

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of September 5, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Present: LaCava Papp on Zoom

Recording Secretary: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by First Selectman LaCava

1) Minutes of July 18, 2023, Meeting: *Motion (LaCava/Papp) All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-0*

2) Additions to agenda: None

3) Resignation: LaCava read Angevine's Resignation from the Board of Selectmen immediately.
Motion(LaCava/Papp) to accept Angevine's resignation All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-0

4) Appointment to fill vacancy: According to CGS 7-107, the BoS or the chief executive authority may appoint a qualified person to fill vacancy until the next election. LaCava motioned to appoint David Schneiderbeck to fill the vacancy. Papp second the motion. Schneiderbeck ran for a position to the BoS in the last election. He is currently on the RSD6 BoE, Parks and Recreation Committee and the Warren Land Trust. **All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-0** Schneiderbeck will meet with the Town Clerk to be sworn in before he assumes his role as a BoS. Congratulations to Dave who was present at the meeting.

5) First Selectman's Report: LaCava welcomed all. He thanked everyone for their understanding last month when he had to cancel both meetings due to COVID and no quorum. The heat will continue this week with RSD6 going to ½ days this week due to the heat.

- WLT is seeking a grant and has asked the Selectman, NWHCOG and our Parks and Recreation Committee to support them in this grant. LaCava stated that all will support the WLT in this grant.
- Eversource: had an arborist down at North Shore Road and has determined that 13 trees will be removed. We continue to work with and build a relationship with our Eversource liaison to keep communications open, especially during storms and emergencies.
- Reports from Departments:
 - Social Services – LaCava read report.
 - DPW- due to the weather not cooperating this summer, they are roughly 6-8 weeks behind in their road schedule which includes side mowing. They have returned to a five-day work week instead of their summer schedule of 4 – 10hr days.
 - Parks and Recreation – LaCava read report.
- During our budget process, we added a new part-time position for facility maintainer. We posted the position, interviewed, and offered the position to K. Schneider. Schneider is a retired DEEP officer and has the skills to perform the work as outlined in the job description. Schneider will start with us at the end of September. We welcome him to our staff.

- The HVAC systems at both the town hall and community center are in need of repairs. We had two sensors replaced last week at the town hall and continue to work with a new company on repairs to the rest of the system. We have had different companies evaluate the system at the community center and since the mechanicals are outdated, we are having problems getting parts to repair the units. We will continue to explore our options for the HVAC system at the community center.
- LaCava continues to work with COST and CCM in the removal of mandated postings in the newspaper. We only have the Rep-Am that is available to all residents in Warren and to post a legal notice in the paper costs us anywhere up to \$400 per posting. The removal of this mandate could save us money overall.
- Garbage contracts are up this year. We will be sending out bid documents prior to our budget.
- WLT – LaCava is working with the WLT President, R. Neary, on possible solar projects to help benefit the WLT and our town. We also continue to work with DOT and WLT on access to the Keith Preserve from Lindstrom Park.
- Our DPW purchased a new cargo trailer (budgeted item) which will house equipment for different out of the building projects. This will make repairs, installations, etc. more efficient by having all the equipment with them in the trailer.
- It is hurricane season, and we will be participating in simulations throughout the following months with our Region 5 Task Force on protocol for weather emergencies.
- We have finished installing additional cameras at Warren Woods and will be installing additional cameras at the beach for security reasons. Cameras will not be monitored daily. The only time cameras will be accessed is when there has been a situation. They can only be accessed through the security company when requested by the State Police or the First Selectman depending on the incident.
- We have replaced gutters at the town garage as part of our capitol improvements for this year.
- Our DPW has joined a partnership with other town DPW's in sharing equipment needed to help during emergencies and storms. By sharing equipment, towns keep costs down and work together to help all residents be safe.
- LaCava continues to work with DOT on the Rte.45 project near Curtiss Rd. Rte. 45 embankment continues to erode, and we are hoping they will push up the start date from Fall of 2024 to earlier next year. The other road project is a connector from the bottom of the town hall driveway to Lake Rd. The State application and grant has been approved. Both projects will have a town meeting scheduled for residents to learn more about the projects and to ask questions. These meetings are scheduled according to the State timing of projects.
- Arethusa Farm has received their non-profit standing to work with RSD6 and Litchfield Public Schools this year and RSD20 next year, with a new AG facility. A. Papp gave an update on RSD20 – no meeting last month due to quorum, but the next meeting will be 9/14 at James Morris School, where they will continue to set goals for committees and work on a name for the region. All are encouraged to attend.
- Thank you to Howard and Greg Lethbridge for repairing the road in the cemetery. The DPW provided the materials to fix the road.
- Shred-It Day will be Sept 30th 9-12pm at the Town Hall

