

Board of Selectman August 6, 2019 Meeting

Present: Nelson, Tanner

By Phone: Warshaw

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie

Meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Nelson

- 1) **Minutes:** *Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to accept the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2019*
All Approved
- 2) **Additions to Agenda:** *None*
- 3) **Public Comment:** J Shaw commented on phoning CT Poison Control regarding the plants at the beach and how they are unsafe and the berries could be considered dangerous. Shaw submitted a pamphlet with a list of unsafe plants from poison control. Shaw contacted the TAHD for the bacteria readings from Lake Waramaug and stated how they are below the level associated with a high bacteria rating. An addendum to the original petition was submitted to the BOS. On a personal note she added that she was 6-10 feet behind the bushes and was unable to watch her both her young grandchildren who were on the beach. J Newton, K Newton, C Newton submitted their letters which were read at the meeting. A Cassone reiterated her displeasure with the plantings. J. Shaw wanted to know when another meeting of the “beach committee” would be meeting. Nelson gave her a possible date of Aug 20th but would need to double check. A comment was made that someone’s wife had seen goose droppings on the beach and Nelson stated that he is down there very early each morning checking the beach area for droppings and there have been no droppings since the plants were put in. Public commented on how they would like their comments recorded and Nelson again explained that only Motions, who made and seconded the motion and the vote of the motion is the only thing that needs to be in the minutes. We do put a bit more than that in the minutes and anything submitted in writing to the BOS is kept with the minutes in the Town Hall as permanent record. Attorneys advise you not to put down a “he said she said” scenario.

A Cassone asked about the possible widening of Hardscrabble Road so that the school bus could go down the road and turn around to pick up her son who has to catch the bus at the intersection of Hardscrabble and Melius Road. Nelson commented on how Public Works is currently working on the drainage and possible paving of Hardscrabble and would discuss the possibility of widening the road with the Road foreman.
- 4) **CIRMA:** Nelson stated that the Town has received a \$3232 check from CIRMA – our insurance company – this is a liability refund check and as of now we have received just over \$20,000 in refund liability checks

- 5) **Recycling Contract:** Our current contract with Murphy road is expiring and is requesting each town to approve the next proposed contract A special town meeting will be held on Thursday August 22, 2019 to discuss and act upon a new recycling contract
- 6) **Beach plantings:** There was no more discussion regarding the beach plantings since it was brought up during public comment
- 7) **First Selectman's Report:** (1) the BOS received a letter from Stacey Sefcik, temporary ZEO, stating her problems and situation with the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Commission members have also received a copy of the letter. (2) Air quality monitor was installed at the Woods and is sending information to a cloud based system which the Town will be able to monitor and to the Kent School

Motion (Warshaw/Tanner) to adjourn at 5:33 pm All Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Frisbie

Submitted attachments are available at the Town Hall, Town Clerks Office