

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2017

The Annual Town Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. having met the quorum requirement of 30 registered voters (5% quorum; 584 registered voters in Warwick). 93 registered voters were present at the meeting.

ARTICLE 1: VOTED unanimously to accept the reports of Town Officers and Committees for 2016.

ARTICLE 2: VOTED unanimously to authorize the Town Treasurer / Tax Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 2018 as permitted by General Laws Chapter 44:53f.

ARTICLE 3: VOTED unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept private, state and federal grants, and to expend any monies received as set forth in the appropriate grant application.

ARTICLE 4: VOTED unanimously to allow town boards and commissions to appoint one of its members to a position under their supervision as allowed by MGL Chapter 268A, section 21A.

ARTICLE 5: VOTED unanimously to authorize the following revolving funds in accordance with **Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ and amended by St. 2016, c.218, section 86.**

A. Fees for Board of Health inspections will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the personnel performing the inspections and related expenses. The fund will be under the authority of the Board of Health and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

B. Fees collected for burials by the Cemetery Commission or Board of Selectmen will be deposited into a revolving fund to pay personnel for the purpose of preparing the burial lot(s). The fund will be under the authority of the Cemetery Commission, and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

C. Fees and reimbursements for costs of public hearings held by the Selectboard will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the costs of advertising, recording fees, and expenses related to the hearings. The fund will

be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000).

D. Fees for inspections conducted by the Plumbing and Gas Inspector will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the Inspector for performing said inspections. The fund will be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Three Thousand Dollars. (\$3,000).

E. Cleaning deposit fees retained by the Town, related to the use of Town Hall, will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the Town Hall Janitor for extra cleaning required after the use of Town Hall by any person or group which forfeits its cleaning deposit. The fund will be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, and expenditures shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017.

F. Funds received from the sale of timber from Town owned land will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the costs of professional forestry management services and related expenses. The fund will be under the authority of the Forestry Committee and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

G. Funds received from the sale of dog licenses, collection of late fees on dog licenses, or from loose dog fees collected will be deposited into a revolving account to pay for expenses incurred for licensing expenses, and the care and kenneling of animals in the custody of the Animal Control Officer. The fund will be under the authority of the Chief of Police and the total expenditures in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, shall not exceed Two Thousand (\$2,000.00).

H. Fees collected for Fire Department inspections will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the personnel performing the inspections and related expenses. The fund will be under the authority of the Fire Department and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

I. Fees collected by the Planning Board's Zoning Program will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay costs associated with the Planning Board's Zoning Program such as zoning related hearings, zoning public notification, and zoning training of board members. The fund will be under the control of the Planning Board, total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, will be limited to two thousand dollars (\$2,000).

J. Fees from Highway department equipment sharing and inter-municipal rentals, Chapter 90 equipment use, and other highway machinery reimbursement will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to fund highway machinery repairs, upkeep and replacement. The fund will be under the authority of the Selectboard and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000).

K. Fees for inspections conducted by the Electrical Inspector will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay the Inspector for performing said inspections. The fund will be under the authority of the Selectboard, and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Three Thousand Dollars (\$3000).

L. Fees for capture, transport and boarding of livestock conducted by the Field Driver will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to compensate the Field Driver for service rendered. The fund will be under the authority of the Selectboard and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2017, will be limited to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

M. Fees collected by the Zoning Board of Appeals for hearings, applications, and filings will be deposited into a revolving fund and expended to pay costs associated with the Zoning Board of Appeal's Zoning Program expenses such as appeals; cost of expert witnesses; consultants; special permit and variance applications; permit and variance hearings; public notification; and training of ZBA board members and alternates. The fund will be under the control of the Zoning Board of Appeals, total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, will be limited to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

N. Fees collected under the Public Shade Tree Law, or the Scenic Roads By-law shall be deposited into the Tree Warden Revolving Fund and used to maintain and enhance public shade trees, to include dealing with sick or dying trees and planting new trees, and providing training related to public shade trees. The fund will be under the control of the Tree Warden and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000).

O. Fees collected by the Recreation Committee shall be deposited into the Recreation Revolving Fund and used to support the Town's recreation program. The fund will be under the control of the Recreation Committee and total expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

ARTICLE 6: VOTED UNANIMOUSLY to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray expenses, the amount estimated by the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2017, for the purposes designated in the budget that follows, or any other amounts for such purposes, which shall not exceed the amounts stated in the column designated "FY 2018 requested".

This article shall also act to fix the salaries and compensation of elected officials as required by Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 41, Section 108.

Requested salaries and compensation for elected officials:

Moderator	\$125	Selectboard	\$1200
Assessors	\$1500	Town Clerk	\$6448
Tree Warden	\$500	Board of Health	\$1500
Cemetery Commission	\$600		

NOTE: **Amendment VOTED unanimously** to change line 358 offset from \$2157 to zero and make Net Library \$29,320.

The total amount voted was \$1,966,714.00.

ARTICLE 7: VOTED unanimously to transfer "Free Cash" certified in the amount of \$106,188 to reduce the FY 2018 tax levy.

ARTICLE 8: VOTED unanimously to transfer \$3,004 from Overlay Surplus to reduce the FY 2018 tax levy.

ARTICLE 9: VOTED unanimously to transfer available funds in the amount of \$14,309, to reduce the FY 2018 tax levy.

ARTICLE 10: VOTED unanimously to appropriate \$32,000 to operate the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund effective July 1, 2017 and that \$32,000 be raised from departmental receipts.

ARTICLE 11: VOTED unanimously to appropriate \$106,400 to operate the Broadband Enterprise Fund effective July 1, 2017 and that \$106,400 be raised from departmental receipts.

ARTICLE 12: VOTED to raise and appropriate \$75,000 to purchase a brush/rescue truck for the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 13: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate \$25,000 to the Stabilization Fund. (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 14: VOTED unanimously to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$2,800 to provide for SCBA (fire fighter air packs). (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 15: VOTED unanimously to transfer from Stabilization Fund the sum of \$2,500 to provide grant match for purchase of public safety communication equipment. (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 16: VOTED unanimously to transfer from Stabilization Fund \$5000 for Fire Department Turn Out Gear. (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 17: VOTED unanimously to transfer from Stabilization \$5,000 to the Town Hall improvement account. (Two thirds vote required)

ARTICLE 18: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 to fund the Warwick Community School Improvement Account established by vote of the Annual Town Meeting held May 3, 2004.

ARTICLE 19: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 to the Revaluation Account.

ARTICLE 20: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2000 to the Landfill Monitoring Fund established May 4, 2015, to pay for post closure monitoring at Warwick's former landfill.

ARTICLE 21: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to audit town accounts.

ARTICLE 22: VOTED unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,200 to Household Hazardous Waste expense.

ARTICLE 23: VOTED to raise and appropriate \$742 to Library Salary prior year expense. (90% vote required for prior year bill)

The meeting was dissolved at 8:47 p.m. A true record of the action taken.

Rosa Fratangelo
Town Clerk

