

Agenda
May 26, 2020
Warren Selectboard
6:00 PM
VIA Zoom

6:00 PM - Public Comment

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

6:30 PM – Harwood Representatives – Update – Upcoming Vote

6:45 PM – Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2020

6:50 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrant

None

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7:00 PM – Other Business

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Minutes of May 26, 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 (TV44/45), Lisa Loomis, Jeff Campbell, Rosemarie White, Jonathan Clough, & Cindi Jones.

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

6:03 PM – Public Comment – Mr. Graves would like to thank all the essential workers, the stores and the many volunteer's emergency personnel for the parades.

Green Up Day – Ms. Loomis wanted to know about Green Up Day – Mr. Cunningham commented that Green Up Day is always coordinated by Rootswork and that it is May 30 this year as the state had postponed. It. Mr. Youmell will follow up with Rootswork regarding the plan for Green Up Day. The bags have been delivered to the East Warren Community Market.

6:05 PM – Covid-19 Update – Jeff Campbell - There have been 967 cases, 30,000 tests have been done and 54 deaths. In Washington County there have been 39 cases. In the last 30 days there have been 112 cases 15,000 tests and 7 deaths. There were 7 new cases in the last 30 days. The state has set up 13 testing sites this week and 12 sites the following week. Mr. Campbell followed up with 2 policies regarding facemasks he found on the VLCT website and made some tweaks to them. Mr. Youmell stopped in and talked with Mac's and Paradise Deli to get a business's prospective on making the Town of Warren comply with all wearing facemasks. Most didn't think it should be town wide as they can't enforce it. Most of the local patrons are wearing facemasks but if someone comes in without one the store is not going to tell them to leave. Mr. Cunningham liked the samples presented but would like to hear more from businesses if they want it.

6:17 PM – Harwood Representatives Update – Jonathan Cough & Rosemarie White - Mr. clough started off the discussion that the next 6 months are unknown what will happen. Most all the schools passed a budget at Town Meeting except for The Town of Warren. There is economic change at the state level and revenues will fall short. Mr. Clough commented that he felt that the budget didn't pass because people thought the consolidation was a big issue that it was pushed to fast. There is a proposal in the State Legislature to have a revote on school budgets with an emergency funding budget. He did not think this would pass. The board didn't want to reduce the budget as they had already made cuts in maintenance, teacher development funding, some ½ time positions and that it is uncertain with post covid of people moving to rural areas from urban areas. Mr. Ackland asked about how the district was dealing with the extra cost burdens with the state guidelines from Covid. Ms. White commented that they were trying to figure that out but do plan on opening up the campuses. The proposed budget put forward is \$39,751,941 2.8% higher than last year. There will be a revote on the Budget June 19, 2020 and the representatives are emphasizing for voters to mail in their votes than doing it in person. The district is paying for the extra cost associated with this.

There is on the Harwood website a frequently asked questions concerning the budget for those who want to see what is being cut and why the budget number is the same from Town Meeting. They do stress that next year it will be hard and challenging on all property tax payers as with less revenues and the state measures due to Covid, that the taxpayers will be facing a high education tax rate. Mr. Graves asked each representative why he should vote yes on this budget. Mr. Clough responded in saying that it is important to vote yes on this budget as there is no room for more cuts without negative impacts on the students and that we are out of step with other budgets that passed at Town meeting. The cost would not break the taxpayer. He stated that others on the board wanted to produce an emergency budget but others felt that it was not a good idea. There have been many close votes on what to do, and this is the third attempt to present to the voters. Ms. White commented that she has respect and confidence in the leadership team making sure the kids receive a good education. She stated there seems to be a lack of bringing the middle schools together to save costs as there are different programming at each middle school causing kids to be on different levels when they reach the high school. There is declining enrollment, exoculating costs, revenues are down because of Covid and the teachers wanted a 4% raise. She had voted no for the original budget and no for the proposed budget being presented to the voters.

Mr. Clough commented that the schools can't consolidate this year and there is a silent majority of people who vote no that they don't hear from. Mr. Cunningham asked why he felt that the budget failed. Mr. Clough commented that taxpayers felt that they were rushing into consolidation too fast, the teachers opposed it, and some felt the cost was too high. There seem to be split views on the Harwood board as some were polarized and it was a 61.7% for the new budget and 28.45% against the new budget.

Mr. Cunningham asked about the emails regarding Mr. Kulis with legal threats. The representatives felt they couldn't comment on that as there have been many executive sessions with Mr. Kulis to resolve his issues. Ms. White commented that it seemed to be over the method of calculation grades and the open meeting law for transparency. Mr. Cunningham had read in Mr. Kulis's letter that 2 school principals fudged data. For now, there was not much the Selectboard could do. They thanked Ms. White and Mr. Clough for coming and updating the board on what was happening at the budget level and thanked them both for their efforts in this challenging time.

6:50 PM – Other Business:

Mr. Graves wanted to bring up that the board had received an email from Ms. Robbins regarding that she could use help and is requesting the assistant aid to come back for 10 hours a week. Mr. Youmell commented that he spoke to Ms. Goss and that she said that she did not need help presently. According to Ms. Robbins email, the office assistant wants to get back to work. The board were all in favor of having the office assistant come back.

6:55 PM – Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2020 – Motion by Mr. Youmell to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2020, second by Ms. Behn. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6: 56 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrant – Motion by Ackland to approve the payroll warrant of \$7,981.45, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

6: 57 PM - There were no payable warrants.

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6:59 PM – Motion by Mr. Cunningham to go into Executive Session to discuss legal matters, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:14 PM – Motion by Mr. Ackland to come out of Executive Session, second by Mr. Graves. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

No Action Taken

7:15 PM – Motion by Mr. Graves to adjourn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by
Cindi Jones, Warren Town Administrator,
Executive Session notes by Mr. Cunningham.

The Warren Selectboard

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