

Agenda
Warren Select board
January 28, 2014
Warren Municipal Building
7:00 PM

✓ 7:00 PM – Capital Budget Hearing

✓ 7:25 PM – Approval of Town Budget for Town Report
N. Is. Behn

✓ 7:30 PM – Wastewater Budget Approval

✓ 7:45 PM – DPW Updates – Barry Simpson, - Brooks Field, Covered Bridge
Energy Comm. & Fee. ?

7:55 PM – Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2014

8:00 PM – Approval of Accounts Payable Warrants *21,447.89*

8:05 PM – Approval of Payroll Warrants *19,165.33*

8:10 PM – Other Business

Signature items: Town Meeting Warning for 2014
Resolution for Disaster Recovery Grant Application Authority
Certificate of Highway Mileage Year Ending February 10, 2014

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Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Matt Groom, Colleen Mays & Anson Montgomery.

Others Present: Barry Simpson, Nils Behn & Cindi Jones

7:05PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:10 PM – Capital Budget Hearing – The board looked over the Capital Budget items for the 2014 allocations. The board added another \$10,000 to the Highway Capital Equipment Fund, \$10,000 more to Town Improvements and \$10,000 more to Town Planning & Development. The total Capital Account contributions are \$602,000 for 2014 Town Budget. The high ticket items are the Blair House removal, and a Town Water Supply System. Mr. Simpson reported that Bannon Engineering was working on a plan and cost for the new municipal water supply system for the town buildings. The current system is a spring that feeds a cistern located in the municipal parking lot, feeding to the Fire Station that is then pressurized to the Church, the Municipal Building, the Fire Station and the Town Hall. It is an ancient system that its functionality and access to the cistern is unreliable at times. The board agreed that this should be a project that should happen in the 2014 year.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Capital Budget as amended, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

7:40 PM – Nils Behn – Solar Array – Brooks Field – Mr. Behn came back before the board to discuss three things: adjusting the array size, lease vs. loan vs bond, and the cash flow structure. Mr. Behn reported that he lost confidence in the leasing company that initially was going to fund the project. He wanted to eliminate the risk factor for the town and found financing through Community National Bank with a 4% interest rate, for 20 years and no money down. It was a better deal for the town as a financing option. The cost per kilo watt is down and the cash flow is positive throughout the lease. The accumulated cash flow continues to increase year as long as it's positive. The array size would be 157,000 kilowatts. The payments include the principal, interest and maintenance. The permitting and engineering is about \$15,000. This does required a town vote as it is long term debt to the town.

Mr. Cunningham explained that after reading the Town's attorney's recommendation, that there is not enough to time to consider placing this on the Town Meeting Warning. It was suggested that a special town meeting be warned later in June. This would give the board enough time to have all the information in place, an agreement between the school and town, and the cash flow of repayments by the school to the town. Mr. Cunningham commented that he would just give quick summary at Town Meeting on what would be coming up on the solar array.

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A meeting would be set up after town meeting with 2 selectboard members, 2 school board members, Michele Baker, Washington West Finance Director, Nils Behn from Aegis Renewables, and Ms. Jones.

8:00 PM – Approval of Town Budget for Town Report - The board took one final look at the budget to present to the Town on Town Meeting Day. The overall budget is down 15.46% without revenues. With the projected revenues the budget is down 13.99% from last year's budget. The board felt comfortable in presenting this budget.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the gross budget for \$3,277,268 as presented, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Wastewater Budget – The board looked one last time at the wastewater budget for 2014.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the gross wastewater budget for \$67,698, second by Mr. Montgomery. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:05 PM – DPW Projects – Mr. Barry Simpson – Mr. Simpson presented that he had received quotes on the repairs of the bollards and cables around the wastewater leach fields that needed to be repaired to stop vehicles from running on the leach fields. Cost would be about \$7,325. If wire rope was strung between the bollards the cost would be an additional \$4,709. He also has been getting quotes on removing the pine trees and stumping 25' located near the tennis courts. The cutting of trees would be completed now and clearing the stumps in the spring. The board approves cutting the trees and re-evaluating the site in the spring.

8:20 PM – Signature Items – Town Meeting Warning – The board reviewed the warning and signed off on the warning for 2014 Town Meeting.

VTRANS mileage certification – No changes in the Town's mileage. The board signed off.

Resolution for Disaster Recovery Grant Authority - The board signed off giving authority for Ms. Jones to execute and sign off on the grant for the Plunkton Road Culvert.

8:25 PM - Approval of Payroll Warrants – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the warrants as presented for \$19,165.33, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payable – Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the accounts payable as presented for \$21,447.89, second by Ms. Mays. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

8:30 PM – Motion by Mr. Montgomery to adjourn, second by Mr. Groom. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones
Town of Warren Administrator

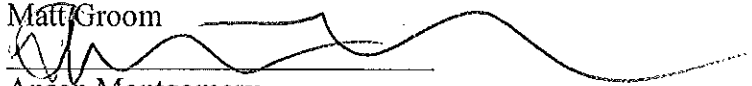
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