

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
JUNE 20, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. He advised this meeting is being recorded and asked anyone wishing to speak to identify themselves for the record. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Mr. Dalessio announced that Mrs. Peggy Pschirrer will be participating in this meeting via a phone conference call in the Selectboard Office. She is unable to attend this meeting as she is home recovering from a surgery.

IV. Remote Participation in Public Meetings: A public body may, but need not, allow one or more members to participate in a meeting by telephone or other electronic communication—but only if the member’s attendance is “not reasonably practical.” See RSA 91-A:2, III. The reason that in-person attendance is not reasonably practical must be stated in the minutes of the meeting. Although the law does not indicate what situations would qualify, some obvious examples include physical incapacity and out-of-state travel.

All votes taken during such a meeting must be by roll call vote.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$586,855.63 for checks issued June 21, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The above amount includes a monthly payment in the amount of \$563,787 to the Fall Mountain Regional School District.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: Mr. David Edkins, Mr. Richard O’Brien and Mr. Bill Stahl came into the meeting.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending June 15, 2019, in the amount of \$29,896.21 and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$6,030.07. These amounts include the Summer Youth Students. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – June 13, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of June 13, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved. Mrs. Pschirrer abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – June 6, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 6, 2019, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – June 13, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 13, 2019, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved. Mrs. Pschirrer abstained as she was not present at this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt and reviewed Minutes of the following meetings:

- Walpole Planning Board Minutes – June 11, 2019;
- School Withdrawal Committee Minutes – June 12, 2019.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

MR. DAVID EDKINS and MR. RICHARD O'BRIEN: Mr. Edkins advised they are present in response to the Selectboard letter of May 23rd to them regarding the Dexpart property. At this time they are confused and puzzled as to why the Selectboard seem to be gyrating themselves into not addressing this problem. Mr. Dalessio said there are a lot of different RSAs with different segments on a car repair service or a car restoration center, etc. Mr. Edkins stated it is an auto repair business that is operating a junkyard. Mr. Dalessio pointed out if they wish to pursue it the Selectboard will get the Town attorney involved and spend taxpayers' money to continue to look at it. Mr. Edkins said "please do". Mr. Dalessio confirmed they had also contacted the NH Municipal Association who stated there are different RSAs that pertain to different types of businesses. Mr. Edkins said this could be really easy. It is an auto repair business that is operating a junkyard. What is the big problem with saying they are operating a junkyard; they need a junkyard permit, put up a fence and they are good to go. Mr. Dalessio noted the Selectboard did not feel it was as simple as that. Ms. Mayberry advised when Mr. and Mrs. Dexter came into the meeting they had the RSAs completely outlined and explained how they fit into the RSAs. It was methodical and well-structured. Based on the information and RSAs provided by Mr. and Mrs. Dexter to the Selectboard, it was the interpretation of the Selectboard that they did not qualify as a junkyard. Mr. Edkins said as an accessory business to their auto repair service, they are operating a junkyard. They can make all this go away by just applying for a junkyard license. Mr. O'Brien said there are 112 vehicles on the property. Mrs. Pschirrer advised the Selectboard asked Dexpart to reduce the number of vehicles on the property by 50 plus a good number of those vehicles are their personal vehicles and are registered. Mr. Dalessio has been to the property. Forty vehicles are there, under contract, for repair and/or restoration; they could be there for a long time. Mr. Edkins stated they are not trying to put Dexpart of business. Mr. Edkins felt that Dexpart has to comply with the statutes by getting a permit, fence it and if they need a variance from the ZBA for a set-back, they need to apply for that. Mr. Dalessio said Dexpart is going to screen their property but with natural screening such as trees. Mr. Edkins stated the RSA states fence. Mr. O'Brien urged the Selectboard to obtain a legal opinion from the Town attorney. Mr. Edkins added it is a good location for their business but asked that Dexpart comply with the law. He would like the Selectboard to make a formal determination that Dexpart is not a junkyard and does not require a permit. Mr. Dalessio mentioned that Dexpart might not want to be classified as a junk yard. The Selectboard will come up with a formal decision that will be in the meeting minutes. They had previously made a decision not to involve the Town attorney for cost-reasons. Now it appears they will have to spend the money to have the research done. They thought they had a reasonable solution. Mr. Edkins said if the formal determination is that Dexpart is not a junkyard, they will appeal that decision.

MR. BILL STAHL: Mr. Stahl asked if his email to Mr. Dalessio answered his questions. Mr. Dalessio explained the last time Mr. Stahl attended a Selectboard meeting, he was asked if Walpole wanted to contribute money to the Walpole school budget, would it affect all the other towns. Mr. Fenn said "yes"

it would. Every year Mr. Jacobs submits a budget for the Walpole school that gets reduced by the District Board. Mr. Dalessio wanted to know if Walpole could make up the gap difference if the voters would approve it. Ms. Mayberry felt they could not do this because the budget is one total big number for all the towns. There is a separation between the towns and schools. Mr. Fenn advised it could not be done. Mr. Dalessio noted it does not have to be pursued any further as he received his answer to the question.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water and Sewer Receipts to Date & Quarterly Receipt Comparison: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Water and Sewer Receipts to Date and the Quarterly Receipt Comparison from Mrs. Daigle. Currently we are at 88% paid with \$18,833.25 outstanding from 1st Quarter billing. The reports are typical and we are doing well.

