

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
DECEMBER 19, 2019**

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

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 visitors at this meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$92,428.55 for checks issued December 20, 2019. This amount includes a payment of \$17,012.26 to Granite State Minerals for road salt. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending December 14, 2019, in the amount of \$25,087.90 for checks issued December 20, 2019, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$4,347.30. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – December 12, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of December 12, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – December 12, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of December 12, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Conservation Commission – December 9, 2019;
- Walpole Planning Board – December 10, 2019.

WARRANT:

MAP and LOT #012-013-004: Ms. Mayberry moved to rescind the following motion made and approved in the Minutes of the December 12, 2019, meeting, under Warrants. The motion was to “Approve the Supplemental Property Tax for Abenaki Springs Phase I in the amount of \$3,648.00.” Per Avitar the Low Income Housing Tax Credit can only be applied through an Abatement. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS AND ABATEMENTS:

MAP and LOT #012-013-004: Ms. Mayberry moved to rescind the following motion made and approved in the Minutes of the December 12, 2019, meeting, under Property Tax Refunds and Abatements. The motion was to “Grant the Abatement of the 2nd tax bill for Abenaki Springs Phase I. The Supplemental Tax Warrant will follow under Warrants. The property was granted a Low Income

Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC). The Abatement is in the amount of \$15,333.00. “ Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

MAP and LOT #012-013-004: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the Property Tax Abatement for Map and Lot #012-013-004, Abenaki Springs Phase I Limited Partners for Tax Year 2019, in the amount of \$11,685.00. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMIT:

Permit No. 2019-44 – Theodore Johnson, 25 School Street, Map and Lot #019-059-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2019-44 for Theodore Johnson to erect a “11’ x 23’ Roof Mount Solar Array” at 25 School Street. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Broadband Public Hearings and Update: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that the Broadband Committee met with the representative from Consolidated Communications and they are redefining the contract. They will not sign the contract until the beginning of January 2020. There will be two public hearings. The first hearing will be held on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 10:00 AM and the second hearing will be held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, at 6:30 PM. These public hearings will be advertised and posted as Selectboard meetings. The committee wrote a warrant for Town Meeting that was passed onto the attorney for the Bond Bank. They are getting positive feedback from people in Town. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that an important part of all this is that there will be no cost to the Town.

Town Hall Update Rental Rates: Mr. Dalessio explained that the revised Town Hall Rental Plan deletes half-day rentals, no Gazebo rentals, and a deposit increase for commercial and non-resident renters. Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Selectboard adjust the rental rates for the Walpole Town Hall to be effective on January 1st, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Hodgkins and Sons re: Old Drewsville Road: At the last Selectboard meeting Mr. John Hodgkins had inquired about an Old Drewsville Road restriction for Hodgkins and Sons that goes back many years. Mrs. Downing has been doing research on this. Mr. Dalessio will check with Mr. Ernie Vose. There was a consensus to table this agenda item until after the first of January 2020.

Draft Warrant Article Listing Review: The Selectboard reviewed the third draft Warrant Articles document for the Town Meeting in March 2020. A decision was made to wait to sign this warrant until after the first of January 2020.

Vacation Time Balances: During the Staff meeting, held prior to this Selectboard meeting, the Selectboard reviewed revisions that will be made to vacation time. The policy will allow employees to carry over 80 hours of vacation time, rather than 40 hours. Employees have the option of contributing some of their accumulated hours to the Sick Leave Pool. In addition, the Selectboard may decide to buy back employee vacation days from employees with over 80 hours of accrued vacation time. On December 31st of each year, employees should not have more than 80 hours of vacation time and must request that any hours over the 80 hours allowed to be carried forward.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to change the Personnel Policy for Vacation Time to reflect that employees may accrue up to 80 hours of unused vacation time. Any hours in excess of 80 hours may get special circumstances approved for the additional carry over of 80 hours or the hours may be forfeited. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to encumber up to \$20,000 to do a pay-out of vacation hours in excess of 80 hours. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Pending Further Actions:

New Reuse Center Plans: Ms. Mayberry had emailed a copy of an estimate from Griffin Construction to the Selectboard regarding new Reuse Center Plans.

Lights re: Walpole, NH-Rockingham, VT 42277 Bridge Renovation Project: Mr. Dalessio is working on the letter regarding these lights on the former Arch Bridge.

NEW BUSINESS:

Voucher Request from Gazebo Maintenance Fund: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the purchase of a new box of spindles for the Gazebo in the amount of \$168.00. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Thank You Card: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Thank You card from Mrs. Sally McGaffigan for her employee holiday gift card.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (b) Hiring and (l) Consideration of Legal Advice. Mrs. Pschirrer seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with all in favor, the motion was approved at 7:35 PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 7:43 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of December 19, 2019, be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

Ms. Mayberry moved to recess this Selectboard meeting. 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 7:44 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:48 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS:


Selectboard Meeting: There will be no Selectboard meeting on Thursday, December 26, 2019. Mrs. Downing had been previously authorized to sign the Payroll Check Register.

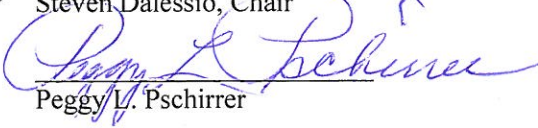
Next Selectboard Meeting: The next Selectboard meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 2, 2020, at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall.

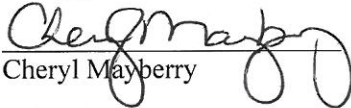
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 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 January 2, 2020, Selectboard meeting.)