

Board of Selectmen
September 15, 2020 Meeting
via Zoom

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm by Angevine

- 1) **Minutes:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2020 Meeting and the Special Meeting of September 3, 2020* **All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0**
- 2) **Public Comment:** Following residents commented
 - a. H Tammen
 - b. C Haxo
- 3) **Additions:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to add (1) the monitoring of alarm system at the Community Center and Academy (2) the tree at the Community Center to cut down* **All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0**
- 4) **Additions – Monitoring at the Community Center and Academy:** No Motion made
Discussion to get a few companies to give us a quote – J Schultz was asked regarding the alarm systems and suggests Angevine gets assessments from companies who would like to have the business. Angevine is to contact the company who installed the system at the Center and companies we are currently working with for assessments/quotes.
- 5) **Additions – Tree:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to turn the tree over to Park and Recreation to run a raffle to cut the tree down with the proceeds to benefit the P&R Scholarship fund and for the tree to be removed by 12/10/2020* **All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0**
- 6) **Fire Truck:** Angevine stated that the goal is to move it on to a Town vote – Finance has approved the money and the Fire Company has agreed to kick in a fair amount of money. Looking to pass the recommendation of the Fire Company to purchase the Pierce truck and bring it to a town vote. Discussion followed. Papp thought selectmen were still waiting for information on the differences on the bids. Angevine said he spoke with E Epstein (GowansKnight) and answered a few questions and that the letter didn't actually get to the Town – but questions come from a discussion he had with Ted (fire chief) that left some questions about the cab. Angevine stated Epstein said they did not meet the requirements of the cab specs but did this based on his conversation with Ted. Epstein acknowledges that after the bids are open is not the time to make change. Suggests the bid process in the future requires all inquiries be made by email and not by speaking with a person. Angevine went on to speak about the integrity of the process and even though the Pierce Representative is a member of the Fire Company, in his opinion there are no conflicts or secrets out there which would preclude them from the bid. Angevine stated that he is a member of the Fire Company and will provide Selectmen with any information needed but now will recuse himself from voting to take it to a Town meeting. Papp asked about the warranties and maintenance extras over the life of the truck- were they in the package. All bid packages are at the Warren Town Hall if anyone would like to review the packages.

Nelson wished the Town Meeting discussion came before the fire truck on the agenda because right now we are back under all the Executive Orders which have been extended. EO7S & EO7B were stated regarding, if any, how town meetings can be held. Much discussion followed on town meeting procedures, Torrington Area Health etc., all having to do with the EO. Frisbie stated information provided by COST, EO and information received from the State Attorney and that we should contact our Town Attorney. *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to table agenda item #'s 4 and 9 until more information can be obtained.*

All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

Papp asked who will contact who - Papp will contact LaCava (EMD) Nelson to contact TAHD. Angevine to contact Town Attorney. Each Selectmen will copy all on information gathered. A special meeting will be called to continue discussion.

- 7) **HR Consultant Update:** Angevine spoke with the consultant and gave him some things to focus on. No Discussion
- 8) **Repeater:** Angevine spoke with Schultz about the purchase of a special universal power source for backup of the system which would extend the battery life of the repeater. *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to just get it fixed All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 9) **Affordable Housing Grant:** Angevine explained this is the \$11,000 the Town applied for with the NHCOC and will be receiving – just needs Selectmen to acknowledge the grant funds. *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to give Angevine the right to sign on behalf of the Town of Warren on the acceptance of the \$11,000 housing grant All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0* Angevine has move information from the NHCOC on the Affordable Housing grant. Will send out to the Selectmen to review before proceeding.
- 10) **Tax Collector update:** Town hired an temporary tax collector – is currently an assistant tax collector, but not certified working Monday mornings to help us out until we can hire a permanent. Person was hired at \$30 per hour. Nelson questioned the rate since at the special meeting it was discussed at \$25.00 because she was not certified. No further discussion.
- 11) **First Selectman's Report:** see attached
- 12) **Public comment:** the following residents commented
 - a) H Tammen
 - b) C Haxo
 - c) J Schultz
 - d) H Tammen

Motion (Nelson/Papp) to adjourn at 6:11 pm All Approved

Respectfully submitted by
Colleen Frisbie

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

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