

**TOWN OF WALPOLE  
SELECTBOARD MEETING  
MAY 3, 2018**

Selectboard Present: Peggy Pschirrer (Chair); Steven Dalessio; Cheryl Mayberry

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. She advised this meeting is being recorded and asked anyone wishing to speak to identify themselves for the record. There were four members of the public in attendance.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS:**

**SEWER BOND INCREASE:** Mrs. Eileen Swain of North Walpole was present to talk about the sewer increase. Mrs. Pschirrer clarified it is for the Bond payment. Mrs. Swain asked how they justify raising the payment up from \$38.00 to \$90.00/quarter with no warning. They also have to pay for the usage. People are living on limited incomes and struggling. Mr. Dalessio explained the wastewater facility in the Village of Bellows Falls was mandated to up-grade that facility for \$12,000,000+/- . Walpole's share is \$4,000,000+. There are 574 users who have to pay the Bonds over time. Bond payments could continue for about 20 years. They are looking at the possibility of changing this payment over from a flat rate to basing it onto usage but his research indicates it will not make that much of a difference. They are and will continue to look at alternatives. Mr. Dalessio explained some history on the wastewater facility and the bonds. They cannot shut off sewer due to non-payments; it will eventually go to a property lien.

Mrs. Jackie Walker, North Walpole Commissioner, said they have received a lot of calls. She came in to see if those property owners were present. Mr. Dalessio mentioned it was difficult getting information on the Bonds from the Village of Bellows Falls as they had to figure out what portion of the improvements was for Walpole. They recently received a full report. The Town of Walpole does not make any money on the Bonds. Mr. Dalessio noted they will do research on a property owner in North Walpole who received two \$90.00 Bond bills as there are two meters on the same property but the owner only gets one property tax bill. He will discuss this with Mr. Mark Houghton. Mrs. Walker has been questioned about improvements to the Town of Walpole. Mr. Dalessio advised the Bonds are only for the facility itself. Walpole is responsible for their infrastructure. Mrs. Walker asked that an advance notice be given to the users if and when any changes are made in the future.

Ms. Mayberry mentioned notifying the North Walpole Commissioners about what streets the Town will pave this year as North Walpole is looking into replacing some water lines.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable check register in the amount of \$304,437.18 for checks dated May 4, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The above amount includes payments as follows: \$125,000 for the Walpole Fire Department Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) and \$50,000 for the Walpole Fire District building renovation (CRF), Loader payment of \$57,860.68, the Health Insurance payment of \$31,642.14 and the deposit for the Recycling Department baler of \$20,850.

**PAYROLL:** Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Register for the week ending April 28, 2018, in the amount of \$24,997.65 for checks dated May 4, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes for Withholding, MEDI and FICA taxes in the amount of \$5,028.29 for the week ending April 28, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING – April 26, 2018:** Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of April 26, 2018, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Selectboard received and reviewed Minutes of the following meeting:

- Planning Board Workshop Session – April 24, 2018.

**GRAVEL TAX WARRANTS:**

**MAP and LOT #013-034-005:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Warrant for Gravel Tax Levy, Operation #17-461-07-E in the amount of \$97.00 for Cheney Hill Realty LLC for Map and Lot #013-034-005. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**MAP and LOT #012-013-000:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Warrant for Gravel Tax Levy, Operation #17-461-05-E in the amount of \$75.60 for Avanru Development Group Lrd for Map and Lot #012-013-000. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**DEMOLITION PERMIT:**

**ERNEST and SUSAN VOSE, 741 Wentworth Road, Map and Lot #002-008-000:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve Demolition Permit No. 2018-05 for Ernest and Susan Vose to “Remove Generator Shed” at 741 Wentworth Road. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Mascoma Bank Parking Lot Lease:** Mr. Dalessio moved to accept and sign the Mascoma Bank Parking Lot Lease for five (5) years. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**Westberg Property:** The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the new book on the Westberg property. There is no evidence of new chemicals; only the ones that were originally found. There will be a monitoring cost for the property that will be added to the budget on an annual basis for five years and then the cost would go down. There is a choice of three plans. Other than monitoring fees there will be no cost to the taxpayers. Mrs. Pschirrer will be talking with Mr. J.B. Mack at the Southwestern Planning Commission tomorrow about having Ransom Consulting start the next process. The Town will apply for grants. Most grants have a 20% match. Reimbursement of costs will be discussed with the Administrator of the Westberg Estate. The three Selectboard members agreed to move forward with the next phase.

**Great Brook Town Forest and Permission to Cultivate Crops:** Mrs. Pschirrer felt this should be forwarded to the Walpole Conservation Commission. This property is Town-owned conservation land. She will bring this to the WCC’s attention at their next meeting on Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Audio System for Town Hall:** The new Audio System equipment has arrived. Mr. Adam Terrell has agreed to set it up for the next Planning Board meeting next Tuesday. Mr. Ramon Sanchez has agreed to be a volunteer.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Baler Deposit Purchase Order:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve and sign the Purchase Order for the initial deposit for the Baler in the amount of \$20,850.00. This was approved by the voters as Warrant Article #5 at the Town Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**Recreation Revolving Fund Request:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the purchase of a backboard for the tennis courts in Whitcomb Park in the amount of \$1,749.00 to be paid for under the Recreation Revolving Fund. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**Thank You Note:** The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a Thank You note for expressing their sympathy from the family of Stephen Kreissle

**NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:**

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. (b) Hiring and (c) Reputations. Mr. Dalessio seconded the motion, on a roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:25 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:55 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of May 3, 2018, be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

**RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:**

Mr. Dalessio moved to recess the Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:56 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:09 PM.

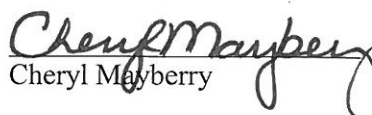
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Dalessio moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

  
Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair

  
Steven Dalessio

  
Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the May 10, 2018, Selectboard meeting.)