



Select Board

Ware Town Hall, Meeting Room, 126 Main Street
Regular Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, June 28, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 784 604 1861

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Present: Chair John J. Morrin, Board Clerk Thomas H. Barnes, Board Member Joshua A. Kusnierz, Town Manager Stuart B. Beckley, Executive Assistant Christopher J. Nolan, Police Chief Shawn Crevier, Police Lieutenant Tod Bertini, Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon

Absent: Vice-Chair Caitlin M. McCarthy, Board Member Keith J. Kruckas

Present via Zoom: Paula Ouimette from Ware River News

Meeting Opened by Chair Morrin at 3:00 PM.

Opening Remarks, Announcements, and Agenda review by Chair

A moment of silence was held in honor of Gilbert ("Gibby") St. George-Sorel, former DPW Director and beloved local figure who sadly passed away early that morning.

Clerk Barnes recognized the success of the prior weekend's Carnival at Memorial Field.

Scheduled Appearances

- **Police Chief Shawn Crevier: Appointment of Permanent Lieutenant**
 - Chief Crevier thanked the Board for scheduling this special meeting. He noted that the placement for this position was a very difficult decision, and that even though Officer Tod Bertini was not the first individual on the Civil Service list for promotion, he was confident that he had met all requirements for the position and was the best candidate.

Board Member Barnes made the motion to appoint Tod Bertini to the permanent position of Lieutenant in the Ware Police Department. Board Member Kusnierz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 2 Absent (Board Members McCarthy, Kruckas).

- Mr. Beckley congratulated Lieutenant Bertini on his promotion, and requested to take a photograph of the Chief and Lieutenant to send to the Ware River News.
- Clerk Barnes commended Chief Crevier's son, Officer Jacob Crevier, for his work serving as a Police detail at the Carnival.
- **Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon: Request for Civil Service Firefighter List**

- Chief Gagnon asked the Board to authorize his request for an updated Civil Service list, noting that of the two most recent candidates who were offered positions in his Department, one declined, the offer, and the other was not able to meet the Department's residency requirements, thus also declining.

Board Member Barnes made the motion to authorize an updated Civil Service List for the Fire Department to hire two new firefighters. Board Member Kusnierz seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Board Members McCarthy, Kruckas).

- Chief Gagnon also noted that the Fire Department had recently been awarded \$11,500 from the Baystate Wing Foundation for additional paramedic training.

Mr. Beckley noted that with the end of the Fiscal Year, and the Board's decision to cancel its July 5th meeting, the Board would need to hold another Special Meeting to approve necessary departmental transfers.

Board Members deliberated on a date and time in which to meet.

Board Member Kusnierz suggested either Thursday or Friday of the following week.

Chair Morrin suggested Friday, July 8th.

Mr. Beckley suggested 10:00 AM on that date.

Board Member Kusnierz agreed, noting that afterward, he and Mr. Beckley would be travelling to an appointment at Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School to pick up a sign that was designed for the Town.

Chair Morrin asked if any details on services for Mr. St. George-Sorel had been announced. Mr. Beckley responded that no details on services had been released yet, but the Flag in front of Town Hall had been lowered to half-staff. Board Member Kusnierz asked if other flags on Town property could also be lowered, such as the one at Veterans Park. Chair Morrin asked if Mr. St. George-Sorel was a veteran. Board Member Kusnierz responded that he did not believe so, but he was not certain. Mr. Beckley responded that he would look into this.

Mr. Nolan asked if the Board needed a motion to reschedule its public hearing for National Grid/Verizon Pole Petition #30567321 on Old Gilbertville Road, which had been set for July 5, 2022 at 7:05 PM.

Board Member Kusnierz made the motion to continue the public hearing for this pole petition on July 19, 2022 at 7:05 PM. Board member Morrin seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Board Members McCarthy, Kruckas).

Adjournment

Board Member Kusnierz made the motion at 3:12 p.m. to Adjourn the Regular Meeting. Board Member Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed on a vote of 3 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent (Board Members McCarthy, Kruckas).

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Christopher J. Nolan
Executive Assistant to Town Manager