

AGENDA
WARREN SELECTBOARD
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2016
WARREN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
7:00 PM

7:00 PM - WARREN BUDGET 2017 -

HIGHWAY BUDGET 2017 - RAY WESTON, ROAD FOREMAN
FIRE DEPARTMENT 2017 - JEFF CAMPBELL/PETER DEFREEST

OTHER BUSINESS:

AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

Pitcher Inn - Liquor License

Minutes of December 20, 2016

Warren Selectboard

7:00 PM

Warren Municipal Building

Members Present: Andrew Cunningham, Chair, Bob Ackland, Vice Chair, Luke Youmell, Clay Mays, Randy Graves.

Others Present: Dave Olenick, Elias Van Niekert, Ray Weston, Laurie, Peter DeFreest, Jeff Campbell, Tom Shive, Barry Simpson, and Cindi Jones.

7:00 PM – Meeting called to order by Mr. Cunningham.

7:03 PM – Pitcher Inn Liquor License Approval – Mr. Olenick is representing the new buyer of the Pitcher Inn Elias Van Niekert. The closing is scheduled for January. Mr. Van Niekert is Dutch born, married and has a 2-year-old and 1 month old. He has over 20 years' experience in inn management and is looking forward to moving to the Valley. He has no plans on changing the name and is planning on tightening up on a few items of the inn. In the off season, he wants to attract the locals as they are part of his business in off season. The board welcomed Mr. Van Niekert and wished him well in his business endeavor.

Motion by Mr. Ackland to approve the Liquor License Request for the Pitcher Inn, second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 4-0.

7:05 PM – Highway Budget 2017 – Ray Weston, Road Foreman – Mr. Ackland started out by explaining the Road Committee plan presenting different options to the board for the Brook Road Paving project. The board asked Mr. Weston on what his recommendation would be and he committed that option 4 would be the first choice and then option 2. The only difference is the mix is a little bit more of a bigger aggregate and stronger. Mr. Cunningham inquired about if they would be 12 foot lanes or 11 foot lanes. Mr. Weston commented that you could make it 11 foot lanes to allow a shoulder for bikes, but keeping the 12 foot lanes are better for trucks. The road does have good site visibility in both directions that the 12 foot lanes can stay as is. If they want to add signage for bicycles, they could by the dump road. The work plan also includes replacing 2 large culverts that will close the Brook Road for 30 days starting after school is out. The board asked why gravel had increased? Mr. Weston responded that the price is going up. The board decided to decrease diesel fuel to \$55,000 and vehicle repairs to \$45,000. Everything else in the budget looked ok.

Equipment – Mr. Weston presented to the board a H.P. Fairfield sheet on used tractor mowers. Currently the Town rents a mower for a month for about \$9,000. This past year they received it a month late, and did not get all the mowing done they needed to. Also, one employee is dedicated to the mower for a month. Mr. Cunningham asked if it would be a flail mower or rotary? Mr. Weston commented that it would be a rotary because it cuts grass where the flail has chains and angle irons which do not cut grass. The board asked Mr. Weston to look into the cost and condition of these mowers and also price out a new one with a municipal discount. Mr. Youmell asked what the life expectancy is? Mr. Weston replied 25-year life.

Other issues – Mr. Weston did want to bring up that he has had calls concerning the bus route on Fuller Hill. He commented that the crew is out there on their routes before the buses even get started. He commented that the Warren Bus has bald tires and is a big problem why it can't go anywhere.

Mr. Mays would stop up and look at the tires and send pictures to the board. The board commented that they were upset by the letter that Washington West sent out blaming the road crews in the Valley. Mr. Weston also commented that they have changed their bus frequencies to UHF and cannot communicate with any of the road crews in the Valley. That day of ice storm, all roads throughout Vermont were glazed over and people were having problems everywhere getting around.

Flat Iron Sellers Sewer Line – Mr. Cunningham also wanted to bring to the attention that the Sellers Sewer Line on Flat Iron has created quite a bump that is not good for plowing. Ms. Jones will contact Griffin and Griffin to repair in the spring.

8:00 PM – Warren Fire Dept. Budget 2017 – Mr. DeFreest started off the discussion that the new fire truck would be arrive on Wednesday. HME Plans on doing training on the truck when it arrives. Mr. Cunningham asked if all the members would be trained on it or only 5 or 6 would. Mr. Defreest commented that it has not been decided at this point. The Board started going down through the budget. In Remunerations, it increased to 51% over last year. Mr. Campbell explained that there are more new members/training and raising the level from \$9.00 per call/training. They were looking to pay the different rates as follows: Training would be \$16 an hour, Fire Fighter One and Two Training would be \$12 per hour and the Chief and officers would receive \$15 per hour. Mr. Ackland and the board wanted to see a breakdown of the hours with accountability. Mr. Campbell commented they could provide that as Laurie, their Administrative Assistant, keeps record of the all the calls, training etc. Mr. Ackland explained that the fire department needs accountability for their budget because the board got beat up at Town Meeting about the Fire Department Budget that they budgeted heavily, but do not use it. Mr. Mays inquired about medical exams as \$3000 was again budgeted and there were not any expenditures. Mr. Campbell explained that it is not required for members new or old to have medical exams. For SCBA, they do some training with new recruits in house. Mr. Ackland commented that there should be a standard procedure and that the Fire dept. should be more proactive on this. Radio dispatch is down because the VSP is in reorganization. Mr. Graves inquired is the budget sustainable at this level for a small town and in the future, should this be looked at as a combined effort with all the towns. Mr. DeFreest responded in saying that each department is different. The board would like the fire department to come back with some changes in their budget as the increase is quite large and the history states that the money is not being used to justify such an increase. The board thanked them for coming in and the increased efforts that they have made over the last two years.

9:20 PM – Motion to adjourn by Mr. Ackland, Second by Mr. Youmell. All in Favor: VOTE: 5-0

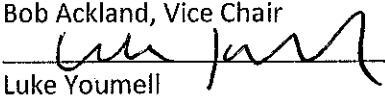
Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Cindi Jones
Warren Town Administrator

The Warren Select board



Andrew Cunningham, Chair

Bob Ackland, Vice Chair



Luke Youmell

Randy Graves



Clay Mays