

**Town of Warwick  
Selectboard  
July 3, 2017  
Minutes**

Members present: Dawn Magi, James Erviti, Lawrence Pruyne

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo, Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun, Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero, Ashley Arseneau (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. in the Town Hall.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of June 14, 2017 and June 26, 2017 as printed. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

- 1. Community Compact Grant Application** —Young said that the grant application would be for the purposes of hiring an outside consultant to review PVRSD options. He noted that he has yet to see a scope of service, and that the pre-application process was likely done online. Chair Pruyne has not been asked to sign any documents.
- 2. Surplus Property Declaration** —Young explained that the Fire Department's rescue vehicle needed to be declared surplus property. He noted that Chief Shoemaker has expressed an interest in using the Tahoe for situational training before likely having it scrapped. Finance Committee member Steve Ruggiero suggested offering any good parts for sale prior to scrapping the vehicle.

Magi MOVED to declare the Tahoe rescue vehicle from the Fire Department surplus property to be used for the Town's needs. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

- 3. Wendell Road McKnight Property** —Young said that the preliminary report findings included the recommendation of further investigation into the potential environmental damage which would include the drilling of test wells. He said that there are questions of how much the actions would cost, who would pay those costs, and the legal issue of whether the Town can drill on private property. Young explained that there is no clear ownership of the property as the deed is in the name of John A. McKnight, who died many years ago. Ruggiero cautioned the Board to be careful of the potential financial implications and liabilities. Young said we

should wait for the final report, see what resources are available for follow-up, and investigate the legal implications the situation presents.

4. **Review Year End Financials** —Expenditure and Revenue reports for the General Fund and Other Fuds were reviewed.
5. **Selectboard Reports** —Erviti said that he has noticed the cemetery is not being mowed well this year. Young said that he has received some complaints on that subject and has reached out to the Cemetery Commissioners to see what can be done to remedy the situation.

Pruyne said that he has submitted a proposal for a pesticide management and vegetation control policy to the Board of Health for its review. He wishes to have the use of the chemicals present in Round Up banned. Young noted that it is illegal to apply herbicide to the land of another, as herbicides may only be used on one's own land. He said that there was a vegetation control plan developed when Tim Kilhart was the Highway Superintendent. Young also noted that the Town Forest Committee is looking into hiring someone to apply herbicide to the Town Forest as a way to combat and control invasive species. Pruyne said that he will share his proposal with fellow Board members and the Town Coordinator.

6. **Coordinator Report** —Young said that the Highway Department will start setting the WBS poles on Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. He said that the Conservation Commission is holding a hearing the same day on the Town's intention to remove the Gale Road bridge superstructure.
7. **Public Comment**—Ruggiero said that we should take down the Gale Road bridge railing, go over the deck and be sure to get a fair price on it. Young said that he is discussing the project with engineer Jim Toth.
8. **New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting** —Assessor's Clerk Beth Gilgun said that the Board of Assessors will be changing its software supplier and get new software in FY 19. She had a contract that required the Board Chair's signature. Pruyne signed the document. Gilgun noted that the Selectboard had previously voted to approve the new software and authorize the Chair to sign the related documents at a previous meeting (November 7, 2016).

Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo said that when she swore in Leanne Limoges for her FY 18 term on the Recreation Committee that Ms. Limoges asked that Shauna Lynn Mallet Smith be reappointed as well.

Erviti MOVED to appoint Shauna Lynn Mallet Smith to the Recreation Committee for FY 2018. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

#### IV. Adjournment

At 6:40 p.m., Erviti MOVED to adjourn. Magi SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- \*Draft Minutes of June 14, 2017 and June 26, 2017 Selectboard meetings
- \*Town of Warwick FY 2017 General Fund Expenditure Report as of 7/4/2017
- \*Town of Warwick FY 2017 Other Funds Expense Report as of 7/4/2017
- \*Town of Warwick FY 2017 General Fund Revenue Report as of 6/30/2017
- \*Town of Warwick FY 2017 Other Funds Revenue Report as of 6/30/2017