# TOWN OF WALPOLE MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD NOVEMBER 10, 2021

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

**CALL TO ORDER**: Ms. Mayberry called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:36 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. This meeting was being recorded. Also present was Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary. There were no members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING: Ms. Mayberry advised that prior to this meeting the Selectboard held a Public Hearing to "Request Comment Regarding Snowmobile Use of All Class VI Roads". Her question was the restriction of trail access after Attorney Kinyon said they are literally cutting off the trail access. If you block that whole section you essentially cut off all their access from that side. Mrs. Pschirrer does not wish to amend their proposal. Attorney Kinyon was asking them to preserve Whipple Hill. Ms. Mayberry said there could be consequences to that especially if there is a new property owner. She is not in favor of restricting access because that blocks the whole side. Ms. Mayberry asked about Mr. Lew Shelley's comments about not restricting all roads. Mrs. Pschirrer said there should not be any "picking and choosing"; she likes stating all Class VI roads. Mr. Dalessio liked Mr. Leclerc's suggestion to post the roads during mud season, it is a good idea, but should be a separate item. After the Public Hearing closed Mr. Leclerc gave Mrs. Pschirrer a copy of all the research he had done and gave her a list of the towns now posting Class VI roads from March 1st o June 1st. Mrs. Pschirrer noted that basically what was done in 2006 is being done now except it mentioned the "Hooper Hill Hoppers" Snowmobile Club. Now they would say "all licensed snowmobiles".

Mr. Dalessio moved to allow all licensed snowmobiles to use all Class VI roads within the Town of Walpole. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that all Class VI roads be posted and closed during mud season. Mr. Dalessio seconded the motion however amended the motion that the dates are to be determined by the Road Agent. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion and amendment were approved.

### ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$64,523.40 for checks issued November 12, 2021. This includes a payment in the amount of \$32,492.95 to the NH Retirement System (NHRS). Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. 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 November 6, 2021, in the amount of \$26,680.37 for checks dated November 12, 2021, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,090.05. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 4, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of November 4, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved. Mr. Dalessio abstained from the vote as he was not present at this meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION SELECTBOARD MINUTES – November 4, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of November 4, 2021, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved. Mr. Dalessio abstained from the vote as he was not present at this meeting.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION SELECTBOARD MINUTES – October 28, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of October 28, 2021, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Walpole Fire District Monthly Meeting October 6, 2021;
- Safety Committee Meeting October 20, 2021;
- Conservation Commission November 1, 2021.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

E & W Salvage Letter: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the letter to E & W Salvage on Valley Road. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

**Arborclimb:** Ms. Mayberry reported that Arborclimb responded but the Selectboard has waited a long time for them to do so. Arborclimb advised there will be a \$2,500 fee for this service. This changed the terms of their understanding. There was a consensus of the Selectboard to find someone else to do this tree assessment and plan.

Reservoir Dam Meeting: Mr. Dalessio advised the tentative date and time for this meeting is Monday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Committee will review the letter received from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) so they know which direction to take to move forward. Mrs. Pschirrer will be unable to attend this meeting as she will be attending a Power Committee meeting.

#### **Pending Further Actions:**

Vilas Bridge, Generators, Three Phase Power for Industrial Park Drive and Bensonwood

Houghton Brook Bridge: Mr. Dalessio reported they should be getting a permit package next week from Fuss & O'Neill. It will then go to the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Ten Year Transportation Plan: Ms. Mayberry advised the deadline for the GACIT comment period is today.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Date Certificate**: Ms. Loren Martin of Avitar Associates reported that "The median ratio is 73.8% which indicates assessments are about 26.2% below market value or what they are selling for".

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to sign the 2021 Equalization Municipal Assessment Data Certificate sent to the Town by Loren Martin of Avitar Associates recognizing that she sent us the Median Ratio. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Downing was asked to get a list of other assessors accepted by the State for review.

Monadnock Region Rail Trail Collaborative: Ms. Mayberry advised they are looking for one representative from the Town of Walpole for their board. It should be someone who uses the trails or an official of the Town of Walpole. Mr. Dalessio suggested this be given to the Walpole Conservation Commission. Mrs. Downing was asked to put a copy of this letter in their mail box.

School Street and Union Street: Mr. Dalessio and Mr. Mark Houghton met with Fuss & O'Neill to look at School Street and Union Street. They took a quick walk through the damaged flood area. He still has not heard back from MRI about a Project Manager. He hopes to have a proposal this year but they need to be sure everything is accurate before moving forward with requesting quotes.

## NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 Il to discuss (a) Personnel and (c) Reputations. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved at 7:10 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:28 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of November 10, 2021, will be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

#### ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

Steven Dalessio

Peggy L. Pschirrer

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the November 18, 2021, Selectboard meeting.)