

Board of Selectmen
June 2, 2020 Meeting
via Zoom

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:01pm by Angevine

- 1) **Minutes:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Meeting*
All Approved
- 2) **Minutes of Special Meeting:** *Motion (Angevine/Papp) to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 22, 2020 with the correction of striking the statement " which he believed Tim knew about from Gabriella," from the record* **All Approved**
- 3) **Additions:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to add update on security of building* **All Approved**
- 4) **Addition-Security on Buildings:** Questioned where we stand on the signing of the panic button contract with Berkshire Alarm. Angevine had questions on the contract, put a call in and he hasn't connected with Berkshire as of today.
- 5) **Warren Land Trust:** R. Neary and E. Chandler spoke on two preservation projects they are working on and how it relates to the 2019 POCD. WLT is applying for funding through federal and state funding. The 1st property is owned by Terry and Elwyn Tanner on route 341 and the 2nd property is at the end of Cunningham Rd WLT is requesting a letter from the BOS, Planning and Zoning, Inland/Wetlands and the NWCOG. Angevine would like two different motions since he will be recusing himself from the Tanner property since it abuts the Angevine property *Motion (Angevine/Nelson) for the Selectmen to write a letter of support on the Cunningham Rd property owned by the Christian Youth Fellowship INC for purposes of conservation purposes and write a letter to IWC, P&Z and the NWCOG for their support* **All Approved** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to support the WLT for the Warren Valley property (Tanner) and to have letters from the IWC, P&Z and the NWCOG for support* **2 Approved (Nelson/Papp) 1 Abstained (Angevine)**
- 6) **Warren Historical Society:** J. Mansfield spoke about the matching grant for the Brick School House and how there is a little stumbling block – since the WHS has not owned or leased the property for the past 20 years, the Town will need to apply for the grant. Mansfield will do all the paperwork, but needs a contact at the Town Hall to answer some of the questions. *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to apply for the matching grant and the WHS will be completing the application (similar to the Farm Viability Grant)* **All Approved**
Angevine noted that the Little Brick School House model has been delayed a bit because we did not get the dumpster for the town cleanup that was canceled.

- 7) **Beach:** Murphy and the P&R Commission worked on a revision of the beach rules using the guidelines from the State and health departments – social distancing, capacity, swimming, length of time, parking, etc. Discussion followed. Parking permits will be available starting Thursday (6/4). Nelson read the Park and Recreation Ordinance and thanked the commission for their work on the revision of rules for the beach.
- 8) **Recommendation to move Park and Recreation checking account into Town of Warren oversight:** per the Town Ordinance, Park and Recreation has full control of their checking account. It is already under the oversight of the Town – it is audited each year and the Commission gets a financial statement at their meetings. Frisbie did state that she hasn't given them one in a few months and apologized for that. Papp asked what the procedure is and Frisbie explained. Angevine stated that he knows certain things need to be done before anything can happen, but he feels there needs to be a better job and it should be under his approval just like the regular checking account. More discussion followed.
- 9) **First Selectman's Report:**
- a. Formalizing a recovery committee
 - b. Public Works will be having an online auction to sell old equipment, funds are to be replaced into the equipment fund
 - c. Food bank open each Thursday from 10-noon
 - d. BOF comments on budget due by 5pm on 6/3
 - e. Discussing opening procedures with employees
- 10) **Public Comment:**
- a. J Marsh – felt that signs and gestures during a meeting by the public is distracting and those in attendance should be considerate and wait till the end of the meeting – Angevine stated you could have a sign at in-person meeting so he's not sure what he could do
 - b. H Tammen – he's working on a letter to the BOF, wants the beach closed, wants public comment on every agenda
 - c. T Parkhouse – felt more transparency (Park and Rec) is not a bad thing, wants to know when a "Beach Meeting" will be held since the last one in January was canceled.

