

Agenda
May 19, 2020
Warren Selectboard
Via Zoom
6:00 PM

6:00 PM – Public Comment

6:15 PM - COVID-19 Update – Jeff Campbell

6:30 PM – Approval of Minutes from May 12, 2020

6:32 PM -Approval of Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrant

6:35 PM – Other Business

Agenda Subject to Change

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Minutes of May 19, 2020

Warren Selectboard

6:00 PM

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Randy Graves, Luke Youmell & Camilla Behn.

Others Present: Tony (TV 44/45) Dave Ellison, Jarrod Alvord, Audrey Mosely, Jeff Campbell & Cindi Jones.

6:00 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

6:01 PM – Public comment – Audrey Mosely – Ms. Mosely came to the board to float an idea by the Selectboard regarding the 4th of July. She commented that her and 4 other people came up with an idea of prayer flags draped down Main Street from the telephone wires. It would be a quiet and a nice celebration that the community would create. They would be 1212 or smaller flags with designs, wishes, statements anything that people wanted to create and string them through the village. She spoke to the Fire Department and they would be willing to help put up the strings. The deadline for the flags is June 21st so they would be up for June and the month of July. It is something not political, gentle, nonintrusive and a colorful a way of celebrating the 4th. Mr. Ackland commented that the PTO was thinking of planning to put up 6th grade portraits through the village to celebrate the 6th grade graduation. Ms. Mosely commented that it be great that they contributed towards the idea and were involved. Ms. Mosely commented that squares and strings can be dropped off at Liz Mays in Moretown and at Ms. Mosely's home outside in a box. The board thought this was a great idea and fully supported the idea.

Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go ahead with putting up prayer flags that hang in June and July or longer, and they would be taken down in the fall, second by Mr. Ackland. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6:10 PM – Covid-19 Update – Mr. Campbell - Mr. Campbell updated the board that from last Tuesday to May 19, there were a total of 944 cases, 17 new cases, 54 deaths and that the state had completed 3300 tests during the week. There are now 5 testing sites and are all full as of last week and they were averaging 350-400 tests a day per testing site. The goal for the state is to do a 1000 tests a day. Governor Scott is expected to talk about an economic stimulus package this week and reopening more businesses. Mr. Campbell commented that Vermont has the lowest growth rate in the US. He also commented that state is making available MRE's to EMD's by cases that last 3-4 years. We would just need to have a place to store them. He commented that childcare operators are struggling to get all the requirements available to open. Mr. Cunningham commented that the City of Burlington has voted making wearing masks mandatory. Is it time for The Town of Warren to make wearing masks mandatory in retail businesses? Most businesses in Warren are still curbside service. Mr. Graves volunteered to go around to retailers and ask them what they think about making masks mandatory and report back to the board. The board will defer on making it mandatory wearing masks until Mr. Graves comes back with some input. Mr. Cunningham commented that the enforcement piece would be hard to manage. Mr. Graves asked does VLCT or the Governor say what municipalities can do. Mr. Campbell has an upcoming call of the EMD's and State and will ask the question.

6:30 PM – Warren Fire Department Check In – Mr. Alvord reported that it has been reasonably quiet with the lock down and they have about 3-5 calls. The fire department has been socially distancing and have cancelled trainings. They plan to bring back small trainings of 5-7 guys with the proper requirements face masks, social distancing and safety protocols. Mr. Graves asked about issuing burning permits. Mr. Alvord commented that all three Valley towns have been issuing burn permits except if there are high winds or dry weather conditions. Mr. Alvord commented that the Fire Department voted to cancel their annual meeting and keep all the present officers in their positions until April of 2021. Mr. Campbell asked about if the budget was still on a spending freeze? Mr. Cunningham commented they want to keep spending down, but essential things such as truck maintenance, PPE gear and education costs for COVID-19 were essential spending.

6:40 PM – Other Business

Library Update – Mr. Ellison reported that curbside service was started again last week. They are now going to accept returns and when people bring back the returns they will be bagged and quarantined 9 days and then put back into inventory. The Library is following the State Libraries guidance and will not be opening the library any time soon. He did comment that the trivia night programs have been very successful and brought more new people to the library front.

6:45 PM – Housing Study – Mr. Ackland wanted to bring up that the MRCPD and the Valley Towns participated and paid for a housing study. They are asking each town to set up some time to give a summary of the findings with the Planning Commission and Selectboard to present a summary as the document is 95 pages long. It is critical that that the Valley boards participate and it would take about 45 minutes to present. Mr. Graves commented that the Planning Commission talked about it and would piggy back with a Selectboard meeting. This could be done next week or the next stated by Mr. Cunningham.

6:50 PM – School Budget Vote – June – Mr. Graves wanted to bring up with the school vote and zoning picking up that it would be time to bring back the office assistance to help with the school vote and in zoning. The board seem to all agree that they should bring her back to assist. Mr. Graves will contact Ms. Goss and Ms. Robbins to talk about bringing her back.

6:55 PM – Approval of May 12, 2020 Minutes – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of May 12, 2020, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6:56 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable warrant as presented for \$9,894.54, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6:58 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrant – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the payroll warrant as presented for \$7,864.45, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:00 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to go in to executive session to discuss a legal matter, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7: 21 PM -Motion by Mr. Youmell to come out of Executive Session, second by Mr. Ackland. All in favor.
VOTE: 5-0.

No action taken

7:22 PM -Move to adjourn by Mr. Graves. 2nd Mr. Ackland. All in favor.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted By, (Executive Session note by Mr. Cunningham)
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