

Board of Selectman
April 7, 2020 Meeting
Via Zoom

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie

Meeting was called to order at 6:32pm by Angevine

- 1) **Minutes:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to accept the minutes of March 3, 2020 with the correction of: page 2 Additions to the Agenda – panic buttons from Berkshire Alarm and cameras from Low Voltage Solution All Approved*
- 2) **Minutes:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to accept the minutes of the Special meeting of April 2, 2020 All Approved*
- 3) **Public Comment:** None
- 4) **Additions to Agenda:** None
- 5) **WVFC - boat:** T Pettit would like to launch the FC's new rescue boat from the Town Beach. It is a Zodiac (rubber boat) with motor given to them from Cornwall Fire. Nelson said there is access directly to the water at the Town Beach – right now there is a chain with a pad lock on it that would give them access. Pettit will go and check out the area and work with J. Tanner to maintain the access area. Life guards will be trained on procedure should the Fire Company have to launch when there are residents at the beach
- 6) **Expenditures for the FY 2019-20:** No issues or concerns Angevine mentioned that other towns have put a freeze or slowdown on spending Looking at changing over the email program – possibly getting this done in this FY with a carryover to the next budget with upgrades to computers Angevine has numbers on cost but would like to verify with EdAdvance and will have for the next meeting Papp asked if the expenditures included the panic buttons and cameras – nothing has been installed and companies have not been hired yet. Papp felt that since the building is basically closed this would be a good time to have them installed. Nelson will contact Berkshire alarm for exact price on panic buttons and will also contact Low Voltage for camera installation
- 7) **Budget Workshop:** C Frisbie reviewed the budget in progress Reviewed some charitable organizations asking for funding, went over salaries for employees, connecting with Fire Company on insurance premiums, waiting for clarification on Executive Order 7S regarding taxes- there is a webinar on Wed 4/8 regarding the order. Selectmen will need to make a decision on which program(s) the town will be participating in by April 25 regarding the taxes/delinquency/interest payments

8) **First Selectman's Report:** (a) All events and activities are cancelled for the month of April (b) possibility of a spending freeze (c) is going to create a committee to oversee the Wasley Farm – looking for volunteers (d) Kathy our ZEO has given her 2 week notice. We will be posting the vacancy (e) a note to the Community – has received a lot of response for volunteers – urging them to call 211 and possibly volunteer and help out groups that are in need of volunteers

9) **Public Comment:** none

Motion (/Nelson/Papp) to adjourn at 7:55pm All Approved

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Frisbie

Contact the town clerk for audio file

Selectman's Report April 7, 2020

Due to the Governors "stays home, stay safe" initiative, all events in Warren that we typically have in April will be canceled or postponed through the end of April. After May 1st we will look to the Governor for direction as to any changes.

Some towns around us have initiated a spending freeze. I am not sure we need to do that right now but we certainly should be spending wisely and keep all options open to a potential freeze going forward.

I will be creating a committee to oversee the use of the Wasley Farm to help make suggestions regarding use of the property. If you are interested to participate please reach out to me. The property has tremendous potential for low intensity uses that are aligned with our 2019 Plan of Conservation and Development. Before the Town purchased the property it was owned by Barbara and Irving Wasley who operated the farm organically growing blueberries, Christmas trees, vegetables and hay. The farm is a wonderful resource to the town and we look forward to having it accessible to the community for years to come.

Sadly, Kathy Castagnetta will be leaving us at Town Hall as our Land Use Officer. She has decided to take a full time job and we wish her the best of luck. We are posting the job opening this week on the website.

Thank you again to everyone in our community that continues to reach out offering assistance to others. Keep in mind there are also ways to volunteer throughout our region by going to 211ct.org or calling the United Way at 2-1-1. Many of the groups listed are in towns adjacent to Warren.

Thank you to Alex Papp for compiling the emergency small business information for the town newsletter, and to all the Emergency Management Team for working together to keep the town safe.

Tim Angevine