

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 5, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Present: LaCava, and Baker

Schneiderbeck joined by zoom

Recording Secretary: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm by First Selectman LaCava

1) Minutes of February 6, 2024, Meeting: *Motion (Baker/Schneiderbeck)*

All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

2) Additions to agenda: None

3) Review of FY 2023-24 expenses: all look good – no discussion.

4) Budget Workshop: Apologize for not having a presented budget for you, but we are still working on it. Waiting for some numbers to fill in before presenting it.

5) First Selectman's Report: Welcome. Spring is a few weeks away. We spring ahead this weekend. D. Schneiderbeck gave a quick review on school districts – RSD6 winding down and RSD20 budget was presented to the towns at a school meeting last week.

- Social Services report – nothing new to report
- Public Works – continuing to clean up from the winter storms (rainstorms) and getting ready for Spring.
- Town Clerk – read report.
- Parks and Rec – read report.
- LaCava will be participating in St Baldrick's – shaving his head in support of eradicating children's cancer. This will take place at the Goshen Center School on Monday March 18th at 10am – please consider sponsoring Greg in this event.
(stbaldricks.org/events/Region20/donors#contentENTRY).
- We had staff training today along with a meeting with representatives from AFLAC and Pension. The training was an update on the rolling out of the new Employee Handbook , which is being reviewed by the attorney and a third-party HR company. Staff also trained on fire extinguishers and procedures in case of fire.
- Working on school security and safety practices, policies, and procedures with the daycare in town
- Our current Fire Marshal, Stan MacMillan is starting to step down from multiple towns as he gets closer to retirement. He will be leaving Warren in July. We are in the process of getting a job description and advertising for the position.

- Fiddler's Pond: the pond is in good shape. The carp that were introduced to the pond a few years ago, did the job they were supposed to do of cleaning out of weeds. There does seem to be an abundance of water lilies and we are working with Sean Hayden from the Task Force and New England Aquatics to help with this matter.
- Cell Tower: we re-signed the lease with Homeland Towers- continuing to pursue a primary source so we can have the tower built. Getting this tower built would help with emergency services for the area.
- Attended a school meeting last week with parents and officials regarding the combined learning curve and combined grade levels in Warren. C Leone making provisions addressing these areas of concern in Warren.
- C Leone went to each school last week presenting the FY 2024-25 draft budget. Once the draft budget is approved by the BOE, he will be attending BoF and BoS meetings in each town to present the proposed budget.
- LaCava met with Social Services and a representative from DCF on fostering children. There are over 3200 children in CT that are in the system. 4-6 children a day go on to the system. DCF needs families to become foster homes. It takes one year to go through the process to become a foster family. We will be working together to promote the need of fostering children.
- Lacava and J. Travers (WAH) attended a Housing and Conservation meeting. This is a collaborative meeting of different organizations working together for affordable housing.
- WAH continues to move forward with the housing project on Cemetery Rd. LaCava and Travers meet with the Engineers and J. Mullen(Land use) on the next steps with permits.
- D. Schneiderbeck added that the WLT is developing trails on Cunningham Rd. with J. Mullen from Land Use/IWC before actual making the 1-mile trail loop. More to come. Schneiderbeck hopes more families will get involved in becoming a foster parent. Schneiderbeck is one himself. He was interested in the collaboration of organizations and housing – without local housing and work opportunities, it makes it difficult for small towns to flourish.

6) Public Comment:

- E Schoenfeld – friendly reminder to LaCava regarding the next BoS meeting April 2nd is also the CT Primary. LaCava is aware and it will be addressed.

Motion (Baker/Schneiderbeck) to adjourn at 5:36pm

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

[Click here for audio](#)

INFORMATION IN BLUE SHOULD BE HIGHLIGHTED

REMINDER

**PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE POSTED ON
WARRENREC.ORG**

**January and February were busy months for planning the
department's programs and activities.**

Trip schedule, Program Schedule

Daytripper Series

Botanical Gardens / Bronx Zoo – April 18

Dress Parade at West Point – May 4th.

James Taylor at Tanglewood Trip Wednesday July 3rd

**Mets Vs Dodgers, Yankee vs Red Sox, Lancaster, PA to Sight and
Sound Theatre TRIPS are all in the process of being finalized.**

**Karaoke Night at the Parish Hall this Friday March 8th with Travelin'
Vin**

Annual St. Patrick's Day Lunch Thursday March 14th

SKI program at Mohawk Mtn finished at the beginning of February.

**Saturday Basketball program with all four towns finished for the
season. "A great developmental program"**

Pickleball continues on Wednesdays in the Community Center and because of strong interest is now also scheduled on Fridays from 9:30 – 12:00 noon.

Adult Basketball continues Thursday evenings at Warren School.

Fitness classes continue Saturday mornings.

Karate continues Fridays and Fitness classes continue Saturdays.

OPEN GYM on Sundays at the Community Center this Sunday – still need volunteers – please contact Rec. office.

Cornhole continues on Sunday at the Community Center from 3:00 – 6:00 pm

SENIOR Trips and Activities

Flower Arrangement “Valentines Day” on Monday February 12 at the Community Center was well attended.

A small group attended the Flower Show in Hartford.

Upcoming trips include Ct State Capitol Tour, Museum of Connecticut History; Carousel Museum & American Clock and Watch Museum; Mystic Seaport; Port Jefferson; Lighthouse Tour out of New London

Indoor Walking Program continues Tuesdays.

Senior BINGO is once a month in the Community Room at the Warren Community Center – March 27th.

Mar- Jong group continues to meet on Tuesdays (is now in the library)

SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Easter Egg Hunt – March 30th

Warren Town Wide Clean Up – April 20th

Summer Concert Series

Eleven music events are part of Summer Sounds at Warren Town Beach for Summer 2024, and 6 events are booked for our Summer Concert Series at Warren Woods – all exciting opportunities for the community to enjoy during the summer!

Warren Town Beach UPDATE

The Kayak Rental Lottery is currently taking place – must register on warrenrec.org.

We have a third kayak rack at the beach for Summer 2024 because of the strong demand from residents.

Warren Parks

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

From the Town Clerk:

I have been working with the Registrars of Voters with staying on schedule with everything voting during the Presidential Primaries and the ballots have been ordered. Early voting will take place on March 26, 27, 28 and 30 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Primary Day voting, April 2, is from 6:00 am - 8:00 pm. Voting is in the lower level of Town Hall. Absentee ballots become available on Tuesday, March 12.

Even though it is a few months away, dog licensing is coming up in June. There will be several reminders of this, but in a savings effort, reminders will NOT be sent in the mail. Notification to reregister (or register a new dog) will be placed in the quarterly newsletter, on the website and on the electronic sign at the light in town.