

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of July 20, 2021, Meeting
Hybrid meeting

Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp joined by phone

Recording Secretary: Frisbie

Meeting called to order at 5:07 pm by Angevine.

- 1) **Minutes of June 15, 2021:** *Motion (Nelson/Papp) to accept the minutes of June 15, 2021,*
All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0
- 2) **Public Comment:** Following resident spoke
 - a. **H. Tammen**
- 3) **Additions to the agenda:** none
- 4) **Maintenance of buildings:** Angevine putting out feelers to do some small stuff.
Angevine addressing water issue at the Town Hall – downstairs mold: moisture problem
- will be meeting with someone tomorrow to address the issue
- 5) **Building Alarms:** Angevine explained the difference of addressable and non-addressable alarms at the library. Addressable indicates the exact alarm that is bad, and the non-addressable alarm gives you the zone. Berkshire can place the fire alarm and distress buttons on one invoice. Nelson questioned the cell dialer and could they connect the fire alarm with the one currently in the library. Papp questioned the dates of the quotes (from October) and are they still acceptable. More discussion followed. Angevine likes Berkshire because this is what they do and had a comprehensive quote. Angevine made a motion to go ahead with the three proposals (Public Works, Library and Academy) with the questions of duplication of transmitter and if the quotes would be honored given their date. Angevine to pursue with Berkshire the shared billing with the Town Hall of distress and fire alarms – could possibly save us \$40 to \$45 per month. He was also willing to bring down the monitoring of 10% for the buildings. Angevine understands there's pros and cons to one vendor. That's the motion I have. Nelson second the motion. ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***
- 6) **WPL:** E. Schoenfeld spoke on behalf of the Library Renovation Committee. An update on a change order. Committee neglected to have flooring included in their RFP. Schoenfeld spoke with Angevine prior to meeting and approved the change order in the amount of \$2360. Motion (Nelson/Papp) to approve the change order for the WPL
All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

- 7) **LWA Lake it Slow:** Angevine wanted to give this time at the meeting to explain the initiative around the lake. LWA raised campaign funds to educate people and make them aware of the safety issues in this area. Some safety issues are people walking or riding bikes around the lake and the vehicle speed limit. Angevine would like to share a power point with anyone interested.
- 8) **Community Center Kitchen use proposal by Blue Gate Farm:** Blue Gate Farm is a small farm, baking artisanal bread and baking company that also does some other small farm produce. Owners are Bruce and Yobana Young and they live on Curtiss Road, and they were hoping to use the kitchen either at the Community Center or Woods to expand out of their home. Because they have equipment like baking racks and flour that isn't easily stored, they were thinking of expanding. They are looking at other places besides Warren but encourage us to have a discussion on the usage of the community center to help support the small farms in the cottage industry.
- 9) **Pricing fees for Community Center (a) Kitchen and Building and Consideration to replace usage fees for insurance fee for the community:** Angevine is proposing a special meeting to discuss future usage of community center and would like to have an online survey to see what the residents want to see in the future usage of the center. Angevine made a motion to create a survey on survey monkey to go out to the community sometime after the next BoS meeting to have for the following BoS meeting. So, I will make a motion to create a monkey survey to send out to the community to find out where the community is for the rental and usage of the community center to be approved at the next Selectmen's meeting before its sent out. Then we might consider a special meeting in September to discuss. A. Papp second the motion. ***All In Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***

10) Appointments:

- a. Angevine made a motion to add Beth (Elizabeth) Ulrichsen to the Good Neighbor Fund to fulfil one of the vacancies. Nelson second the motion ***All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0***
- b. There is a vacancy on the NWCT Transit District - Angevine would be more than happy to fill the vacancy. Nelson reminded Angevine that he still needs to sign last year's and this year's MPG's so that NWCT Transit could receive the funds necessary to have the bus come into Warren. Motion (Nelson/Papp) to appoint Angevine to the NWCT Transit District. ***Motion passes 2-0-1 Nelson and Papp approved Angevine abstained***
- c. The Mental Health Board has a vacancy – Lee Conn has moved out of state. Nelson stated that since Conn has not resigned from the appointed position, we are unable to fill until such time as a resignation is received or the term is expired. Term is for December 2018-2021.

11) ARPA – Discussion of grant disbursement for the American Rescue Plan: The Federal Government has given the State of CT funds for disbursement to NEU's (Non-entitlement units – small cities/towns). The Town has received one of two disbursements along with specific guidelines on what the funds can be used for. One possible use is for Affordable Housing. Nelson also indicated that it could be used for transportation for the elderly. Angevine stated that Washington was looking to hire a person to work on the ARPA to help guide them on what would be acceptable. Angevine contacted the NHCOC (Jocelyn) for help.

12) First Selectman's Report:

- a. hoping to have a community clean up day at the Woods in September.
- b. would like to have a special meeting in September on the usage of the Community Center.
- c. Warren Affordable Housing Committee is regrouping and moving forward with the Warren Housing Steering committee and they are getting a plan together for grant funding. Looking to have a fundraising event for the property located at the Town Hall.

13) Public Comment: the following residents spoke.

- a. E. Schoenfeld
- b. H. Tammen

Motion (Nelson/Papp) to adjourn at 6:06pm All in Favor Motion passes 3-0-0

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