



# Warner Board of Selectmen

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 26, 2016**  
**APPROVED**

Chairman Hartman opened the meeting at 5:08 pm and stated the purpose of the meeting was to first have a nonpublic session.

In attendance: Selectman Allan N. Brown, Selectman Clyde Carson, Selectman David Hartman, Town Administrator Jim Bingham

## **1. Review of Warrant Articles**

Town Administrator: The articles you see now are as they are entered into the Department of Revenue website ready to go through pre review.

There are some changes the biggest being on Article 3 and Article 6.

### **Article III**

Town Administrator: Take a moment to read this, it is modeled after the wording that Ray Martin got from the Department of Revenue for the solar array panel for the water district.

Selectman Carson noted the last sentence is the one they had requested. Jim replied, that's right and more importantly it doesn't mention the \$75,000 rebate, the \$25,000 grant or the loan coming from Rural Development. We can go back to that but what Ray and I discussed and what Ray came up with is that DRA has already reviewed gives the town and the water district more flexibility.

We don't know how Rural Development will react to our grants and when you get that specific and it doesn't come through you're shot for a year. This is generic enough to allow you to go after any type of financing that seems suitable for the town. Our first priority will be Rural Development, the loan, the grant and anticipating the PUC rebate. I think it puts us in a corner if we ask for that prior to know we're going to get it.

He gave the example of Exit 9, that we know we're in a program and rebate will be coming to us so can count on it. We don't want to do this for a grant we're applying for in case something happens. This allows the board, if there is an snag, we have the option of going to a commercial lender or someplace else to get the money and are not hamstrung for year. My suggestion is to go with this wording and explain at town meeting the specific action plan and that time may have more concrete support coming from Rural Development.

The board agreed this made sense and does not tie our hands.

### **Article IV**

Town Administrator: This is the same except I added "upon conclusion of the lease agreement the town will obtain full ownership of the grader for \$1.00".

### **Article VI**

Town Administrator: This is still a bit of a conundrum and I'm waiting on DRA to get back to me. I don't know if they're clear on how best to handle this.

The change in wording somewhat arose from Mariannes comment about having the full amount of appropriation budgeted in the year we plan to spend it. That would mean we would have to take Article IX from 2015 and with minor changes, reintroduce it in 2016 which is what you see.

Selectman Carson: In theory if you took that wording today would it all stand?

Town Administrator: It would because we haven't done anything and expected to get the \$114,000 which would have already been in unreserved fund balance but we haven't gotten it. I decided with DRAs blessing to combine it

with the \$490,245 so we will get a full rebate of \$604,245 which represents 66% cost of construction and design. \$85,755 will come from unreserved fund balance with was the taxation we collected this past year which is just sitting in there.

What I presented to the DRA was how does that impact our budgeting if last year we had this article and we used the anticipated revenue to adjust our tax rate. When we were looking at revenue we had to count the anticipated revenue from the state on that article. The DRA in late October said when you're looking at adjusting revenue you have to count this. It was a key factor in keeping our tax rate down. Now we're introducing it the next year so I need clarification from DRA as to how that will/will not impact anticipated revenue because we've already counted it.

I'm still leaning towards the original one in which we take the \$199,755 and put it in capital reserve fund because that's the only portion that truly lapsed. The state program is a nonlapsing which the DRA pointed out to me.

The rest of them are pretty straight forward, slight word changing per what the DRA likes to have.

I would bring your attention to **Article IX** which basically is showing we've bumped up that capital reserve deposit to \$100,000 that the board had decided upon. I would also point you to **Article XII** "Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be added to the previously established Highway Road Construction Capital Reserve Fund". The \$10,000 is a potential place holder and If Article IX gets voted down we can put the money back there.

## **2. Nonpublic Session**

Chairman Hartman moved to go into nonpublic session at 6:00 pm under RSA 91-A:3 II (d), consideration of acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property. Motion was seconded by Selectman Brown. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Hartman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Carson – yes.

Others present: Calvin Rogers, Peter Wyman, Paul Raymond, Brian Monaghan, Michael Henley, Dan Fisher, Ed Raymond, Town Administrator Jim Bingham

Chairman Hartman moved that this nonpublic session adjourn, seconded by Selectman Brown. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Hartman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Carson – yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:27.

## **3. Seal and Restrict**

Chairman Hartman moved to seal to seal and restrict the January 26, 2016 (land acquisition) meeting minutes for a 1 year period per RSA91-A:3. Selectman Carson seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Selectman Hartman – yes, Selectman Brown – yes, Selectman Carson.

## **4. Review Schedule of Public Hearings**

Town Administrator: I want to make sure we have everything. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February we have a Public Hearing for the grader at 7:00 pm, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> the solar panel array at 7:00 pm, on the 4<sup>th</sup> the Budget Committee will have their public hearing at 7:00 pm. They are being posted and will be in the paper next week.

## **5. Adjournment**

Selectman Brown made motion to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Hartman. A voice vote was taken with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Board of Selectmen  
David E. Hartman – Chairman  
Clyde Carson  
Allan N. Brown

Respectfully submitted,  
Lois Lord  
Recording secretary