equipment needed for road work.
- STEAP Grants have been submitted and we are awaiting the decision from the State. We continue to apply for grants to help with the cost of updating our facilities, the purchasing of essential items for the town and our residents.

- In trying to keep our residents informed, we are in the process of creating flyers/pamphlets to inform residents of services offered by the Town and who to contact for more information.
- The past storms found the Town with numerous lighting strikes. One was around Sackett Hill which affected the Warren School and the IT system at the Community Center. Optimum came out and replaced equipment for Wi-Fi and Eversource came out to repair the school's problem.
- The Town has purchased a computer server for the office. It has been set up and is being installed with program and security software. Once this is completed, the individual computers will be networked to it.
- LaCava and Tanner took a tour with the Waterbury Water Reserve – very informative along with emergency information on the area.

LaCava thanked all the volunteers, committee members, the staff for their services in continuing to keep Warren moving forward. This was a big year, especially with the revaluation of property and trying to help our residents through the process.

5) Public Comment:

- E. Schoenfeld – questions on library

Motion (Papp/Schneiderbeck) to adjourn at 5:23pm

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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Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services

Last evening, the Region 20 Board of Education unanimously approved Julie Haggard as the Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services. Julie has served as the Litchfield Director of Pupil and Special Services for the last eight years. Previously, she served in the same role for the Newtown Public Schools. With great experience and knowledge, Julie will now be able to work with all LPS and RSD6 staff and families to provide a seamless transition to our new district.

Approval of R20AA Contract

The Region 20 Board of Education and the Region 20 Administrators Association (R20AA) are excited they have reached a three-year agreement that will run from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. This agreement will provide for continuity of staff as we move forward.

REMINDER

PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE POSTED ON WARRENREC.ORG

Trip schedule, Program Schedule

DayTripper Series continues with some amazing trips.

Salem, MA to see the Salem Witch Museum and “Cry Innocent: The People vs. Bridget Bishop” on October 22, NYC on November 22 to see the balloons inflated for the Macys Parade, Portsmouth, NH “Vintage Christmas” December 2 & 3, Newport to see the Mansions December 9, and NYC – Radio City Christmas Spectacular on December 14.

Adult Basketball starts in December on Thursday evenings.

Youth basketball program starts January 6th with registration in November. A very popular program so parents need to check websites and emails since registration numbers will be limited.

We are planning to set up a pickleball court in the Community Center. Check emails for additional information.

SKI program registration at Mohawk Mtn. starts in October.

SENIOR Trips and Activities

Our SENIOR Trips using the Northwest Transit Bus include trips to New Britain Museum of American Art, lunch at Staropolska and a visit to Avery’s Beverages on October 20 and also a trip on November 6th to IKEA.

Bend & Stretch Senior Program at Community Center continues Tuesdays.

Mar- Jong group continues to meet on Tuesdays.

Karate has a new session starting Friday October 6 and Fitness classes continue Saturdays.

Annual Fall luncheon is at HOPKINS INN on October 5

LUNCH & LUNCH

Programs include Pumpkin Arrangement – October 12, “How to make a POP-UP Greeting Card” - October 19, Cornucopia – November 21, Wealth Making - November 28.

Programs from AARP include AARP Fraud Watch Network: Inside the Criminal Mind and Disrupt Aging in Your Community

Warren Town Beach UPDATE

Kayaks should be removed from the racks by November 1st.

The beach is a beautiful setting and it’s our hope the community takes advantage of the area during fall season.

Warren Parks

Reminder: If you are at the beach, please close the gates when leaving the beach area to prevent the geese from visiting.

Reminder: as required by law dogs must be leashed in PUBLIC PARKS – please. Also curb your dog in our public parks!