NH-ENS: Mr. Dalessio is in the process of completing these forms for the NH Emergency Notification System. He is doing research with the Fire Department and hopes to have it completed soon.

Tax Deeded Properties: Mr. Dalessio received information from Attorney Hockensmith who recommended the Selectboard notify the two property owners to advise that in 90 days they intend to auction off or sell the properties and wait for them to respond. Attorney Hockensmith was asked to draft those letters.

Locked Gate on Old Stage Road: Mr. Rau did confirm there is a lock on the gate on Old Stage Road. Therefore, Mr. Dalessio will draft a letter to the owners for next week. It will inform the owners that they have 30 days to remove the lock or give them the option of contacting the Selectboard Office to have the Town remove the lock.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Order for Roofing of the New Highway Garage: These are encumbered funds from last year. Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the purchase order for metal standing seam roofing on the new Highway garage for the price of \$4,300. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Purchase Order for Highway Paving Asphalt: The paving is scheduled to start the week of July 8th. Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the purchase order for highway paving asphalt not to exceed the budgeted amount for account No. 01 4312-10 435. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Purchase Order for Water & Sewer Dept. Fencing: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the purchase order from Monadnock Fence for Water and Sewer Department fencing on the pump stations and the Reservoir Dam at the gate for the amount of \$4,013.00. The Water and Sewer portion of \$3,364.00 will go to that department and the Reservoir Dam portion of \$649.00 will be paid for from the Conservation Commission Forestry Fund. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Recreation Department Revolving Fund Request: Ms. Mayberry reported there is a request from the Recreation Department to purchase summer basketball shirts for children on four teams for the amount of \$1,734.50. They will be reimbursed by Athens Pizza, Jancewicz and Son, Chroma Technology and Bowman Dental.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the withdrawal of \$1,734.50 from the Walpole Recreation Department Revolving Fund to purchase shirts for youth players from Grizzly Graphixs for \$1,734.50. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Summer Basketball Summer Donor Thank You Letters: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve and sign the letters thanking the following sponsors for their donations for Summer Basketball shirts for the kids on four teams: Chroma Technologies Corp., Richard Senerchia of Athens Pizza, Jayson Dunbar of Jancewicz and Son and Peter Bowman of Bowman Dental. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Former Landfill Site Monitoring Well Repair Proposal: Mr. Dalessio reported that last year the Selectboard was made aware that the former landfill site needed some repairs on the well-heads. They have received a contract from McKibben Environmental, LLC to evaluate and do the repairs as necessary. If no repairs are needed the cost will be approximately \$3,000 but if repairs are needed it could be approximately \$4,000.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve authorizing Steven Dalessio, Chair of the Selectboard, to sign the former landfill site monitoring well repair proposal with McKibben Environmental, LLC. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Paving of Dirt Section of Old Drewsville Road: Mr. Dalessio had a call from Mr. Moe Biron and Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy concerning the plan to pave the section of Old Drewsville Road from Mr. Biron's house toward the Village. There is a hill that goes up along that road and the Town's plan was to pave that section this summer because Mr. Rau is having problems with snow plowing. Mr. Biron and Mr. and Mrs. Gowdy are upset with this plan. One concern is the speed by many teenage drivers; if it is paved, it will encourage them to go faster. It is a dangerous section of road. The Gowdys use the road to cross their cows; there are a lot of concerns. Mr. Dalessio feels when the Town gets close to paving that area the Selectboard could invite everyone to attend a meeting to hear their opinions. Opinions from the Fire Department and Police Department should be heard plus the reasons to pave should be heard from Mr. Rau. Many more delivery trucks are going through that road because the GPSs are showing it as a through road. It is alleged that the School District is now running school busses through there. Mr. Dalessio will call to see if they can change that. The road is narrow therefore not enough room to pass another vehicle in spots. Mrs. Pschirrer will contact Mr. Lou Shelley to confirm if a part of the road is Class V or Class VI. Mr. Rau told Mr. Dalessio they have already packed stone in there as a base. They will be unable to plow this section unless it is paved. The highway trucks are getting stuck on that hill. Mr. Dalessio asked Chief Paquette if they could put the speed sign in that area for a while. It will alert drivers. They need speed enforcement. Mr. Rau is looking into signage. The Hubbard section will be paved. Mr. Biron had contacted Ms. Mayberry who encouraged him to attend a Selectboard meeting. Mr. Dalessio said Mr. Biron also questioned a culvert that he had mentioned three years ago. Mr. Rau is aware of the culvert but Mr. Biron needs to get an easement letter from Mr. Gowdy for drainage.

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 and (e) Pending Claims or Litigation. Mrs. Pschirrer seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 7:32 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:04 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 20, 2019, be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to recess this Selectboard Session. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 8:05 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:15 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer had recused herself from the rest of this meeting during the Hooper Trustees meeting.


NEW BUSINESS (Continued):

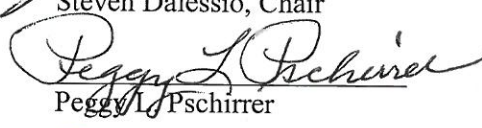
Server: Mr. Dalessio advised that the Selectboard agreed to a two year contract for firewall protection for the Town's computer system. It is provided by TrueNorth.

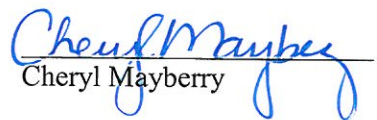
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Steven Dalessio, Chair


Peggy L. Pschirrer


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the June 27, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)