TOWN OF WALPOLE MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD FEBRUARY 18, 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 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 by the Town.

Public comments are to be emailed to Mrs. Downing at the Walpole Town Hall or by calling 603-756-3671. 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. This meeting will be in accordance with Virtual Meetings, Emergency Order #12, which has been effective since March 2020.

Mrs. Pschirrer advised that two residents have checked in and are attending this meeting: Mr. Jody Spivey and Mr. Shane O'Keefe.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$666,738.81 for checks issued February 19, 2021. This includes a monthly payment of \$607,559.42 to the Fall Mountain Regional School District. 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 February 13, 2021, in the amount of \$32,863.42 for checks dated February 19, 2021, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$6,623.78. 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 – February 11, 2021: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of February 11, 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 – February 11, 2021: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard session of February 11, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Planning Board Meeting February 9, 2021;
- Library Trustees Meeting February 9, 2021.

PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

Mr. Dalessio moved to grant the following Property Tax Refunds:

- MAP and LOT #UTIL-UTIL-01B in the amount of \$9.07;
- MAP and LOT #012-039-000 in the amount of \$27.36.

These two refunds are for overpayments. 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.

TIMBER TAX WARRANT:

MAP and LOT #007-018-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Timber Tax Warrant and Certification of Yield Taxes Assessed in the amount of \$64.61 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #007-018-000. 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.

BUILDING PERMIT:

Permit #2021-06 for MAP and LOT #010-006-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2021-06 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #010-006-000 to construct a "387' x 50' Commercial Chicken House". Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. Mr. Dalessio mentioned this was approved by the Planning Board in July 2020. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Class VI Portion of Whipple Hill Road and Snowmobiles: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a letter from Aquilla and Shirley Gorton regarding last week's meeting and discussion. They were having difficulty attempting to speak last week. Therefore, they sent this letter:

"We have been accessing the snowmobile trail for more than 10 years using the class 6 road Whipple Hill. We originally went through the field known as Faulkner Forrest. At that time we approached the Spivey's asking permission to cross into their field. They stated they were concerned about liability. We provided them with the state NHSA insurance information stating that there was no liability to land owners. However we never received permission so we have never used their fields.

We ride down the Pelsue Road also a class 6 road. At the end of the Pelsue Road the Spivey's have created a very large ditch which we have to avoid. We did try to chip away at some of the ledge to make it safe to ride. At the very end of the road they have created a large shale berm making it impossible for any vehicle to cross. We went with shovels and opened a small section of this berm to be able to access Whipple Hill Road. We then travel down the side of the road to the end of Whipple Hill Road, by trying to stay to the side it has disturbed the snowbanks he is referring to. At the end of the road the snow is plowed into a snowbank in the middle of the road. He has placed driveway markers close to the road, thus making it impossible to go around the snowbank. At times he has placed a large garbage barrel in the middle of the road which we ride around. We carry a shovel and dig out the snowbank in order to be able to pass onto the trail. Thank you."

Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any comments. There were none.

Vachon Clukay 2019 Audit Representations Letter: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that last week the Selectboard signed the letter that gave Vachon Clukay permission to do the audit. This is the letter that states they did the audit.

Ms. Mayberry moved to authorize the Chair of the Selectboard, Peggy L. Pschirrer, to sign this letter to Vachon Clukay. 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.

2021 Road Paving List: Mrs. Pschirrer advised they received the 2021 Road Paving list from Mr. Rau, Road Agent/Highway Department. This is subject to change except for the Elm Street project. Ms. Mayberry pointed out that Mr. Rau was hoping to have the time and funds to do more than Kilburn Street in North Walpole. Kilburn Street has to be done this year. Therefore, he might have to delay some of the other roads until next year. Mr. Rau tries to go back-and-forth every-other-year with paving roads between North Walpole and Walpole.

Plow Route Area: The Selectboard acknowledged the list for the Plow Route areas and drivers. Mr. Dalessio wanted to remind Mr. Rau that Mr. Merv Stevens dry well needs to be done. Ms. Mayberry will be sure it is on their schedule.

Pending Further Actions:

Tax Deeded Property Sale, Reservoir Dam Repairs, Emergency Generators, Town Employees and COVID-19 Leave: These items will remain on the "Pending Further Actions" list pending additional information.

NEW BUSINESS:

242 North Road Political Signage: An anonymous letter was received regarding political signage. Mrs. Pschirrer realizes there is a concern about signs that are on a private property on North Road. The Police had a discussion this week with the gentleman who lives there. He had not thought about the fact that children might be looking at and reading the signs. From hearsay; he feels he has been harassed by some neighbors who have been calling him names; there is displeasure in the neighborhood.

Thank You from the US Census 2020: The Selectboard acknowledged the Thank You from the US Census 2020 who appreciated using the Town Hall, before it was closed due to COVID-19, for training classes.

FACT-TV: FACT-TV ceased filming as the regular Selectboard meeting ended. The Selectboard will enter into a Hooper Trustees meeting.

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. 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 at 6:50 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 6:57 PM.

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 (c) Reputations. 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 6:58 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:32 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of February 18, 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:

Mr. Dalessio moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. 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 meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

Peggy U. Pschirrer, Chair

Cheryl Mayberry

Steven Dalessio

(**Note:** These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the February 25, 2021, Selectboard meeting.)