

TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person & Virtual Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
July 17, 2023
6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Members Present: Alan Genovese, Chair; Keith Ross, Vice-Chair; Brian Snell, Clerk

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; John Pagnetti, Town Clerk; Robert Paquet, Conservation Commission; Mary Williamson, Conservation Commission; Jim Abels, Conservation Commission; Katherine Buttolph, Mass Audobon; Bruce Kilhart, Highway Commission; Clyde Perkins Sr., Finance Committee; Julian Mendoza, John Cassinari, John Gagliani, Zachary Marti, Chris Duerrig,

Present via Zoom: Janice Kurkoski, Building and Energy Committee; Susan Hollins, Education Consultant; Nadia Woodson Marti, Claudia Lewis, Martha Morse

I. CALL TO ORDER

Alan Genovese called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

II. MINUTES

Ross MOVED to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 meeting as amended. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Snell MOVED to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting as amended. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

III. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR AGENDA ITEMS

a. John Gagliani brought concerns forward regarding road issues from storms and environmental problems. There has been a lot of rain causing damage and washing out roads. Genovese would like the town to look into assistance coming down the pipeline from the State for all of the storm damages.

b. Claudia Lewis gave an update on the knot weed maintenance. They are continuing to work on it.

c. Janice Kurkoski pointed out that a Municipal Vulnerability Planning Grant was applied for in the recent past. This allowed for the work to be done to identify concerns in town already.

IV. APPEARANCES

a. Mary Williamson – Conservation Commission on perfection of CR documents Manring project

Williamson Lynne explained that Manring did a conservation restriction about a year ago. Currently, there is a 90 day opportunity to amend the restriction because people were misusing CR's. The Conservation Commission voted to support the change and they are hoping the Selectboard will support it as well.

Ross MOVED to approve the requested amendment to the 2023 Manring Conservation Restriction. Snell SECONED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Clyde Perkins Sr. – seeking SB support for Senior meals, COA Exercise continuing at WCS

Young reported that senior meals were reestablished. ARPA and donations supported the activity. They tested the idea of cooking and freezing meals for people to reheat. Our cook does not feel she has time to cook for the school and the senior lunches. Gail will make the main course for the senior meals at the school and it will have to be transported to the Town Hall. All the details still need to be figured out. They will need volunteers like they used to have. The School Committee had approved this decision but Young is seeking the Selectboard's approval as well. Snell would like to explore using the kitchen at the Town Hall although there will be some hoops to go through to get the Town Hall kitchen back up to code. Genovese would like to encourage multiple uses for the school as much as possible but there is the issue of what can be done during school hours. All of that still needs to be figured out. Ross feels it is a good idea to explore the idea of the Town Hall kitchen. He would like to get a quote of what it would cost to get the Town Hall kitchen functional. He does not oppose the idea of the school being shared as a community center but feels that it does not hurt to explore all options.

The School Committee called a meeting to order at 6:54p.m. because they had a quorum in attendance.

Perkins explained that the Senior Exercise Program has been going since 2009. Recently they had been hosting it in the school. Recently, they moved stuff back to the Town Hall because the room they were using at school is being repurposed. Perkins hopes to have a designated place that belongs to the seniors.

Diana Noble needs a clear list of co-uses (who, when, where) for the school to bring to DESE for clarification. The School Committee supports as much community use of the building as allowed. DESE will be concerned with security and safety so guidelines will need to be followed.

The School Committee adjourned at 7:05p.m.

c. Bruce Kilhart – Highway Commissioner

Kilhart presented a picture of a hot box that goes on the back of a truck. It holds four tons. Larry Delaney, Highway Supervisor, approves of it. It will fit in any of our trucks. It comes from the Town of Harvard. They are asking \$500 for it, they

bought it for \$12,000 new. Young suggested the Highway Commission discuss and approve this at their next meeting.

Snell MOVED to support the purchase of the hot box from the Town of Harvard in the amount of \$500 using ARPA funds. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

V. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

a. Coordinator Report Highlights

i. Performance pavilion frame kit contract award

Young sent 6 invitations out to bid for the performance pavilion frame kit with our requirement to use native species. We received three responses, only two used local timber. Bensonwood came in at \$42,100, and was selected as the lowest bidder. Young has initiated a 30% payment and Bensonwood is aware of it. A contract has not been signed yet. There is hopes for the foundation to be installed by the end of September.

ii. Northfield 350th Celebration September 30

Northfield sent us an invitation to enter their parade to include Town vehicles, people walking, having a float, or Police and Fire. Snell recommended sharing it with the School Committee and mentioning it at Old Home Days.

iii. Fiscal Year end transfers

Young reported a snow and ice deficit of 2 cents. He met with the Finance Committee on Thursday night. He addressed a Treasurer expense deficit with a reserve fund transfer.

VI. SELECTBOARD REPORTS

a. Fire Garage – Mr. Ross

Brian Gale has applied a great amount of sheathing and siding on the Fire Station today. Janice Kurkoski reported that Gale and Chief Larson have not been in contact with the Building and Energy Committee to discuss building plans. Ross will reach out to Chief Larson and remind him to get in touch with the Committee.

Claudia Lewis voiced concerns with the Fire Station being called the Fire Garage. It is the consensus of the Board to call it the Fire Station.

Ross MOVED to go into Executive Session MGL 30a to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition, or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual and to return to open session for the purpose only to adjourn. Snell SECONED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

The Selectboard entered into Executive Session at 7:43p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:01p.m.

Snell MOVED to adjourn at 8:02p.m. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated July 17, 2023

*Coordinator Report dated July 13, 2023

*Manring CR amendment 7-12-23

*Manring CR changes description

*Draft Minutes Selectboard June 20, 2023 meeting

*Pavilion Quotation Results 7.10.23

*B v a 7.14.23