*Motion (Angevine/Papp) to adjourn at 6:18pm **All Approved***

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

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Date: June 2, 2020
To: The Town of Warren, Board of Selectman
From: The Warren Land Trust
RE: Request for Support for Submission to CT DEEP's Open Space and Watershed Acquisition Grant program

The Warren Land Trust (WLT) is working on two separate transactions that involve the potential purchase of land in The Town of Warren. The WLT is planning to submit applications to CT DEEP 's Open Space and Watershed Acquisition (OSWA) grant program on July 1, 2020 with the intention of raising a significant portion of the funding to complete these transactions. All lands acquired under the OSWA program must be preserved in perpetuity, predominantly in their natural, scenic, and open condition, and must provide access so that the public will be able to enjoy the property.

We are seeking documented support ("Letter of Support" or "LOS") from the Town for these transactions to include in the applications as both – as described below – will further many of the goals of the Town as outlined in its most recent POCD 2019-2019. We are also requesting that the BOS request Letters from Support for these transactions from the NWCOG at its upcoming meeting on June 11, 2020.

Transaction 1: Warren Valley Farm

The purchase of 201 acres along Rte. 341 by the WLT would help to preserve farmland, rural character and scenic open space that is enjoyed by the entire community and anyone who drives through Warren. New opportunities will be created for recreational access to an extensive trail network through scenic terrain and to enhance water quality in the primary eastern corridor and main watershed region of the Town of Warren and Lake Waramaug area.

This transaction would help to achieve the following POCD goals:

- GOAL 1: WORK TO ATTRACT & RETAIN YOUNG ADULTS AND FAMILIES**
- *Expand recreational offerings geared toward young adults and young families.*
- GOAL 2: PROTECT FARMLAND FROM DEVELOPMENT, SUPPORT FARM BUSINESSES, SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE FARMING PRACTICES & ATTRACT YOUNG FARMERS**
- *Support Farmland Preservation by protecting existing farms from future residential and/or commercial development.*
 - *Support and encourage farm ownership and continuity.*
 - *Promote good farming practices to preserve quality of Town natural resources.*

- GOAL 4: PROTECT NATURAL & WATER RESOURCES AT LAKE WARAMAUG AND ITS TOWN-WIDE WATERSHED**
- *Protect water quality at Lake Waramaug and other water bodies in the Town.*
 - *Protect Town-wide natural and scenic resources.*
 - *Protect the character of the South Zone as a rural residential lakefront community.*
- GOAL 5: PROTECT TOWN-WIDE NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECOSYSTEMS**
- *Protect natural resources and ecosystems.*
 - *Preserve Scenic Resources.*
 - *Engage Community by providing public access.*
- GOAL 7: INVEST IN COMMUNITY FACILITIES AND RECREATION**
- *Expand and publicize opportunities for outdoor recreation in Warren.*

Transaction 2: Cunningham Road

Purchase of 248 acres at the end of Cunningham Rd and adjacent on one side to the East Kent Hamlet Preserve owned by Kent Land Trust and, on the other side, to Wyantenock State Forest. Together these properties would create a protected land mass of approximately 800 acres offering highly attractive recreational opportunities as well as protecting important natural resources including Core Forest.

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Selectman's Report June 2, 2020

I hope to formalize the COVID-19 Town of Warren Recovery Committee at the next BOS meeting on June 16 which will work to address the long term needs of the community.

In the next month, depending on time availability, the Warren Public Works will be conducting an online auction of used equipment no longer needed by the Town of Warren. The funds will be put back into the equipment fund as said in the March 5, 2020 special town meeting minutes.

The Warren & Washington Food Bank remains open every Thursday from 10-12. Thank you to all the Volunteers who give their time, and to all those that donate food and essentials.

Thank you to the Community for being patient as we work to create policies that will allow us to open the beach safely. If you have concerns, please contact me directly at Town Hall 860-868-7881 x102

If you have not already please consider sending an email to the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectman using warrenbudget21@optimum.net This email, which is on the town website, is distributed to all members of the BOF and BOS. There will be a BOF meeting this Thursday to discuss the fiscal year '21 Town Budget.

I am beginning to have discussions with everyone working in Town Hall to address any concerns regarding our reopening of the Warren Town Hall to the Community. We are hoping to open possibly next week but will not reopen until there is a plan in place that we all agree upon.

Thank you to all the folks in the Community that continue to offer assistance to their neighbors during this difficult time.

Thank you.

Tim Angevine