Board of Selectmen
Minutes of July 19, 2022
Hybrid meeting

Present: LaCava, Papp, Angevine

Recording Secretary: Frisbie

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

1) **Minutes of June 21, 2022:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes* ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***

2) **Minutes of Special Meeting of July 6, 2022:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes* ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***

3) **Additions to agenda:** *Motion (LaCava/Papp) to add GNF resignation and Drug take back day* ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***

4) **Addition – GNF resignation:** LaCava read Beth Ulrichsen's resignation from the Good Neighbor Fund Committee. Motion (Angevine/Papp) to accept Ulrichsen's resignation ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*** We will look for candidates to fulfill the vacancy- the Selectmen appoint to this committee.

5) **Addition – Drug take back day:** Angevine said the Wamogo Wellness Prevention Committee has a Drug Take Back Day each year and they rotate in the 3 towns. It is Warren's turn, and the day will be October 29th from 10-2pm. More information to come.

6) **First Selectman's Report:** LaCava welcomed everyone to the meeting
    - Eversource has reached out due to the heat index with updates to Emergency Services and Social Service departments with cooling station information
    - Fun fact – the Town is named after General Joseph Warren – but did you know that the word warren refers to an interconnecting network of rabbit burrows, historically meant a piece of land enclosed for breeding birds and animals – especially rabbits – for hunting and is derived from the old French word "garenne" – a game park or hunting preserve. Thank you to E. Schoenfeld for that interesting fact.
    - LaCava continues to work on different ideas for the Town
    - The Traffic Light in the center of Town has hopefully been fixed. Thank you to DOT and NYConn for relocating the sensor and trimming some tree branches in the site line.

- Met with State Police and First Selectmen from Kent and Washington regarding the new Police Boat purchased and the lack of use. All in attendance working on solutions to this matter
- Land Use update: J. Mullen has a new "complaint" form that residents will be able to fill out for land issues. She continues to work on making forms fillable for our residents. A new item Mullen has instituted is a "Pre-Construction" site visit.
- All four towns unanimously voted to regionalize. This was a Historical Vote in the State. Two of the four towns have had a Town meeting to elect board members. Congratulations to Warren's new RSD20 Board Members: Alexandrea Papp, Robert DeLayo, and Tiffany Parkhouse.
- LaCava, Wechter and Frisbie attended the NW Land Conservation event- Green Drinks - held at the Kent Falls Brewery.
- We are very sorry to say good-bye to our Tax Collector, Jodie Enriquez, who has gone to another town for a full-time position. Jodie continues to help our town during tax season as we look for a new collector. We have started the interview process.
- Solar update: continuing to look for locations that are suitable for our plans to bring solar to the town.
- Noise Ordinance: this was a request from the Land Use Department due to the complaints received from residents. We are looking into the best way to approach this matter – whether it is an ordinance or a regulation.
- RSD6 was looking into electronic signs for each of the schools. Due to budget restraints, the BOE members denied the request.
- Reviewing the upper road of the cemetery for repairs
- Capitol Plan – continue to work on the plan for 5-15 years
- EV Solutions – possible stations at the Town Hall and working with J. Favreau at the Warren General Store for having stations there also.
- With prices continuing to increase, all our departments are very aware of the spending cuts. We continue to investigate consortiums in fuel and insurances, with increases projected to be 20% or more next year.
- Working with the State DOT on a grant to put a new bridge and road from the State Road to Cemetery as a direct entrance for the Town Hall. Funding would be either 100% Federal or an 80/20 split with Federal and State.
- LaCava continues to look for grants to help with repairs to buildings and roads
- Meeting with LWA and 1st Selectmen from Kent and Washington on a unified Land Use Officer
- Researching sprucing up the Pavilion at the Woods
- Homeland Towers – the cell tower is up in Kent – waiting for carriers to go on tower and then could be looking at Warren
- The Composting Program is up and running at the Town Garage. So far, no bear problems! See website for more information
- Warren Land Trust looking for "Trail Stewards".

- Met with Dave Irwin from DEEP – very interesting learning about forestry and how it helps the environment
- FOWS is promoting the Backpack Program for students going to or back to school. Please see Missy in Social Services for details.
- Parks and Recreation – see attached report
- Public Works – crew spends one day just cleaning/mowing town facilities. Road work will start as soon as supplies arrive. Winter road salt up 20% already from last year. Bears continue to wreak havoc with garbage bins in town. Bear proof bins are available from USA Waste for $10 a month.
- Social Services: Child tax credit ($250 per child) for qualifying families, must apply by July 31st. Please see Missy for assistance. We now have a Chore Worker in Warren! Families seeking Litchfield Hills Chore Service can now be matched with the worker through Social Services. Contact Missy for more information.
- Had the opportunity to meet today with the commander from Troop L along with the 1st Selectmen from Kent and Washington. We discussed everything from speeding, vandalism, traffic around the lake, and educational programs available to the towns. LaCava working with State Police and the Community Trust Liaison Program, that is in place by the State Police, to listen to the community.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

7) **Public Comment:** The following residents spoke:

a. H Tammen

b. W Tammen

Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 5:50 pm ***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