

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
AUGUST 18, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:01 PM in the Walpole Town Hall and via Zoom. This meeting was being recorded.

Mr. Dalessio called for a voice roll call of the Selectboard present: Peggy Pschirrer was present; Cheryl Mayberry was present; and Steven Dalessio, Chair, was present. Also present was Mrs. Jodi Daigle, Water & Sewer Clerk and Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary, is present via Zoom. There were no members of the public in attendance.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$649,193.39 for checks issued August 19, 2022. This includes a monthly payment in the amount of \$529,226.92 to the Fall Mountain School District. 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 August 13, 2022, in the amount of \$33,115.93 dated August 19, 2022, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$6,494.28. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – August 11, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of August 11, 2022, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – August 11, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 11, 2022, 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:

- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting - July 26, 2022;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – August 2, 2022;
- Walpole Conservation Commission Meeting – August 1, 2022;
- Walpole Planning Board Meeting – August 9, 2022.

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT:

MAP and LOT #010-033-001: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Veterans' Tax Credit for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #010-033-001. There was a name change of the property owner therefore a new PA-29 form was needed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION:

MAP and LOT #007-026-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Elderly Exemption for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #007-026-000. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO CUT WOOD OR TIMBER:

MAP and LOT #003-003-000 and MAP and LOT #003-018-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve a Notice of Intent To Cut Wood or Timber for the owner(s) of the following Map and Lot numbers:

- MAP and LOT #003-003-000;
- MAP and LOT #003-018-000;

Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

School and Union Streets Drainage Project: Mr. Dalessio requested that this agenda item be tabled until the next meeting to allow him time to write a response letter to Mr. MacClaren.

Treasurer Appointment Notice: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the appointment of Stephen Varone as the Town Treasurer for a period of seven (7) months, August 18th through Town Meeting, March 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Common Tree Maintenance Reimbursement: Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Trustees of Trust Funds draw a check to the Town of Walpole in the amount of \$4,826.00 from the Quinton Fund to reimburse the Town for the cutting of trees on the Town Common. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Pending Further Actions:

Generators, Parking Ordinance, Three Phase Power for Industrial Park Drive and Bensonwood:

Houghton Brook Bridge: The legal work is in the process for the Houghton Brook Bridge.

Reservoir Dam: The engineering work is in the process for the Reservoir Dam.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2023 Highway Block Grant: Mr. Dalessio clarified that this is not a Highway Block Grant but rather a One Time Highway Payment in the amount of \$118,998.11. Some of the expenses in the Highway Department cannot be covered by this funding. Ms. Mayberry felt they could use some of this money to cover the over-expenditure of a few projects. She also mentioned the Recreation Department wanting another court. This will be discussed with Mr. Kreissle.

Savings Bank of Walpole (SBW) “Bill-Pay” Date: A notice was received from the Town Clerk/Tax Collector’s office advising that the SBW Bank Policy is that the date the check is issued is the date it hits the mail. Each check requested has to have a mail date on the request. Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Walpole Selectboard feel it is appropriate to honor the SBW policy and therefore use the check date on their Bill Pay checks as the posted date. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

2021 Cyclical Monitoring Inspection Report: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a letter from the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and the final results of the monitoring activity of the 2021 cyclical inspections for the Town. Only property record cards with points and/or comments have been included. A copy of the Monitoring Inspection Report was sent to the Avitar Associates of New England for their review.

Cemetery Reimbursement: Mrs. Pschirrer explained that the Trustees of Trust Funds were asked to pay a bill to move a tree in the cemetery. Michael Collier asked for two checks; one was supposed to come from their budget and the second check from their second Trustee account. The money came out of the first Trustee account. Mr. Kreissle is trying to correct this by reimbursing the cemetery. They have two Trustee accounts for the cemetery. The purpose of this expenditure was to reimburse CEM Trust #1 for the amount paid to Wilcox Tree Service that should have been paid out of the General Fund from encumbered funds.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Selectboard approve this request. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Ray Boas came into the meeting.

Infrastructure Meeting: Mr. Boas asked if the Selectboard was familiar with the Vermont Digger newspaper. He said they had an interesting article on July 28th which talked about the loss of local newspapers. The most powerful statement at the end of this article was that without local news sources, it is bad for democracy. People do not know what is going on and if they do not know what is going on, it is hard for them to become involved and engaged. With the Clarion being published for eleven (11) years, Mr. Boas thinks he has gotten people engaged and involved. During the concert on August 7th, Mr. Dalessio mentioned having the Infrastructural Meeting with the community. At that time, he said that is a great idea. They would be talking about some major projects that will require funding. Mr. Boas mentioned when scheduling this meeting, please keep in mind the Clarion deadlines so he can let the community know and they can get involved. Mr. Dalessio seemed to agree. Last Friday he saw an email that indicated the meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 29th, 2022. He then started contacting Mr. Dalessio because it did not work with the Clarion deadline. If you want the community involved and so they understand what is being proposed they need to get them involved in the beginning. He has 2,000 copies that get mailed and 1,400 people read it online. Considering the projects that are listed and if there will be grant monies or a bond, he feels strongly if they wait a week, the article will be on the front page. Mr. Dalessio explained the Selectboard members had calendar problems. He noted the earliest he could do a meeting would be September 19th or 26th.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve changing the Infrastructure Meeting from Monday, August 29th to Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Boas thanked the Selectboard for understanding. He requested a separate article for the Clarion from one of the Selectboard members. Mr. Dalessio volunteered to write it. In the future they will try to be more mindful of meeting dates.

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 6:41 PM.

The Selectboard meeting reconvened at 6:44 PM.

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 and (c) Reputations. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The regular Selectboard meeting reconvened at 7:14 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 18, 2022, will be sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mr. Dalessio asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 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 August 25, 2022, Selectboard meeting.)