

Board of Selectman's Minutes
Warren Town Hall: Conference Room
Meeting of April 7, 2015

Present: C. Nelson, C. Tanner, S. Warshaw

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Park and Recreation:

Public Works: J. Tanner

1. **Called to Order** by C. Nelson, First Selectman at 6:30pm
2. **Minutes:** Motion (Tanner/ Nelson) to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2015
All Approved
3. **Additions to the Agenda:** Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to Add Cemetery and Website **All Approved**
4. **Public Comment:** K. Willenbrock introduced the Warren Looking Forward (WLF) group and gave the Selectmen their mission and vision statement (attached) This is a grass roots effort to help Warren reach its full potential as a Town. A. Anderson – Spoke on housing and how they partnered with Park and Rec to hold an open house on May 16th. They are inviting people to listen to 1st time homebuyer speaker, inviting local realtors, the Warren Church, Fire Company, Library to have an open house the same day. Hoping to bring people into Town L. Tanner-Horn – spoke regarding Warren School and how they don't want combined classes or their children being sent to the other elementary schools (Morris/Goshen) and how they saved the school K. Lundberg asked about a new website, what the process is, Would the Town like help from the WLF N. Brodhead read a letter regarding Warren 20/20 and WLF and what they have done and what they are looking forward to in the future (attached)
5. **Wetlands Appointment: alternate position** Motion (Nelson/Warshaw) to appoint Tom Caldwell as an alternate to the Wetlands Commission **All Approved**
6. **Review of 2014-15 Expenditures:** was reviewed at the BOF meeting on April 1, 2015
7. **Additions to Agenda: 1)Cemetery** – Warshaw wanted to know what was being done to repair the broken fence at the Old Cemetery on Cornwall Road – it's been like that since Oct/Nov 2014. Nelson reported that we had just finished settling with the insurance company for approximately \$2600. Unfortunately with all the snow, the appraiser was unable to see all the damage until the snow melted, which was within the last week or so. Warshaw asked if the Town Crew was going to do the repairs – No, we will be hiring a fence company to do the repair work **2)Website** – Nelson reported that we had signed up with a website company out of Massachusetts, Virtual Towns and Schools, to start working on the new website. The new site will have a sign up for reverse 911 on it, separate pages for each committee/department, links to school, church, library, etc. The site should be up and running sometime in June 2015.

8. **First Selectman's Report:** 1) Website: discussed at "additions" item 2) BOF has accepted the proposed Budget for FY 2015-16 and will be calling a Town Hearing in May. **Questions and Comments from the Public:** A question from the public wondering if funds can be put away for future items: Town can no longer have Contingency Funds Warren Looking Forward group wanted to know if they could make copies at the Town Hall, if they brought their own paper, to make flyers, brochures, etc. to mail to Warren residents and could this be in the budget – Warshaw said the Fire Company is pretty liberal and they could most likely use their copier and could ask residents to help with funding the mailing, paper etc., like they did before. Discussion went back to the website and if the WLF could use the website and would it be ready for their May 16th open house. Depending on the content of what they wanted on the website would be determined by the Website group because of rules for Town websites and it will not be ready for May 16th. Warshaw asked if the WLF had a domain and if not he could help get a domain and a website up and working for May 16th and knows people in town that would help. Warshaw also noted that he had a recently married couple staying at his B&B and they were looking for a realtor in this area because they loved Warren. He feels this Open House would help. A. Cassone asked about the Conservation and Development policy the Town has. Nelson stated that the Policy is reviewed every 10 years which is State mandated. The last time it was reviewed in 2009, Planimetrics Inc. was the company that helped rewrite the policy. They held hearings, had surveys, suggestions, etc. from the Town to produce a policy specifically for Warren. The next review will be in 2019 and we will start at least a year prior to the due date. Cassone wanted to know if this would be a good tool for the WLF group to use in their work. The policy is online and in the Land Use office. Cassone also wanted to know how much of this policy was implemented. Nelson said he couldn't say exactly, but most of the implementation is directed to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

9. Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to adjourn at 7:05pm **All Approved**

Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Frisbie
Recording Secretary