

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 16, 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 August 2, 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) **Presentation on Guardrails:** Blake Levitt gave a summary (see attachments) on the report submitted to the BOS prior to the meeting. Others who spoke were M Mostajo (LWA), P. Herzan (Washington resident), Warren residents J. Goodale, E. Chandler, and J. Mullen. Since the Selectman were given the summary prior to meeting, no action was taken.
- 4) **Fire Company Parade Request:** LaCava stated that since he is an elected official for the Town of Warren and an officer of the WVFC, he will be recusing himself from the discussion and will abstain from voting on the matter. LaCava read a recommendation from Attorney Ebersol on the Fire Company's letter. J. Marsh (WVFC President) spoke on the request. Papp and Angevine had a discussion. Motion (Angevine/Papp) to approve Engine 6 (new truck) to be taken to the Bridgewater Parade. ***All in Favor Motion passes 2-0-1 with LaCava abstaining.*** LaCava will reach out to the WVFC regarding the recommendation of the Attorney on having a policy on apparatus leaving the Town.
- 5) **ARPA fund discussion:** The Selectmen were given a draft of recommendations for the expenditure of funds at the previous meeting. We have received a portion of the second disbursement and should be receiving the final disbursement in 30 days. Some discussion was taken but will continue at another meeting.
- 6) **First Selectman's Report:** LaCava welcomed everyone to the meeting
 - Applied for a STEAP Grant in the amount of \$275K for siding on the Library building, roof on the Fire House, ADA compliance updates at the Academy and a roof on the Ag Barn at the woods
 - LaCava continues to reach out to the 3 towns on the term limit decision for the newly elected volunteers to RSD#20
 - JP Maguire did a fantastic clean up after vandals expelled the fire extinguishers in the dining hall, kitchen and store at the Woods. The cost was \$5244 which we will

be filing a claim with CIRMA. The windows that were broken have not been repaired at this time. We are hoping we have identified the perpetrators, but have not received confirmation from the State Police.

- Composting bins at the Town Garage have been a great source of meals for the bears. They have even taken the bins as take out! We are going to try to anchor the bins at the garage, have a key tethered to the bin so residents can deposit their composting in the bin and then relock it. Hoping this will solve the problem, if not, the program will be discontinued.
- LaCava and J. Mullen (Land Use Officer) have had two (2) site walks with potential buyers for the Mountain Lake Property (aka – the old bible camp at the end of Curtiss Rd). Both would like to open up as a lodging/retreat area with a restaurant open to the public.
- Continue to work on a new HR platform for the staff. Working with neighboring towns on what they have.
- Continue to work on a new Capitol Plan
- The EMS plan for the State is ready to submit by Aug 17th
- We still have job openings at the Town Hall. Anyone interested, please contact the Selectman's office for more details. This includes a tax collector and housekeeping positions.
- Our Fall newsletter will be out the beginning weeks of September
- We are collecting annual reports from each department and organization which receives tax dollars, to compile for our report to the Town.
- We had a meeting of departments and organizations in town for our Holiday on the Hill Event. We are hopeful to add a few new things to our celebration while trying to keep with a traditional New England vibe. The event will be Saturday, December 3rd. Watch for more information in the upcoming months and a special newsletter in November.
- Will be participating in a Public Safety/Mutual Aid webinar tomorrow morning
- Public Works is looking for rain! They continue to work on drainage on Birch Drive, finishing up the chip sealing for the month and mowing – what they can.
- Social Services is on vacation this week, so nothing new to report
- Parks and Recreation – read the report (see attachments)

7) Public Comment: The following residents spoke:

a. H. Tammen

Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 6:13 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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