

## Minutes of January 29, 2025 Meeting

### Warren Select Board

5:15 PM

**Members Present:** Camilla Behn, Andrew Cunningham, Vice Chair; Devin Klein Corrigan; Kalee Whitehouse; Luke Youmell, Chair

**Staff Present:** Rebecca Campbell, Town Administrator; Dayna Lisaius, Town Treasurer

**Others Present:** None

#### Public Comment

Nobody requested time to address the Board.

#### Agenda Changes

No changes were made to the agenda.

#### Wastewater Budget

Ms. Campbell reviewed the Wastewater Budget, explaining some recent changes made after consultation with Simon Operation Services (SOS) and Stone Environmental staff. Changes reviewed were:

- Surface water investigation/nutrient loading costs were clarified, with an explanation provided for the recent high expense being due to a change in Stone's billing practices. This work is now outsourced, and the amount will be more consistent from year to year.
- Unscheduled maintenance/extraordinary repairs line was increased based upon input from Nate from SOS
- Training line increase is for staff to become more proficient in software associated with the system
- Nate advised on some changes to wording of expense categories
- Set aside/reserve fund amounts were clarified by Ms. Lisaius

There was some discussion of the logistics behind potential considerations of use changes for buildings as well as creation of new lots, and the need for allocations to be accounted for accurately and consistently.

#### Town Budget Discussion

Some items were noted/clarified:

- VLCT insurance numbers have not been confirmed, so increase has been kept at 7.5%
- MRVAS contribution is part of the Special Appropriations
- Other special appropriations matters
- Clarification of the logistics of providing payment when no recent request has been made or invoice received
- Brent Adams is hoping to revitalize the Historical Society
- MRV Arts Council is a separate article due to being the first year requested
- Facilities contractual work line has been adjusted

Town Meeting's budget presentation was discussed; Mr. Youmell offered to take on this role.

Mr. Youmell will provide Ms. Campbell with a Selectboard Report for inclusion in the Town Report.

The Town Report dedication was discussed; Mr. Cunningham will help draft the text of the dedication.

There was some discussion of the Town Garage project and a presentation to be held at Town Meeting. Ms. Behn outlined some planning that is taking place for this presentation as well as an information campaign to take place during February, with presentations through various media outlets.

Bonding and other funding options were discussed. Ms. Whitehouse offered to look into related logistics.

Town Meeting Warning Articles were reviewed. The budget amount of \$4,820,059 was verified.

**MOTION:** Ms. Behn moved to approved the Warning and Budget as discussed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham, and passed unanimously.

Questions arose regarding the need for an Australian Ballot for the MRV Recreation District MOU amendment proposal; Ms. Campbell will look into this and adjust the Warning as needed to comply.

### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carol Chamberlin

The Warren Selectboard




Luke Youmell, Chair



Camilla Behn



Kalee Whitehouse



Andy Cunningham, Vice Chair



Devin Klein Corrigan