

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
AUGUST 16, 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 five members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

MONADNOCK CONSERVANCY – New Conservation Easement: Ms. Stacey Cibula, Conservation Project Manager at the Monadnock Conservancy, was present. She was here to talk about a conservation easement project on a property owned by Mr. Donald “Chip” Wood. Mr. Wood will continue to own the land and do farming but it will never be subdivided or developed. The easement will be on 29 acres. This farmland is located near the intersection of Routes 12 and 123. She is requesting the Town’s endorsement of this project. In addition to an official vote in support of the project, she is requesting the Selectboard write a letter of support to be included in her grant application to the State’s Water Supply Land Protection grant program and the State’s “Moose Plate” grant program. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned this is prime farmland; it is over an aquifer and abuts the Lund easement that was given a few years ago. Mr. Dalessio moved that the Selectboard provide a letter of support for the Monadnock Conservancy on the Wood Farm. In the letter Mrs. Pschirrer will include they are applying for grants from the State’s Water Supply Land Protection grant program and the State’s “Moose Plate” grant program. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

WATER RIGHT ISSUES FOR VALLEY ROAD RESIDENTS: Mr. Wayne Croteau and Mrs. Jacqueline Croteau (Swain Lane), Ms. Barbara Plumley (Valley Road) and Ms. Leanne Daniels (Swain Lane) were present. Mr. Croteau always took care of the spring until they were told they could no longer go up there. Mr. Berg used to let them go up there to do whatever needed to be done. Mr. Croteau explained the location of the spring. There was a driveway down to the house that was torn down. Now there is a gate where the house was and next to the Valley Road there is another gate; both are locked. He was told he needed permission to look at the spring. If there is a problem they have to contact Mr. Podwin and, at his convenience, they can go up there to look at it. Mr. Podwin has been there since the Berg’s owned the property. Mr. Croteau has a Deed that gives him the right to go to the spring anytime he wants. Mrs. Pschirrer read all these warranty deeds and they all have the water rights to the spring. Mr. and Mrs. Croteau and Mrs. Daniels have wells. The spring is supplemental water. However, Ms. Plumley does not have a well. She depends on the spring and wants to be sure she will have rights to her spring house. Mrs. Pschirrer will write a letter on their behalf to the owner of the property pointing out that according to their deeds they have the right of access to the spring. Mr. Dalessio clarified that Mr. and Mrs. Croteau and Ms. Daniels are willing to negotiate to give up their water rights. Mrs. Plumley will consider negotiation. A copy of the letter will be sent to each property owner including Ms. Kimberly who also has a well. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned that old deeds refer to this mountain as O’Brien Mountain, it then became Berg Mountain and now is Rascal Baby Mountain.

Mr. Croteau mentioned the all-day shooting on the Rascal Baby property. Mr. Dalessio advised that, on occasion, the Town’s Police Department uses the shooting range to meet their certifications. It is usually all-day event with one person shooting at a time. It is a big benefit to the Town; it saves money and the officers do not have to go out-of-town. This range is privately owned by the owners of Rascal Mountain. They have given permission to our Police Department to use it. These privately ranges are exempt from noise ordinances.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable check register in the amount of \$651,339.82 for checks dated August 17, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The above amount includes the monthly payment of \$560,964.00 to the Fall Mountain Regional School District and a payment of \$58,858.20 to Mitchell Sand & Gravel.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Register for the week ending August 11, 2018, in the amount of \$28,563.28 for checks dated August 17, 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 \$5,571.61, for the week ending August 11, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – August 9, 2018: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of August 9, 2018, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – August 9, 2018: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 9, 2018. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard received and reviewed copies of the following meetings:

- Conservation Commission Meeting – July 9, 2018;
- North Walpole Village Board of Commissioners Meeting – July 31, 2018;
- North Walpole Village Board of Commissioners Meeting – August 7, 2018.

SOLAR ENERGY EXEMPTION:

MAP and LOT #008-015-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Solar Energy Exemption for Map and Lot #008-015-000 for a home located at 270 Wentworth Road. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMITS:

TED JOHNSON, 25 School Street, Map and Lot #019-059-000: Mr. Dalessio advised this Building Permit No. 2018-22 is exempt as the potting shed is less than 100 square feet. They will still need a Variance as they are within 20-feet of the boundary line but do not need a Building Permit. Reference was made to the Zoning Ordinance, under Enforcements, Article 12 – A-2.

RASCAL BABY, LLC, 141 Rascal Mountain Lane, Map and Lot #011-033-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2018-23 for Rascal Baby, LLC to construct a “68’ x 21’ Rebuild of Existing House” at 141 Rascal Mountain Lane. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Police Detail Policy: Mr. Dalessio will meet with Police Chief Paquette and Lt. Sanctuary to go over this Police Detail Policy. This will be carried over to the next agenda.

Water/Sewer Receipts to Date: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Water/Sewer Receipts to Date 8/15/2018. Total Receipts for Q2 2018 Billing are \$79,449.51 = 46%.

Quarterly Payment Comparison: A Quarterly Payment Comparison was provided by Mrs. Daigle. Sewer bills are due Sunday, August 26, 2018.

Conservation Commission Appointment: The Selectboard signed the Appointment form for Mrs. Kelli Ann Wilson to be an alternate member of the Conservation Commission. This was previously approved.

Map & Lot #024-005-000 Back Taxes & Water/Sewer Payments: The former owner has indicated that he intends to buy-back this property from the Town. A settlement figure is in the process of being finalized.

Map and Lots #012-055-15 and #012-055-21: A letter was received from Attorney Hockensmith dealing with several issues. He has recommended some proposed text for 2019 Warrant Articles.

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. Mr. Dalessio seconded the motion and on a roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:30 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:05 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 16, 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 this 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.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:13 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Dalessio moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:20 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 August 23, 2018, Selectboard meeting.)