

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 2, 2022
Hybrid meeting

Present: LaCava, Papp, Angevine

Recording Secretary: Frisbie

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

- 1) Minutes of July 19, 2022:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes*
All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0
- 2) Additions to agenda:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to add RSD#20 update on first meeting*
All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0
- 3) Addition – RSD#20:** Papp gave a summary of the initial meeting of the RSD#20 BOE members. Representative from the State Education was in attendance along with the Superintendent, Chris Leone. Officers were elected until October 2022 – unable to determine term lengths based on the CGS 10-46. Would like input from the BOS in each town on whether they would like to see stability in members on term limits or more of a change of members every 2-4 years per the CGS. Papp shared the three scenarios on possible term limits. LaCava would rather see a stability in terms (not a big change over every 2 years) but will reach out to the other First Selectmen in the towns on their opinions and will let Papp know before the BOE's next meeting on 9/15.
- 4) Review of FY 2021-22 expenditures:** This is a draft of the FY close-out. Adjustments still need to be made.
- 5) Review of FY 2022-23 expenditures:** Not much to discuss since we are only one month into the new fiscal year.
- 6) First Selectman's Report:** LaCava welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - Fun Fact: was in Boston recently and stopped at Joseph Warren Tavern – this is the General the Town of Warren is named after. Very interesting to learn this is where General Warren met with George Washington, Paul Revere, and others about the revolution
 - Composting Program – going very well now. Unfortunately, the raccoons and bears have found the composting bins and have had their dinners at the town garage. The bins have been locked and we are working on getting keys so residents will be able to access the bins once again. The key will be tethered to the bin for access.

- We continue to investigate different ways to broaden our communication to residents, volunteers of committees and commissions. Next year we will be having a special day for our volunteers involved with the town to show our appreciation
- Solar – been working with Janell (Land Use) and with Energy Solutions on finding areas of land that will benefit the town (saving money)
- Would like residents to know that the LWTF is in the process of cleaning out sediment areas in Warren. This is being done professionally
- RFP's – EV Solutions: looking to bring charges to the Town Hall and to the center of Town. Possibly have a level 2 charging station at the Town Hall and level 3 (quick) charging station at the WGS (working with J. Favreau)
- Collaborate effort going on between Otto, Ed Advance, and Tower to help correct the heating/ac system at the Town Hall.
- As we all know, prices continue to increase. I've asked the staff to be mindful of their spending for each department
- We are steps closer to finding out who vandalized Warren Woods back in June. Thanks to a resident who kept an eye out for a particular vehicle.
- Thank you to the ARPA Advisory Group who has given their recommendations for the expensing of funds. The group considered all the guidelines, requests and ideas associated with expensing the funds. LaCava would like the Selectmen to review what was submitted and we will discuss at the next meeting.
- Social Services – nothing new to update this week
- Parks and Recreation – read D. Murphy's report (see attached)
- Public Works – working on drainage this week on Birch Drive (on the 5year road plan) and will be chip sealing roads next week.
- With high temperatures in the 90's again this week, the EMD, Social Services, and LaCava have been communicating on the need(s) of cooling centers.
- We have been interviewing applicants for the Tax Collector's position. We will be deciding in a week or so, once all interviews are complete
- Read a report from OPM (ST of CT Office of Policy and Management)- even though Warren is a small town, our responsibilities in the Town Hall are the same of those in large towns, who have multiple employees in each department. We are ranked 14th in the State out of 169 Towns, third lowest mil rate (behind Salisbury and Greenwich), third in the State for tax collections, education is \$23K per pupil and our unemployment is the same as the State (5.1%).
- IWC has approved the fillable forms Janell(Land Use) has designed. All forms are approved by the Committee(s) before use by the residents
- We have investigated the issues requested by H. Tammen on the search engine of the website. The company has adjusted some features and will continue to work on others.

Enjoy your summer and stay safe.

7) Public Comment: The following residents spoke:

a. W Tammen

Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 5:49 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

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