

Meeting Minutes

Warwick Selectboard

6:00 p.m. Monday January 6, 2020 at Warwick Town Hall

Members present: James Erviti; Chair Lawrence Pruyne

Member absent: Todd Dexter

Others present; David Young, town coordinator; Steve Kurkoski; Janice Kurkoski; Tom Wyatt

Chairman Pruyne Called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

On a motion by Erviti seconded by Pruyne board voted 2 – 0 – 0 to approve minutes of previous meeting, December 23, 2019.

There were no grants of exemptions or disclosures to read.

On a motion by Erviti seconded by Pruyne, the Selectboard voted 2 – 0 – 0 to approve Warwick making a joint application for the Municipal Vulnerability / Climate Resiliency Planning *and* a Hazard Mitigation plan update with Town of Northfield as the lead town and FRCOG as the communities' consultant.

Young reported some Transfer Station housekeeping progress. The Selectboard discussed the risks and options regarding the upcoming five-year recycling contract including the problem with glass markets and the recycling mandate for glass. We must decide in January whether to join five-year contract. Either course involves financial risk.

Board discussed the upcoming meetings regarding keeping elementary local, the District's proposal to move K and Grade 1 to Northfield which is on Thursday 1/9 SC agenda; and providing supplemental funding to equalize per pupil elementary costs.

Nobody had made any progress on organizing a meeting with some other prospective town's leadership about the formation of an elementary Superintendence / Supervisory Union. Item stays on agenda.

Discussed our needs for Town Accountant beyond AP processing and include a former BMAG accountant, a resident, and a regional shared solution.

Young reported that he answered some questions from contractor Cooke and Jones and they will be making a binding quote on the Highway garage roof. Young also reported supplemental Chapter 90 funding of \$22,255 in additional grant funding which will be rolled into the award, amending it to a total of \$244,802.

Board discussed the upcoming budget process. And a TM Warrant article requested by the Planning Board to have the Town form a committee to “look into actions the Town could take to attract young families to town, and report its findings to the next Town Meeting.” Young thought it based on a faulty assumption that more young families would make our financial plight better. He noted that because of “hold harmless” in the school state aid formula we would have to more than double our District’s enrollment to get more aid, and we would have to pick up every dollar, local and the imagined state aid increase until we be formula eligible for more aid based on population. Young also noted that the school is the Community School and the Center School was demolished already, having been closed almost twenty years ago.