

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of February 21, 2023
Hybrid meeting

Present: LaCava, Papp, Angevine

Recording Secretary: C. Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm by First Selectman LaCava

- 1) Minutes of February 7, 2023:** *Motion (Papp/Angevine) to approve the minutes from February 7, 2023, with the correction from the Selectman's report, bullet #6 should read "will NOW start" instead of NOT. All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 2) Additions to agenda:** *Motion (Angevine/Papp) to add Sustainable CT to agenda. LaCava stated that he has it in his report to the Board, but Angevine wanted it listed. LaCava agreed but it will be after his report. All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0*
- 3) First Selectman's Report:** We are deep into the budget season and its been a short 2 weeks since our last meeting – so there's not a long list of items
 - The 234th annual Report from the Town is now available at the Town Hall
 - DPW – crew continues to mow and cutting back on roads with the weather holding out. DPW crew continues to monitor the weather and are ready to keep the roads safe if winter does come.
 - Social Services: continues to take applications for fuel assistance and having the food bank open each Thursday 10am-noon. M. Brown is hosting a **Tea and Paint Along** with the Brit Brand serving tea and scones. Please join her for this very special event. Space is limited, so contact Missy to reserve your place. This will take place on Sunday, March 26th at the Community Center from 11am – 1pm.
 - Parks and Recreation: Don continues to work on concerts, events, and trips. We are having a St. Patrick's day lunch on Friday, March 17th at the Parish Hall with Cornbeef and fixing's along with entertainment. Bronx Zoo/Botanical Garden trip on Sunday April 23rd. Watch for more events coming soon.
 - A. Papp gave an update on RSD20's Mascot Madness. LaCava also said Leone was sending out an email asking for all regional residents to vote on the last 4 mascots so they would have the 64 mascots to continue the March Mascot Madness. Vote soon. Social media sites for the new region are being established – they are non-political in nature. They are trying to communicate with everyone on every level possible.
 - Next BOS meeting will be March 7th.
 - Curbside Composting program continues to be successful with over 800lbs of scraps now composted.
 - State legislature #1003 – Municipal Tree Removal Grant Project: we endorsed

- We have received comments/notifications from residents about the excess debris found on the side of our roads. LaCava reached out to the organizations (Eversource, Frontier, Optimum) who have been working in the area and asked them to pick up after themselves instead of just leaving their garbage on the side of the roads. Hopefully this is curtail the excess debris on the roads.
- Received an email from RSD6 on budget increases. Leone trying to keep a flat budget, but may see an increase on nothing hire than .49%
- LaCava noticed soot on cars in the area and reached out to Angevine for the name of the person recording information from the monitor at the Woods. LaCava was trying to find out if any of the pollutants from the Ohio train wreck were being recorded in this area. He spoke with Mr. Malloy who said the monitor at the Woods doesn't record any of that air quality and it hasn't been "live" since October 2022. Malloy said he did speak with DEEP, and they said the Ohio wreck air flow was north of us and was not reaching us.
- LaCava met with Warren School officials on a joint Unification Drill. The Town Hall will be one of three areas that will be a safe place for students in an emergency. We will be having a joint School and Town Hall Staff meeting so we get to know each other, the layout of the building, and what is expected in case of an emergency.
- CT received ARPA funds specifically geared towards the senior population. M. Brown is looking into these funds and the requirements that go along with receiving the funds. Warren could receive around \$7000 of new ARPA funds.
- LaCava would like the other Selectman to think about the following for future discussion:
 - i. Possibly sharing a resident Trooper with Kent. Kent is looking into having a second trooper, but not sure if they can justify another full time person, but possibly a parttime trooper with Warren having the troop the rest of the time.
 - ii. Residents on Arrowpoint requesting to purchase the "circle" part of the road. Will be speaking with the Assessor and Land Use Officer on the request. The final decision would be a Town meeting.
- Sustainable CT – LaCava gave a full background on what this program is and how LaCava, Frisbie and Nelson met with an inter this past summer from the COG. We did start some items, but the inter left for school. Even though is a good program, we don't have the resources in the office to spend on it at this time. This is a program Nelson started working on with COG in 2018. Some perks to participating are the different grants available. The next grant deadline is April 4th.

- 4) Additions to the Agenda – Sustainable CT:** LaCava asked Angevine if he would like to say something about this program now. Angevine reiterated that it's a good program and we can apply for grants. He was at the housing meeting where Jocelyn was talking about it. Even though started it in 2018, Angevine never got to it during his term. Angevine would like to see it on the agenda next time to talk about it. Instead of just putting it on the agenda and talking about it, LaCava told Angevine to go ahead and research it and get it for the next meeting. LaCava will also reach out to Jocelyn on the grant, which is geared toward housing.

Just a quick comment: WVFC held their game dinner this past weekend and it looks as if it was very successful.

5) Public Comment: None

Motion (Papp/Angevine) to adjourn at 5:34 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