Town of Warwick Selectboard July 31, 2017 DRAFT Minutes

Members present: Dawn Magi, Lawrence Pruyne, James Erviti (arrived at 6:13 p.m.)

Others present: Town Coordinator David Young, Town Secretary and Town Clerk Rosa Fratangelo, George Day, Jared Robinson (*Athol Daily News*)

I. Call to Order

Chair Pruyne called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Pruyne and Magi both noted the recent passing of David Kelly.

II. Minutes

Magi MOVED to approve the minutes of July 3, 2017 as printed. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

III. Presentations and Discussions

1. Special Municipal Employee Designations, MGL Chapter 268:20D Exemptions and Ethics Disclosures —Town Secretary Rosa Fratangelo said that she had gone through all documents from 2010 and had discovered positions that had yet to be designated Special Municipal Employee.

Magi MOVED to designate the following positions Special Municipal Employee: Constable, Transfer Station Commissioner, Tree Warden, Burial Agent, Council on Aging Member, Field Driver, Finance Committee Member, Fire Chief, Franklin County Technical School Representative, Special Police Officer, Tax Collector. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Fratangelo explained that when she was first elected Town Clerk in 2014 an attorney with the Ethics Commission advised a vote be taken by the Selectboard to allow her to also hold appointed, compensated positions with the Town. She said that since this is now her second

term and she was also appointed to new terms of her appointed positions, it was advisable to make this vote again, with updated compensation amounts for FY 18.

Magi MOVED that the Selectboard allow Rosa Fratangelo, our elected Town Clerk, to also the following appointed and compensated positions: Animal Control Officer at an annual stipend of \$1,738.00; Inspector of Animals at an annual stipend of \$506.00; Town Secretary at \$14.47 per hour not to exceed \$2,756 for FY 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Fratangelo said that Beth Gilgun and James Erviti also needed MGL Chapter 268 Section 20D exemptions.

Magi MOVED to grant Beth Gilgun a MGL:268~20D exemption to serve as Assessor, Assessor's Clerk, Treasurer and Cultural Council Member. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

Magi MOVED to grant James Erviti a MGL: 268~20D exemption to serve as Selectman, Special Police Officer, Emergency Management Director and ZBA Member. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 2-0-0.

2. Update on Community Compact Grant Application —Pruyne said that he met with Sue O'Reilly-McRae and discussed the letter from David Young. Pruyne said that he made it clear that most of the funds are to be spent on an outside consultant. He said they also spoke about best practices and that O'Reilly-McRae will get I touch with the State about the grant application.

Erviti arrived at 6:13 p.m.

3. Town Clock —George Day, who just finished serving fifty years as Caretaker of the Town Clock, told the Board that a few weeks after the article on him appeared in the *Greenfield Recorder* he was contacted by a woman from South Deerfield whose father is an expert in tower clocks. While in the area visiting family, the man came with some of his relatives to see

our clock and Day said that he showed him everything. Once the man was back home in Washington state, he sent day an Email with a copy of the digitized record of the original sales order for our Town Clock, dated March 13, 1884. Day noted that a digitized copy is at the Smithsonian. He also spoke a bit about the history of the Clapp and Blake families who were involved in the purchase of the clock.

Pruyne asked that the order be scanned for inclusion in the minutes and posted online on the Warwick website. Fratangelo said that she would take care of it.

- 4. Update of Broadband Build Young said that the setting of the tall poles began last week, and that so far 6 out of 12 poles have been set. He noted that one will require rock breaking and/or dynamite so it will be set last. Young said that the Highway Department is using the backhoe on this project, and that Highway wages and Police detail pay will be covered under the MBI grant. He said that the 5 GHz radios are scheduled to be completed this week and that LTE testing will be conducted on the equipment soon. Young said that he was very pleased with Westfield Gas & Electric. He ended by saying that on average the rate for setting poles is 2 per day, and that in general the project is coming in under budget.
- 5. **FY 18 State Budget** —Young said that Governor Baker has the budget but can still veto items. Erviti said that on the way to this meeting he had heard on the news that the Governor had signed the budget with no vetoes.
- **6.** West Brookfield Solar Project Young said that the revenue meter is not on yet, but electricity has been pouring into the grid for the last month *gratis*.
- 7. Selectboard Reports—None given this meeting.
- 8. Coordinator Report Nothing was added to the printed report.
- 9. Public Comment—None.
- 10. New and Other Business Unanticipated at Time of Meeting Posting—Town Clerk Fratangelo explained that in her attempts to swear in appointees for FY 18, Clare Green informed her that she did not want to remain on the Moore's Pond Beach Advisory Committee. Fratangelo said that Barbara Walker was willing to serve on that committee but has declined to continue to serve as Caretaker of the Flags or Memorial Day Committee Member.

Magi MOVED to appoint Barbara Walker to the Moore's Pond Beach Advisory Committee for FY 2018. Pruyne SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Pruyne inquired if anything can be done to decrease the noise from the new refrigerator during meetings.

IV.Adjournment

At 6:42 p.m., Magi MOVED to adjourn. Erviti SECONDED. Motion CARRIED 3-0-0.

Documents consulted at this meeting:

- *Draft Minutes of July 3, 2017 Selectboard meeting
- *Coordinator Report dated July 12, 2017
- *Motions for designation of Special Municipal Employee and granting of MGL 268~20D exemptions
- *Memo from Town Coordinator David Young to Accountant Janice Barrett dated July 13, 2017
- *WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability for Town of Warwick for project near 245 Gale Road dated July 6, 2017
- *Scanned digital copy of Order for 1 Striking Tower Clock for the Town of Warwick dated March 13, 1884

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