

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of March 16, 2021

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording Secretary: Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:02 pm by Angevine

1. Minutes of February 11, 2021: *Motion (Papp/Nelson) to accept the February 11, 2021 minutes*
All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0
2. Public Comment: the following residents commented
 - a. H Tammen
3. Additions to agenda: None
4. Old Business- Alarms, monitoring at facilities: Town Garage is going to cost \$4200 to change over to Berkshire alarm. Angevine wants to get another quote even though we have a good relationship with Berkshire Alarm. Angevine to meet with Tanner to test alarm at the Library. Keeping external alarm at the Academy
5. Old Business – CC usage: Angevine has not made a plan to submit to the EM Team as of today. Table this item
6. Warren Public Library: J. Manley unable to attend. Manley will be presenting the Library's request to the BoF on Wednesday night 3/17/21
7. Discussion for the respect, appreciation, value of community volunteers: Angevine- important to highlight, shout out, pat on the back, whatever you want to call it to our volunteers, think there are 70 volunteer positions not including the Fire Company, that is around 5 times what we pay our staff that volunteers contribute. Want to remind all our Selectmen that these positions could disappear very quickly and go unfilled if we are not careful and sensitive on the way we interact with these volunteers.
8. Tree removal: There was a delay in the abutting neighbor to the south of the Warren Beach removing trees along the property line. Angevine met with Tanner, Murphy, the neighbor and their landscape company about the removal. Trees coming down are a safety concern for residents utilizing the beach. Residents are invited down to beach to see what is happening.
9. Review of docks at beach: Angevine has concerns of beach being a storage facility for the docks, but it is a community service to our residents and surrounding town neighbors. Angevine thought there was an ordinance on long term rental and would like it to go to a town meeting vote.

Motion (Angevine/Nelson) to have community decide whether or not to lease space to the community for dock rentals Discussion: Papp would like clarification on what is a long-term rental. Funds from the dock storage go to the Warren Park and Recreation Scholarship for Warren families who have children who are graduating from high school.

All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

10. NWCT Transit District: Nelson has submitted his resignation from the NWCT Transit District Board because he is acting interim Executive Director for a few months. Once the temporary assignment ends, Nelson would like to be reappointed to the NWCT Transit Board as Warren's representative.

Motion (Angevine/Papp) to accept Nelson's resignation from the NWCT Transit **Angevine – yes Papp- yes Nelson – abstained Motion passes 2-0-1**

11. ZBA Appointments: Looking for volunteers. Nelson gave a brief overview of the committee

12. Union Negotiations: Angevine asked Papp why she wanted this on the agenda and Papp responded that she had received a letter from the union – Papp read the letter. Angevine spoke with other towns and this is a First Selectman responsibility. Nelson said it's for all the Selectmen – it's just a matter if they can attend pending the meeting time. It's been a mix throughout the years and the only time Nelson knew of an Attorney being present was at the beginning with L. Tanner. R. Abrams when on the Board attended and so did M. Smith when they were able. Usually no big changes. Angevine spoke with J. Travers and it cost the town \$70,000 to keep foreman out of the union. Why is Tanner in the union? Nelson replied that Tanner requested to be in the union and neither him nor Warshaw had a problem with it. More discussion on foreman (Tanner) being in the union and how he gets a compensation not to be in and it's hurting the town. Angevine has reached out to an Attorney regarding the history and information on the union and he will be having some type of legal representation when they meet. Angevine not sure if it'll be a company, an attorney or someone else he will be recommending.

13. Budget Workshop: BoS reviewed figures and information received to date

14. First Selectmen's report:

- a. Angevine has had discussion with Public Works and their capital projects. The big picture stuff will be discussed with the BoF for a 5,10,15-year plan.
- b. Angevine sent emails to staff to stay alert and to wear your masks. Our numbers are looking good locally. In this for the long haul – continue to follow CDC rules

15. Public Comment: following residents spoke

- a. H Tammen

Motion (Angevine/Papp) to adjourn at 6:36pm **All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0**

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