# TOWN OF WALPOLE MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD JUNE 24, 2021

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

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Mayberry, Chair of the Walpole Selectboard, called this meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. This meeting was being recorded. There was one member of the public in attendance; Mrs. Lisa Bryan.

Ms. Mayberry called for a voice roll call of the Selectboard present: Peggy Pschirrer was present; Steven Dalessio was present; and Cheryl Mayberry was present. Also attending this meeting was Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary.

GAZEBO ON THE COMMON: Mrs. Bryan advised that last year they did a performance on the Common and it was very well received except there were some concerns on the poor sound. They could not afford a portable stage therefore came up with some other ideas. She is requesting permission for the Players to temporarily remove the middle 3 sections of railing on the front of the bandstand for their performance on July 10th, 2021. The tall supporting posts would stay in place and just the railings between the posts would be temporarily removed. Mike Delaney and she looked at it, and they can be removed and then easily put back as soon as the performance is over. They could then use the bandstand for their stage. Instead of the railings they would put up a rope for safety. Mr. Dalessio noted the railing is not designed to be taken down. Constant removal will destroy the integrity. This is very fragile and the spindles are very expensive. He would go along with this as long as it is a onetime event. Mrs. Bryan said this is a trial for them. Mrs. Pschirrer feels this is very fragile therefore she will not vote for it but will not vote against it; she will abstain. The Gazebo was not meant to be a stage. Mrs. Bryan pointed out that a portable stage would cost a minimum of about \$15,000. Lumber prices have gone up. It would have to be portable. The Players would like to try it; they might not like it. Ms. Mayberry understands they have not been able to bring in a lot of income. It is important that the people see the Players when performing.

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the removal of the three railings on the south side of the Gazebo for the Players on a one time basis. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved. Mrs. Pschirrer abstained from the vote.

**DREWSVILLE – New LED Lights:** Mr. Dalessio reported that last week when two residents from Drewsville were attending the Selectboard meeting requesting that something be done with the new LED lights, as they were so bright that the night seemed like it was daytime, the lights actually were being taken care of by Liberty Utilities. The problem with the lights has been resolved.

# ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$23,680.41 for checks issued June 25, 2021. This includes a loan payment in the amount of \$9,604.00 for a Police vehicle to Mascoma Bank. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

### PAYROLL:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending June 19, 2021, in the amount of \$28,255.31 for checks dated June 25, 2021, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,400.69. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

### **SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – June 17, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of June 17, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION MINUTES – June 17, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 17, 2021, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

STAFF MEETING MINUTES – June 17, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Staff Meeting of June 17, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee report:

• Zoning Board of Adjustment Meeting – June 16, 2021.

# PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

MAP and LOTS #011-057-000, #003-012-009, #011-038-000 and #008-015-007: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Property Tax Refunds for the owner(s) of the following:

- Map and Lot #011-057-000;
- Map and Lot #003-012-009;
- Map and Lot #011-038-000;
- Map and Lot #008-015-007.

These Refunds are all due to double tax payments and result in a total amount of \$16,508.00. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

## **ELDERLY EXEMPTION:**

MAP and LOT #029-001-000: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to grant the Elderly Tax Exemption for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #029-001-000. The applicant met the income and asset limits. Proof of 3-year residency took time. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Award Notice and Agreement with Brownfield's Site Cleanup Contractor: Ms. Mayberry noted there were two (2) forms with three (3) copies each to be signed. Mrs. Pschirrer reported they are awarding the bid for the Site Cleanup Work to Green Site Services, Inc. of Bellingham, MA. They were the low bidder and came in within the project budget. Ransom Consulting, LLC has done a very thorough job researching them and Ransom has worked with the woman who will be the Project Manager. Ransom Consulting is pleased to have the Town of Walpole sign these documents.

Ms. Mayberry moved to have, Peggy L. Pschirrer, sign the following: 1) Notice of Award of Contract; and 2) Notice and Agreement between the Town of Walpole and with Brownfield's Site Cleanup Contractor, Green Site Services, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Purchase Orders for Utility Trailer Frame and Plywood: There are two purchase orders for the Utility Trailer Frame and Plywood as follows: 1) Harbor Freight in the amount of \$449.99 for the utility trailer and 2) Home Depot in the amount of \$335.92 for the plywood.

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve and sign the two purchase orders for the utility trailer and plywood.

Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

**Corrected Cemetery Deed:** The Selectboard approved and signed the Cemetery Deed, as corrected, for Lot D565. A sentence had dropped off the deed text and had to be added back.

Cheshire County ARPA Recovery Funds Meeting: This meeting was held last Monday at 6 PM and was a hybrid meeting. Ms. Mayberry reported that copies of the Fund Eligibility had been printed and distributed. Mrs. Pschirrer noted they will have to apply for the funding before August 18th. Mr. Dalessio asked Mr. Kreissle to start filling out the form. He feels the eligibility requirement is there. They have to find out if there is another pot of CARES money out there. Ms. Mayberry noted that to be fully eligible they have to offer it to the whole town which includes North Walpole. The meeting was very well presented. They explained everything and were very knowledgeable.

**Selectboard Meeting Time Change for September 16, 2021:** The Selectboard had previously approved changing the time for their meeting on September 16, 2021, to a morning meeting but had not set the time. There was a consensus to set the time to start the meeting at 8:30 AM. The Staff Meeting was rescheduled from September 16<sup>th</sup> to September 23, 2021, at 5:00 PM.

# **Pending Further Actions:**

Tax Deeded Property Sale, Mill Pond Dam Inspection, Vilas Bridge, Houghton Brook Bridge, Generators, Three Phase Power for Industrial Avenue and Bensonwood.

Mill Pond Dam and Reservoir Dam: Mr. Dalessio reported he held up Fuss & O'Neill from doing additional work on these projects until they get more information from the Department of Environmental Services (DES). The date for both inspections will be in the fall. Right now Reservoir Dam is classified as a Low Hazard Dam but that is wrong as it needs to be changed. He spoke with Mr. Todd Horner at SWRPC and they will keep us informed on Grants. Mr. Dalessio feels they should keep track of Northern Borders through Senator Anne Kuster's office.

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**Economic Development Zones**: Mrs. Pschirrer asked if they should start an application for Bensonwood. The Selectboard is looking for money to bring in Three Phase Power. Mr. Dalessio noted there are other businesses plus there are lots in the Industrial Park that are eligible. The Selectboard agreed to finalize Hubbard LLC first and then move on.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Police Department's .Gov Domain Registration: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Police Department's .Gov. Domain Registration and to authorize the Chair, Cheryl Mayberry, to sign the document. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Hubbard LLC Notice Letter for a NH DES Solid Waste Waiver: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Notice Letter from Hubbard LLC for a NH DES Solid Waste Waiver and that the Chair of the Selectboard, Cheryl Mayberry, be authorized to sign the letter. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

### NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel, (c) Reputations and (d) Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real or Personal Property. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved at 7:18 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:17 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 24, 2021, will be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, motion was approved.

# ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

Steven Dalessio

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(**Note:** These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the July 01, 2021, Selectboard meeting.)