

TOWN OF WARWICK
In Person Meeting of the Warwick Selectboard
Warwick Community School
June 9, 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; Clyde Perkins Sr., Finance Committee; David Shoemaker, Police Chief; Bruce Kilhart, Thomas Ratte

Present via Zoom: Matthew Dorgan, Highway Superintendent; Janice Kurkoski, Buildings and Energy Committee; Diana Noble, Finance Committee Chair

I. CALL TO ORDER

Brian Snell called the meeting to order at 6:03p.m.

II. APPEARANCES

a. Chief Shoemaker

Chief Shoemaker requested the Board to appoint Darren Gale as a part-time police officer. Gale currently works part-time for the Bernardston Police Department. He began his career at WPD years ago and Chief Shoemaker inquired if he would like to come back to work in Warwick and he graciously accepted.

Genovese MOVED to appoint Darren Gale as a part-time police officer for the Warwick Police Department. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

Snell indicated that there were communication issues during the last storm. Snell wants to make sure that Highway is informing Police, Fire and the School when there are road closures. Dorgan will be sure to confirm with Shelburne Control Dispatch that WPD have been informed going forward.

Genovese MOVED to declare the Athol Road site as an emergency certification under the Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, administered via 310 code of Massachusetts Regulation 10.06. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

b. Residents and Charter/Spectrum's failure to serve all despite assurances

Ross reported that he has been in touch with State Representatives and Senators. They are supposed to be checking in with Charter to follow up on the issue of not all Warwick residents being served with Charter services.

c. Janice Kurkoski requested consideration re: working boiler at school that provides redundancy

Kurkoski explained that a recent grant project at the school would fund two large 120 gallon tanks in the kitchen for domestic hot water to get it off oil system. She watched the temperatures in the kitchen last winter and it got down in high 50's. Kurkoski does not feel that it makes sense to put heat pump hot water heaters in the kitchen because it will make the kitchen even colder. She spoke with the contractor this morning and inquired if we could take out one of the oil boilers and put the two new heat pump hot water heaters in the boiler room where there is a floor drain already. From a building science perspective, Kurkoski does not feel it is a good idea to put hot water heaters in a room that is already cold. She requests the Board reconsider their decision to keep two oil boilers for redundancy. John Gates will be at the school in the next few weeks to re-assess the boiler room. Kurkoski explained that one oil boiler will be efficient for an emergency backup when there is an extended power outage at the school. Young and the members of the Capital Planning workgroup disagree, they do not like the idea of removing one of the boilers as a redundant system. Snell suggested discussing this again at the next meeting and doing a walk through with Janice at the school prior to the meeting, at 5:45p.m.

d. Richmond Road Auto/Junkyard and incomplete vehicle zoning violations – update

Young updated that there is movement happening and progress is being made at the Richmond Road Auto/Junkyard location.

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

Clyde Perkins Sr. came before the Board to ensure that Thomas Ratte, 44 Flower Hill Road, was made aware of a letter was sent to Ratte informing him of an upcoming code inspection with the Board of Health agent. Ratte has made improvements to the property already. The inspection is scheduled for June 30, 2025.

IV. DISCUSSIONS AND REPORTS

a. Coordinator Report

Young had nothing to add to his Coordinator Report dated June 5, 2025.

b. Selectboard Report – nothing to report

V. ACTIONS

a. Highway Commission requests if any – none

b. Accept WEF (Edu Foundation) unrestricted grant to WSD (school district)

Genovese MOVED to accept an additional \$5,000 from the Warwick Education Foundation unrestricted grant for the Warwick School District. Ross SECONDED. Motion CARRIED. 3-0-0.

c. Approval of administrative actions taken – none

d. Adopt Summer meeting schedule

- Monday, June 23, 2025 @5:45p.m. to have a walkthrough of school kitchen and boiler room with Janice Kurkoski
- Thursday, July 10, 2025, joint meeting with Finance Committee if needed
- Monday, August 18, 2025
- Tuesday, September 23, 2025

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Carey
Selectboard Secretary

Documents consulted at this meeting:

*Meeting agenda dated June 9, 2025

*Coordinator Report dated June 5, 2025

*44 Flower Hill

*Fair Share Tax Globe 6.5.25

*Recorder New Biz Mgr WSD

