TOWN OF WARWICK In Person Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard Warwick Community School February 10, 2025 6:00 p.m. MEETING MINUTES

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

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Todd Dexter

Present via Zoom: Diana Noble, Finance Committee Chair; Claudia Lewis, Brad Compton, Tonia King

I. CALL TO ORDER

Keith Ross called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.

II. APPEARANCES

a. Spectrum/Charter representative regarding possible breach of contract Ross invited Nancy Clark, Charter representative to join the meeting at 6:30p.m. He has been in contact with her. She has researched our request to service the remaining three homes in Town and found that no one has followed up on it. She has forwarded the request to the Vice President of the company. She is supposed to hear within the next two weeks what the outcome will be. She will be in touch when she has any new information. Ross will follow up with her if he hasn't heard anything. Ross has informed her that all three houses would prefer the line to be installed underground and do not like the ideas of poles being installed.

III. ETHICS EXEMPTIONS AND DISCLOSURES

Genovese MOVED to approve the Chapter 268, Section 20d ethics exemption for Bob Croke to serve on two appointive positions, ZBA and the Highway Commission. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

IV. MINUTES – none

V. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Young informed the Board that there will be an agenda item at the next meeting to accept a grant award from the Warwick Education Foundation.

VI. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

a. Coordinator Report including Coordinator succession planning

Young has researched more into his retirement and found that he can work in a part-time capacity after retirement to assist his replacement. Young pointed out that he found an old letter from the Town dated December 13, 2021 asking MBI to subsidize Spectrum for \$29,065 so that all homes in Warwick could be served. Young was unable to locate it in the minutes but he recollects that we were informed by Peter Larson that Spectrum did not need the funds and was going to provide services to anyone in Warwick.

Young indicated that we will need to update our FEMA hazard mitigation plan. The previous update was with Northfield. It is important to keep this up to date to be eligible for more FEMA funding. There was further discussion regarding hiring a consultant to assist in updating the plan or reaching out to the Conway School of Landscape design for a cheaper price. Young will reach out to the Conway School of Landscape Design.

Young reported that the Town's health insurance cost will increase by about 18% in FY26.

Noble reported that the School Committee voted to approve Miranda or Diana to sign the bill schedules for both accounts payable and payroll as an approval. This will be available at the next School Committee meeting so that everyone can review it.

b. Selectboard Reports

Ross informed the Board that the tree company that did the tree cutting in the gulf on Route 78 last year has a new contract with DCR to cut some more of their trees and they want to know if we want any of the wood chips. The Highway Commission and the Highway Superintendent said they would take them.

VII. ACTIONS

a. Recommendations of Highway Commission

Young reported that the Highway Commission voted to approve a Chapter 90 project to move forward with the engineering to do the upgrade at the Gale Road culvert/bridge. Young plans to go back to next Highway Commission meeting next week to request them to engage with Gill Engineering to do the engineering, the repairs, and restore the headwall. Young feels it will take way too long to upgrade what is there rather than repair what is already in place.

Genovese MOVED to approve the Chair to sign the Chapter 90 application for Gill Engineering to perform the repair work on the Gale Road bridge/culvert. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Approval of administrative actions taken – None

The next meeting will be held on February 24, 2025.

Snell MOVED to adjourn at 6:51p.m. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated February 10, 2025

*Coordinator Report dated February 6, 2025

*Warwick Athol Rd Inspection Findings Memo

*2025 LBE Recorder Press Coverage 2.4.2025