

Town of Warren
Town Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2018
Town Hall, 50 Cemetery Road
Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Craig Nelson, First Selectman.

The town clerk read the call to the meeting.

J. Richardson moved to appoint Jack Travers as moderator, second by C. Frisbie . T. Richardson moved the nominations be closed, second by J. Richardson. All in favor, the nominations were closed. All in favor of J. Travers.

1. To elect the necessary members to the Planning & Zoning Commission: There are two regular seats to be filled.
R. Schnell nominated Adam Crane, second by C. Frisbie.
Steve Sylvia-Roche spoke of his interest in serving but is unable to as he is not an elector.
K. Zero nominated Ruth Schnell, second by A. Crane.
R. Kasler nominated John Papp, second by J. Manley.
J. Richardson moved the nominations be closed, second by C. Frisbie, all in favor.
As there are three nominations for two seats the moderator called for a paper ballot. Electors were checked in and given a ballot to vote for two names.
Adam Crane-71, Ruth Schnell-20, John Papp-59. Adam Crane and John Papp were seated. Both were sworn in after the meeting.
2. To elect the necessary alternate members to the Planning & Zoning Commission: There are three openings
C. Boyhen nominated Ruth Schnell, second by D. Pechaski. With no other nominations the clerk cast a ballot for Ruth Schnell. The other two openings were tabled. Ruth Schnell was sworn in after the meeting.
3. Discussion and action on the following resolutions:

R. Kasler moved to adopt the following resolutions, second by J. Schultz.

A(1) RESOLVED, that the Town shall lease a parcel or parcels of town land at Carter Road (a portion of land shown on Assessors map 27, as lot 20) and/or a parcel of town land at 50 Cemetery Road, (Map 23, Lot 10) to Homeland Towers LLC (or to its assigns) for purpose of erecting, maintaining and operating by Homeland Towers LLC and or its assignee and/or licensees, a radio transmission tower facility (including a tower, building(s), radio transmitting and receiving antennas, communications equipment and other related appurtenances); and
A(2) RESOLVED, that the Selectmen of the Town of Warren are authorized to negotiate the terms of a long term lease for said telecommunications facility and to execute a ground lease with Homeland Towers LLC or its assignee, without

further action by Town Meeting.

Ray Burgotti from Homeland Towers addressed the meeting and explained the process and procedures as well as the pros and cons of the two properties. He explained that the ultimate decision lies with the CT Siting Council but the town would be more involved if the tower is on town property. Discussion followed. It was asked why both Laurel Mtn/Carter Rd and the Town Hall property are being considered when the Planning and Zoning Commission only favored the Laurel Mtn/Carter Rd property. The moderator pointed out that the resolution was written to include both properties. The three selectmen were asked to state for the record that they preferred the Laurel Mtn/Carter Rd. property which they all did. The business terms are an income of \$1,700/month or 20% of gross rents, whichever is greater. In additions there will be taxes generated.

The moderator called for a paper ballot with the resolution to be voted on separately as A(1) and A(2). Voters were checked in and ballots given out.

A(1) Yes-64 No-14

A(2) Yes-56 No-22

The motion carried, both resolutions were approved.

J. Richardson moved to adopt the following resolutions, second by R. Kasler.

B(1) RESOLVED, that the Town shall lease to the Warren Affordable Housing Corporation a parcel of land behind the Warren Town Hall at 50 Cemetery Road for a long term lease at a nominal annual rental fee for the purpose of building and operating income restricted rental housing units.

B(2) RESOLVED, that the Selectman of the Town of Warren are authorized to negotiate terms of a long term lease for said income restricted housing units and to execute a ground lease with Warren Affordable Housing Corporation. or its assignee, without further action by Town Meeting.

The Corporation is looking at two buildings with five units each at this time. In order to go forward applying for grants, etc. a lease needs to be in place. It was asked what the purpose is-so that people in town who would like to stay here can afford to. Applicants will be vetted and the property would be run by a manager. People from outside of Warren are eligible to apply. The units would be rentals only and are for both seniors and those needing affordable housing. The members of the corporation present stood so folks would know who is involved.

The moderator called for a paper ballot with the resolution to be voted on separately as B(1) and B(2). Voters were checked in and ballots given out.

B(1) Yes-55 No-13

B(2) Yes-55 No-15

The motion carried, both resolutions were approved.

With no further business a motion was made to adjourn at 10:05 pm (C. Frisbie/J. Richardson).

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne C. Tiedmann, clerk

12/4/18-A correction to item 2.-There were two openings for alternates to the Planning and Zoning commission. There was one nomination. With no nomination for the second seat that vote was tabled.