

TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
May 27, 2025
6:00 p.m.
MEETING MINUTES

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

Others Present: David Young, Town Coordinator; Andrea Woods, Laurette Crane, John Gagliani

Present via Zoom: Amanda Carey, Selectboard Secretary; Diana Noble, Town Coordinator; Janice Kurkoski, Buildings and Energy Committee

I. CALL TO ORDER

Keith Ross called the meeting to order at 6:02p.m.

II. SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION

Genovese moved to nominate Brian Snell as Chair. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Snell accepted the position.

Snell MOVED to nominate Alan Genovese as Vice-Chair. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Genovese accepted the position.

Genovese MOVED to nominate Keith Ross as Clerk. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Ross accepted the position.

III. APPEARANCES

a. Capital Planning workgroup

Andrea Woods and Laurette Crane came before the Board to present a \$9,500 proposal from Spencer Preservation Group to survey the First Parish Meeting House. If asbestos sampling is desired it will be an additional \$5,000. They are fairly confident there will not be a need to sample for asbestos due to the age of the building. The building is bowing in the back so that needs to get stabilized and sealed up to keep wildlife out. That will be the first steps to deal with. Woods

explained that the Town should be in a good place to apply for State grants next year to help fund the project.

Gagliani expressed concerns about the use of Town funds for the First Parish Meeting House and suggested creating a committee for the project. The Board will consider this and also a public meeting once the survey has been completed.

Ross MOVED to approve and authorize the Chair to sign the contract with the Spencer Preservation Group to survey the First Parish Meeting House. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Janice Kurkoski

Young explained that the Town received a Green Communities grant to purchase and install an air to water heat pump for domestic hot water in the School building. The Buildings and Energy Committee recommended removing one of the redundant boilers from the school. Young and the Selectboard do not agree with removing the operational redundant boiler and request to leave it as is.

Genovese MOVED to continue to use the mentioned redundant boiler as the backup. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

IV. ETHICS EXEMPTIONS AND DISCLOSURES

Young disclosed that Todd Dexter was recently elected to second elected position. He is a member of the Transfer Station Commission and has also now been elected to the Highway Commission. Dexter is filing a disclosure with the Town Clerk.

V. MINUTES – none

VI. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – none

VII. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

a. Coordinator Report

Young has resigned as the Town Coordinator effective July 4, 2025 to retire. Young indicated that he will be available to be re-hired for a maximum of three months. He suggested the Board consider Diana Noble for the full-time Town Coordinator vacancy. Young is willing to continue working in a part capacity for a period of time but would eventually like to just help with certain projects like Broadband. Genovese requested this discussion be on the next agenda. Ross pointed out some things the Board will need to look at for this position, including the salary budget and job description.

Ross MOVED to renew David Young's employment post-retirement, July 4, 2025. Snell SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

VIII. ACTIONS

a. Green Communities

Young indicated that Janice Kurkoski is willing to be our point person on the municipal electrical aggregation bid, and she is planning to attend the meeting for it. Kurkoski explained that she cannot sign on the Town's behalf, the Selectboard Chair's signature is required. The meeting is on June 11, 2025 and will be held via Zoom. The Town will have the opportunity to choose the supplier out of three options; Kurkoski recommended the National Winds option and will need the Selectboard Chair's signature on the document by 2:30pm on June 11th. There is concern as to whether the Selectboard Chair will be available to sign at that time. Young explained that the Selectboard can vote someone tonight to be the authorized signatory.

Ross MOVED to authorize one of the following: Janice Kurkoski, David Young, or the Selectboard Chair to sign on behalf of the Town for the Municipal Electrical Supply Aggregation bid on June 11, 2025. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Kurkoski explained that Nexus Energy was listed as the project expeditor in the application for the Green Communities competitive grant and she is looking for authorization for the Chair to sign the contract with Nexus Energy Inc.

Ross MOVED to authorize the Chair to sign the contract with Nexus Energy as the project expeditor, to approve them as our project expeditor for the fire station solar project, and to authorize the Chair to sign the letter of intent for net meter crediting with Northeast Solar. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Approval of Administrative Actions Taken

Ross MOVED to approve the administrative action taken by David Young to contract diesel fuel at \$2.83/\$2.93 (summer/winter) per gallon. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

IX. NEXT MEETINGS

The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for June 9th. Young would like to include the following agenda items: Charter Communications/Spectrum for a follow up, Richmond Road, and also a summer meeting schedule.

X. ITEMS UNANTICIPATED AT TIME OF POSTING

Genovese indicated that he had a recent visit from the Highway Superintendent regarding the proper process of decision making as to what roads are going to get paved. Genovese wondered if the Highway Commission had brought anything to the

Board to act on at tonight so we didn't miss a paving opportunity but the Board did not hear anything from the Highway Commission.

Ross MOVED to adjourn at 7:05p.m. Genovese SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated May 27, 2025

*Coordinator Report dated May 21, 2025

*Parish Society Vote

*Warwick Meetinghouse Proposal Spencer Preservation

*Draft Amendment PVRSD – Warwick Retiree Cost Participation Agreement

*Bill S.2512

*Earmarks for School Districts

*Coordinator Job Description 5.19.25 v2

*WCC letter re disposition of Pond property

*Franklin County -RFP Supplier NGRID.WMECo Pricing Matrix 5.20.25 with DASI