



# TOWN OF WARNER

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## Selectboard Meeting DRAFT Minutes January 26, 2024

Lower Meeting Room Warner Town Hall 5 E Main St

### Open the Meeting and Roll Call

- Chair Seidel reconvened the meeting at 10:15 AM.
- *Present:* Harry Seidel (Chair), Faith Minton, Allan Brown
- *Also Present:* Georgia Flanders, Butch Burbank, Judy Newman-Rogers, Clyde Carson

### Capital Budget/Warrant Articles

- Warrant Article Changes
  - Article 15: \$115,000 Revaluation Article
    - Use unassigned fund balance to fund revaluation rather than revenue
    - New Wording: Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate \$115,000 to be added to the previously established property revaluation capital reserve fund to be raised through the unassigned fund balance and not by taxation.
    - Faith Minton made the motion to revise the article, and Allan Brown seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.
  - Article 13: Article to be abandoned
    - Was to be written by David Carle in conjunction with Elizabeth Labbe and Avitar
    - Tension between assessing firm and resident desire for change in methods of solar assessing
      - Avitar assesses solar according to state RSAs and will not use David Carle's proposed formula
    - Concerns regarding previous solar article's legality according to DRA
    - Issue must be solved at the state level
    - Chair Seidel made the motion to eliminate the solar article. Faith Minton seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- Petition Articles
  - Public hearing scheduled for January 30
    - Discussion order: Food Pantry, 5-member Select Board, Zoom recordings, Elected Planning Board, Elected ZBA, Town Clerk/Tax Collector

- Ballot Articles
  - Elected Planning Board
    - *Are you in favor of electing the Warner Planning Board consisting of 7 members which includes one ex-officio member selected by the Select Board and the remaining planning board positions shall be filled on a staggered basis at the subsequent regular elections pursuant to RSA 669:17 as the term of an appointed member expires, until each member of the board is an elected member?*
    - Recommended by Select Board 3-0
  - Elected Zoning Board
    - *Are you in favor of electing the Warner Zoning Board consisting of 5 members to be filled on a staggered basis at the subsequent regular town elections pursuant to RSA 669:17 as the term of an appointed member expires?*
    - Recommended by Select Board 3-0
  - Five-member select board
    - Petitioned article
      - Must be on the ballot due to calling for a change in town government
    - Will be voted on after public hearing
  - Combined town clerk and tax collector position
    - Further research to be conducted by select board before public hearing
    - *Are you in favor of combining the offices of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector to create a new office of Town Clerk/Tax Collector with the term of office of three years? If approved, an article shall be placed on the ballot at the next annual meeting to choose a Town Clerk/Tax Collector. (Majority Ballot Vote Required)*
    - Recommended by Select Board 3-0

## Employment

- Building Permits and Zoning Compliance Position
  - Helps to reallocate duties and decreases pressure on upstairs offices
- Assessing
  - Current assessing clerk running for tax collector, and cannot perform both jobs legally
    - At this point, withdrawal is possible
  - Creates conflict due to training of staff on new assessing software
  - Budget for assessing clerk has been increased, but stipend of tax collector has decreased

## Davis Road

- The board met on January 12 at 10:00 AM to discuss the condition of Davis Road.
- The issue is unresolved, as taxpayer funds cannot be spent on Class VI roads.
  - Possibility of reclassifying road as an emergency lane
    - Would require a public hearing

## Town Report

- Currently a work in progress

### **New Town Administrator**

- Start date: February 12
  - Meet and greet planned for the evening of February 12, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

### **Adjourn**

- The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM. Allan Brown made the motion, and Harry Seidel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Flanders  
Zoom Administrator