

Board of Selectmen
May 19, 2020 Meeting
via Zoom

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:03pm by Angevine

- 1) **Minutes:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2020 Meeting*
All Approved
- 2) **Additions:** *Motion (Angevine/Papp) to add the Brick School House and Beach to the agenda* **All Approved**
- 3) **Town Hall Cameras:** Audio and video are up and running. J Meeker sent the manuals to the system. J Tiedmann sent Angevine the retention schedule for the recordings. J. Meeker answered all Angevine's questions he had regarding the cameras. Nelson noted that the panic buttons could possibly be installed next week. Nelson recommends we install the intercom/phone box on the outside of the front door. This will help residents when they arrive at the Town Hall, to notify employees that they are here. *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to work with J. Schultz to get the intercom system installed not to exceed \$500. Funds to be expensed through account \$5530 Capital Improvements* **All Approved**
- 4) **Teamsters:** B Petrino will contact Angevine tomorrow to get information regarding insurance. Nelson asked about non-union employees getting insurance - B Petrino said it would be up to his (Teamsters) boss depending on the employee. Angevine asked about opting out – usually goes according to the contract which is 3 years.
- 5) **WVFC:** Ponton spoke for the Committee - received 4 bids which 2 did not meet the requirements. KME \$610,036.83 and Pierce \$561,519 were the other 2 bids that did meet the requirements. Truck Committee is recommending to go with Pierce because (a) they have a 50 year warranty on the undercarriage and chassis (b) prepay options which could save the town \$15k-\$16K (c) they will pay for the yearly DOT inspections which cost \$1000 an inspection up to 20 years. Funds need to be approved by the Town, which at this time per Executive Orders, there is no in-person meetings/voting. Frisbie stated that the Finance Board approved a truck purchase up to \$550,000 - would this need to go back to the Finance Board for approval or is the Fire Company paying the difference? Ponton stated Pierce would give an extension on the acceptance of the bid by the Town due to the COVID-19 circumstances.
- 6) **Frontier Bankruptcy:** The Town has received a letter from Frontier informing us of their filing for bankruptcy – no action needed

- 7) **Acoustic Panels at the Community Center:** this is not a request but Angevine would like to get an idea of what the Community thinks about this. This would not be happening for a year or so and would be part of the Capitol Plan
- 8) **Origin of 20 hour benefit policy:** The DOL says we can offer insurance benefits to an employee who works 20 hours a week average – we did this as to try and keep employees from leaving - it started about 5 years ago as part of our hiring package
- 9) **Discussion of tree for outside community center:** this was on the Park and Rec agenda the night before. D Murphy would like to see a new larger tree on the hillside of the Community Center to decorate for the Christmas Season with lights. Angevine stated that the tree on the other side of the facility on the Fire House side, is planted over top of the line going to the other buildings and needs to be removed. Nelson added that it would need to be cut down, since we are sure the roots are already intertwined with the lines.
- 10) **Salaries, intent for utilization of \$15,000:** cannot discuss at this time since the budget has not been finalized and approved by the Finance Board. Angevine proposed a special meeting dedicated to just the discussion of salary adjustments after the budget is passed.
- 11) **First Selectman's Report:**
- a. Continue to reach out to friends and neighbors during this pandemic
 - b. Working on a recovery committee which he has quite a few persons available
 - c. Food Bank open every Thursday
 - d. No Memorial Day Parade – Veteran's Committee ask that all fly your flags proudly
 - e. Fire Company will have a truck parade on Sunday
 - f. Reminder to keep washing your hands and practicing good hygiene
- 12) **Addition to agenda - Beach:** Had a call with DEEP – State Parks are open but no swimming and life guards We have a lot of research to do before opening – liability of Life guards, social distancing, number of residents at the beach, parking Will continue the discussion at the next Selectmen's meeting on June 2nd – should be able to start selling parking passes on June 3rd. D Murphy spoke on the procedure regarding permits and so did H Personnatti We do not collect funds at the beach – it's a liability that's why we changed the procedure a few years ago. Timeline: permits and gate guard should be ready to open after June 2nd
- 13) **Addition to agenda- Brick School House:** WHS would like to put up a sign for fundraising at the Little Brick School House – hoping to raise funds to help with renovations of the building. This would be a temporary sign *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to allow the WHS to place a temporary sign at the Little Brick School House for fundraising* **All Approved**

14) Public Comment:

- a. H Tammens – Beach is a big liability and should be closed
- b. K Newton – 1st should look at possible trees at the Wasley property for a new Christmas tree to be placed on Sackett Hill 2nd feels the beach should be open with Life guards
- c. J Shaw – sell the parking permits and open the beach, but limit the number of passes
- d. P Sandberg – open beach but take away the bushes as they are a safety hazard

15) Executive Session: *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to move into executive session for the pending FOI litigation at 6:20pm* **All approved**

Returned from Executive Session at 6:43pm

Motion (Nelson/Papp) to write and send a letter to the complaintive regarding the FOI Docket #FIC 2020-0099 **All approved**

Motion (Angevine/Papp) to adjourn at 6:45pm **All Approved**

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Selectman's Report May 19, 2020

Per the Governor's request we are creating a Recovery committee to get a sense of what the needs are in our community resulting from the Covid virus. The committee will help create a plan on how to communicate with and best work as a bridge between state and federal assistance and the community. We will start to meet in June and will be composed of a cross section of the community with business, emergency services, nonprofit, philanthropic and town government. We will meet via Zoom with scheduling and access open to the community and notification on the town website in the "meeting and agendas" under the heading of "Board of Selectman".

The Warren & Washington Food Bank is open every Thursday now from 10-12 and will be until further notice.

There will be no Memorial Day Parade this weekend and the Veterans are encouraging all households in Warren to proudly display the American Flag and pay tribute to those that served in our armed services and to those that made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives to protect our freedom.

This Sunday May 24th beginning at 2pm The Warren Volunteer Fire Company will be traveling the roads of town with a Salute to our Veterans. As we all start to slowly find a "new normal" I encourage everyone that may be out doors watching the Salute, that you and your family keep in mind safe social distancing precautions and remember that we are in this together but this is not over. Remember the basics, avoid close contact with anyone outside of your home and wash your hands!

Thank you.

Tim Angevine