- Hazard Waste Day should be sometime in Oct. Waiting to hear from New Milford
- LaCava has been in contact with the Memorial Committee with new names to be added to the wall.
- Holiday on the Hill will be Dec 2nd from 5-8pm. The Warren General Store, Town Spirits, WKND, all the organizations, business associations, church, library, distillery, vineyards, and town will have items, food, kittens, Santa and more. Watch for more information in the future.

6) Public Comment:

- J. Dvorsky – questioned revaluation
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*Motion (Papp/LaCava) to adjourn at 5:38pm **All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-0***

Respectfully submitted by
Colleen Frisbie

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

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From: Missy Brown <socialservices@warrenct.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:50:54 AM

To: Greg LaCava <Selectman@warrenct.org>

Subject: Re: Wednesday 9/6 @ lunch brief meeting

you can remind people I applied for and received a grant from CT community Foundation for "older adults programs" and using those funds I have a mobile hair care event for seniors tomorrow (Sept 6) (hair cuts and manicures and lunch provided for any senior who would like) and in a few weeks those funds will also cover mindful yoga sessions every Tuesday sept 26-nov 14



Warren Parks and Recreation – September 5, 2023

REMINDER

ALL PARK AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES ARE POSTED ON WARRENREC.ORG

Concert Schedule, Trip schedule, Program Schedule

Day Tripper Series continues this Sunday with a trip to visit the 9-11 Memorial and Museum in New York City.

Our Summer Concert Series concludes on Saturday September 16th with COVER 2 COVER at Warren Woods scheduled for 5:00 PM start.

There was a tremendous amount of recreation opportunities this summer that included Summer Sounds at Warren Town Beach (Travelin Vin, Mike Wilson, The Red Hots, Pete Miserendino, Travelin Vin & Sidekick Dave, and Jerry & Teddi), Summer Concert Series at Warren Woods (Fleetwood Mac, Cobblestone Road, Wooden Horse and Beatles Forever); our DAYTRIPPERS SERIES included trips to Yankee Stadium to see the Red Sox & Yankees, Citi Field to see the Mets & Dodgers, Boston to see the WHALES – oh yeah did we see whales!, and a great trip to Saratoga & Lake George that included time in the village of Saratoga Springs, Saratoga Racetrack, BBQ & Rodeo at Painted Pony Championship Rodeo, lunch and entertainment aboard the Lac du Saint Sacrement and a visit to Adirondack Winery!

This past weekend was our Annual Town Wide Tag Sale.

SENIOR Trips and Activities

Our SENIOR Trips using the Northwest Transit Bus this summer included trips to Port Jefferson, New York via the Bridgeport ferry, Lighthouse Tour out of New London and Thimble Islands

Additional trips include Hammonasset State Park, Port Jefferson, New Britain Museum of American Art with lunch at Staropolska and a visit to Avery's Beverages and a possible trip to Mystic Seaport.

Bend & Stretch Senior Program at Community Center continues Tuesdays.

Mar- Jong group continues to meet on Tuesdays.

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

Warren Town Beach UPDATE

A GREAT SUMMER AT WARREN TOWN BEACH! Our priority is always a SAFE SUMMER which makes it a great summer.

During one hot weekend the beach recorded a total of 283 patrons visiting during a Saturday and Sunday

Patrick Bonis did his usually fantastic job mentoring and training our lifeguards/gate guards.

Parking Permits and One Day Permits were handled through the on-line registration system at warrenrec.org. Both permits set records this summer!

The Kayak racks proved to be very popular, and an additional rack may be added next year.

The beach is a beautiful setting and hopefully the public will take advantage of the area during late summer and early fall.

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!