

**Town of Warwick
Selectboard
May 21, 2018
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne

Member absent: James Erviti

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Library Trustees Fredericka Fellows, Lisa VanderStelt and Greg Stone, Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney, Ted Cady, Steve Ruggiero, John Gagliani, John Cassinari, Gordon Ellis, Brian Miner, Bob Croake, Diane Miller, Clyde Perkins Sr., Sue O'Reilly McRae,

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. in The Warwick Library.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of April 23, 2018 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Introduction of Ivan Ussach** —The Library Trustees recently appointed Ivan Ussach as the new Library Director to take over once current Library Director Nancy Hickler retires in September. Freddie Fellows introduced Ussach, who spoke about his background, work history and job qualifications.

Magi MOVED to approve the appointment of Ivan Ussach as Library Director, effective upon
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- 2. Verizon Right of Way and Underground Trenching Permit**—Verizon had submitted a right-of-way and conduit permit application for the new telephone cabinets site. Verizon is requesting a 20 x 20 ground space and a permit to run 4-inch conduit off both adjacent utility poles underground to the new cabinets. The Town is the sole abutter, and the Selectboard needs to set a date and time for a hearing.

There was a consensus of the Board to hold the hearing at 6:30 p.m. on Monday June 4

- 3. Complaints and Claims**—Steve Ruggiero of Athol Road wanted the Town to pay \$270.00 for repairs to his car from damage caused by potholes on Athol Road. He said that more should be getting done to keep the roads in better condition.

Highway Superintendent Larry Delaney said that the Highway crew is patching the roads as fast as they can and noted that Northfield Road is particularly bad. Pruyne inquired as to from where the money to pay for the road work will come. Young said that unexpended snow and ice funds could be used. Pruyne asked if an additional crew member would help; Delaney said not once the Orange Road project is completed.

Diane Miller asked if Town Counsel expressly said not to pay for Ruggiero's vehicle repairs. Young said that only general legal advice was given.

Ruggiero said that if the Town does not reimburse him for the repairs to his vehicle, he will take the matter to small claims court.

- 4. Road Conditions and Plan Forward** — Miller asked Delaney if gravel can be used to fill potholes; Delaney said it could be done on less traveled roads. When Miller asked Delaney about the stretch of curves on Route 78, he responded that it is on the list of projects to be done.

Ted Cady said that in the course of the investigation into salt in the drinking water he learned that the standard for roads is "reasonably passable" and noted that even though the case law is weak we are probably OK as far as the law goes.

Pruyne said that the roads are bad. Clyde Perkins said that Northfield Road has been bad for three years. He asked how we got to this breakout of potholes and wanted to know what the plan is to fix the problems. He stated that we do too little each year.

Delaney said that it costs \$300.00 per mile for cold-in-place overlay and noted that full depth would cost more. He said that the 7,000 feet of Orange Road from the Orange line to Hockanum with overlay is the plan, but he is considering a reallocation for a 2-inch overlay and more overlay. Young suggested stone and oil. John Gagliani said that the cold-in-place is failing after just four years. He said that he favored emulsion chips and rubber on shimmed road and stated that we need to concentrate on the major roads. Gagliani advocated for a maintenance schedule and capital planning.

Pruyne recommended that Delaney do up a plan, make some assumptions and a model at \$225,000.00 per year.

Cady said that we need to get the water off the road and noted that there are no policies in place to follow for proper drainage on the roads. It was pointed out that there are other things to do besides pavement, such as focusing on the underlayment, keeping trenches open, move the snow after plowing, cleaning ditches, and replacing culverts.

Sue O'Reilly McRae said that there needs to be collaboration with the permitting. Delaney explained that each project requires its own separate permit and noted that the permitting process for the stretch of Northfield Road to Wendell Road will be a nightmare. He said that lower Wendell Road would be good for leveling/shim and tar and stone.

Gordon Ellis inquired if a temporary worker would help fill in during vacation or sick time of full-time crew members. Cady said that the Highway crew needs to become more efficient. Brian Miner spoke about the inefficiencies of 2 – ton loads which take 4 men 8 hours to haul 24 tons. Pruyne asked why the load is only 2 tons; Delaney said that the flaggers are not trained, and the temperature will drop too quickly if the load is more than 2 tons. Miller asked why not use trained flaggers rather than Warwick Police officers. Ruggiero inquired about the rate of flagger details; Young referred detail questions to the Warwick Police Department Croake said it was good to hear a plan for road work and noted that the worst roads are those that haven't seen any repairs in a long while. Cady said we need to accelerate the spending and the planning to get the most work done.

There was a consensus of those in attendance that the roads are a catastrophe.

5. **Selectboard Reports**—None.
6. **Coordinator Report**—There were no questions about this week's meeting materials.
7. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting**—None.
8. **Public Comment**—None.

IV. Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m. Magi MOVED to adjourn. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of April 23, 2018 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated May 18, 2018
- *Petition for Verizon Job #1A2V4YW Conduit on Orange Road
- *Town of Warwick Notice to Abutters for a Public Hearing on June 4, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
- *Letter from former Town Accountant Janice Barrett to J. David Young dated May 15, 2018
Re: Clarification needed regarding Young's letter of May 9, 2018
- *Letter from Janice Barrett to Warwick Board of Selectmen dated May 15, 2018 Re: response to the Town's May 9, 2018 letter
- *Letter to Janice Barrett from J. David Young on behalf of the Town of Warwick dated May 9, 2018
Re: Termination – Conveyed via first class mail and Email