

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer, Chair of the Walpole Selectboard, called this meeting via Zoom to order at 6:30 PM. She announced that Ms. Cheryl Mayberry and Mr. Steven Dalessio, the other two Selectboard members are also present. The Selectboard members are in three separate locations. Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, is in the Walpole Town Hall, and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary, is by telephone at a separate location. This meeting is being live-streamed on FACT-TV and is being recorded.

Public comments are to be emailed to Mrs. Downing at the Walpole Town Hall or by calling 603-756-3672. She will display the agenda. That will be followed by documents as they are being discussed.

Mrs. Pschirrer called for a voice roll call of the Selectboard present: Cheryl Mayberry was present; Steven Dalessio was present and Peggy Pschirrer was present.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$52,152.57 for checks issued February 5, 2021. This includes a payment of \$32,167.46 to the NH Retirement System. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending January 30, 2021, in the amount of \$28,172.74 for checks dated February 5, 2021, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,410.18. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – January 28, 2021: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of January 28, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – January 28, 2021: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of January 28, 2021, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

MAP and LOT #022-010-001: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant the Property Tax Refund in the amount of \$15.97 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #022-010-001. This is due to an overpayment. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

MAP and LOT #019-034-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant the Property Tax Refund in the amount of \$26.63 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #019-034-000. This is due to an overpayment. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMIT:

MAP and LOT #011-059-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2021-03 for the owner(s) to build a “50’ x 18’ Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit” on Map and Lot #011-059-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2021 Warrant Articles: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that due to a change in Warrant Article #10 for the Police car the Department of Revenue Administration is requiring that the “2/3 vote” be changed to a “3/5 vote” and the 2021 Warrant Articles will require a new signature date.

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the 2021 Warrant Articles and to sign the new document. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Houghton Brook Bridge: Fuss & O’Neill Purchase Order: Mr. Dalessio asked Mr. Rich Kreissle to issue a new purchase order in the amount of \$5,000 to fund the pre-permitting phase of the Houghton Brook Bridge Project. They will keep amending this figure.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve Purchase Order #746123 in the amount of \$5,000 for Fuss & O’Neill. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Brownfields Project Update: Mrs. Pschirrer advised they had a good project update meeting last Tuesday with the abutters and there were some good questions. They discussed the elm tree and there were objections about taking it down, but some abutters feel it is diseased. She will have someone look at the tree to certify if it is damaged or diseased. The Foundation will notify all their tenants about the project. They might hold a public meeting in the spring and invite everyone who lives/works in the center of the village to attend as it will impede traffic; there will be big trucks coming-and-going for about a six-week period. There will be noise. Mr. Dalessio asked if they could coordinate it with the Elm Street project. Mrs. Pschirrer will send that good idea to Mr. Steve Rickerich. They will meet and talk about it. Mr. Dalessio suggested holding the meeting on the Common. Mrs. Pschirrer said it was a necessary meeting to bring the new EPA representative, Katy Deng, up to date. It was clear to the abutters. Mr. Dave Adams thought it was a positive meeting. Mrs. Pauline Barnes brought up the issue of permeable paving during the prior budget meeting. Mrs. Pschirrer noted paving has been discussed before. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that the Planning Board mandated that Tractor Supply use permeable paving but it did not work very well. He would do some homework before making a decision on this project. He felt it was a good meeting that provided a lot of information to those attending.

2020 Litter Report for Town Roads: Mrs. Downing received the following 2020 Litter Report for Town Roads from a resident who wishes to remain anonymous. Mrs. Pschirrer read the note with the following volume of material: there was 2.25 tons of litter comprised of 264 blue bags, 3,539 cans and 2,312 bottles removed from Town roadsides and trails. Ms. Mayberry asked if it was from all over Walpole. Mrs. Downing felt it included all of Walpole and one section of North Walpole.

Pending Further Actions:

Tax Deeded Property Sale, Town Employees and COVID-19 Leave. These agenda items will remain on the Pending Further Actions List pending receipt of additional information.

Town Street Lights: Mrs. Pschirrer suggested inviting Mr. Steve Grenier to attend the Selectboard meeting next week. It is a good program and will save the Town money. There will be objections from some residents. Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio agreed with inviting Mr. Grenier.

Reservoir Dam Repairs: Mr. Dalessio felt the 2-D modeling is almost ready to go to the Department of Environmental Services (DES). In a couple of weeks they should receive something from Fuss & O'Neill. It is looking like this will be classified as a High Hazard Dam.

Emergency Generators: Ms. Mayberry mentioned an emergency generator for the Walpole Elementary School came up recently. Mr. Dalessio will contact Mr. Mark Houghton about the emergency generators as he was going to calculate the sizes needed and the costs. Mrs. Pschirrer noted two are needed: one for the school and one for the Town Hall. They should also contact Ms. Liz Gilboy from Homeland Security as she had indicated there were funds available.

Emergency Management Committee: Mr. Dalessio would like to call a meeting of the Emergency Management Committee in May or June. We should continue these meetings as there is still work to be done. He will contact Mr. Mark Houghton.

NEW BUSINESS:

DMV Letter: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve and sign the letter to the Department of Motor Vehicles stating that Mrs. Meghan Hansson has been appointed as the Town's Interim Town Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Resignation Letter: Mr. Gary McCormick, Supervisor of the Checklist from North Walpole. Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the letter of resignation from Mr. Gary McCormick, Supervisor of the Checklist from North Walpole. They have appointed Michelle Gallagher as his replacement. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

MS-636: Mrs. Pschirrer advised the DRA had examined this report. The deadline is fast approaching. It needs to be submitted with the 2021 Budget and Warrant Articles. Ms. Mayberry moved to approve and sign the MS-636. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Southwest Regional Planning Commission: Mrs. Pschirrer attended her first meeting at the SWRPC Age Focused Planning Study Group. The State and towns' populations are aging. It will be an interesting group to work with as it consists of both professionals and volunteers. They will focus on housing, transportation, economic development, etc. Ms. Lisa Murphy is involved. Mrs. Pschirrer will share information from the meetings with the Selectboard.

FACT-TV: FACT-TV discontinued filming this meeting as the regular business has been concluded.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 6:59 PM.

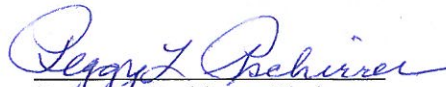
The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:34 PM.

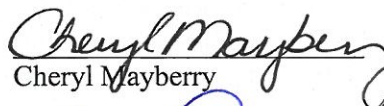
Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of February 04, 2021, will be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

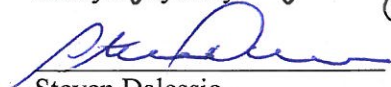
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Cheryl Mayberry


Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the February 11, 2021, Selectboard meeting.)