

**TOWN OF WALPOLE  
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD  
JANUARY 5, 2023**

Selectboard Present: Steven Dalessio, Chair; Peggy Pschirrer and Cheryl Mayberry.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. There were six members of the public present including Marilou Blaine, Lil Decoste, Paul Looney, Ray Boas, and Sheila and Charlie Lennon.

**SENIOR EXERCISE CLASS:** Ms. Blaine said that many miss having an Age in Motion (AIM) class at the Town Hall. Ms. Blaine has called Home Health Care Services (HCS) and learned they no longer offer AIM. Ms. Blaine made research calls to find local instructors and instructors receive \$40 per class. Ms. Blaine placed an ad in the Clarion for a trainer. She received 3 responses. Mr. Dalessio explained that to have insurance coverage, the program would need to run through the Recreation Department. Ms. Mayberry suggested that Ms. Blaine and Mrs. Decoste attend the Recreation Committee being held on Saturday at 5 pm in the Town Hall. Mrs. Pschirrer recommended they contact River Valley Seniors. Mrs. Decoste will be tracking the sign-up and medical forms. The start date for the program will need to be delayed until February. HCS has donated their equipment to the Town.

Ms. Blaine and Mrs. Decoste departed the meeting at 6:46 PM.

**FLOODLIGHT on FLAGPOLE on the COMMON:** Mr. Dalessio agreed with the Lennons that the light is a problem. There was a discussion regarding the light changing over time and the light's position. One possibility is to remove the floodlight and add a solar light ring to the flagpole. Or the current light could be adjusted. Mrs. Pschirrer said if the flag could be lit from below, that would be the answer. The Selectboard reviewed samples of solar lights. Ms. Mayberry thought the solar light cost was very reasonable.

Ms. Mayberry moved to replace the flag spotlight located on the Common with a solar light. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The Lennons departed the meeting at 6:51 PM.

**WALPOLE COMMUNITY POWER:** Mr. Paul Looney handed out a thick set of documents to each board member. The Walpole Community Power Committee had met the night before per Mr. Looney. They recommended that the Town move forward with CCPNH and for the Selectboard to sign certain forms. At this meeting, Mr. Looney wished to explain the whole process of CCPNH. He then would return for next Wednesday night's Selectboard Meeting to allow the Selectboard time to review the documents. Mr. Looney reviewed the packet starting with the overview of CCPNH and a pie chart. The second section was a PowerPoint from Peterborough. There was a comparison slide of coalition versus broker. Peterborough is going to use active portfolio management to purchase power as time passes and not in a one- or two-year period. Currently there are 27 towns that are signed up with CCPNH. Mr. Looney next referenced the reserves tab. Reserves are intended to protect against the ups and downs in power costs. The coalition wants to build up a minimum reserve of 60 days of power. The target would be 120 days. The maximum is 180 days. Anything above the maximum amount, in dollars, would become discretionary to the Town. The next topic was a study by utility. The large utilities cannot beat the prices for the New England Cooperative because it is a non-profit and it uses portfolio management to buy power. Mr. Looney pointed out the Cost Sharing Agreement and the Member Services Contract. These documents have been sent to the attorney for review. Additionally, the agreement asks for persons to be named to represent the Town at the January 30<sup>th</sup> meeting with CCPNH. Mrs. Pschirrer stated at the prior night's meeting, the committee voted to recommend that Selectboard sign the Cost Sharing Agreement

and elect Paul Looney and Dennis Marcom to represent the Town at the CCPNH meeting. Mrs. Pschirrer said that Mr. Looney and Mr. Marcom are the most knowledgeable with both being on the board of directors for CCPNH. Mr. Looney explained the Cost Sharing Agreement. The agreement makes sure that costs are shared equally between the members. The Energy Aggregation Plan needs to be updated. The Selectboard will approve rates. They will not set the rates per Mr. Looney. The data and security policy was reviewed which explains how Walpole residents would be protected. The Rate Structure Type page was viewed with four options. Mr. Looney recommended that the default rate be Granite Basic, which is the lowest priced product. Individuals can opt up or opt out by returning to Liberty Utilities. All monies must come from users. Several groups are putting up cash for the start-up. They will be reimbursed over time. Local projects with renewable resources may come online in 2024. The rules on how to leave the agreement are included. Mr. Looney will come back next week. The Selectboard will review documents before the next meeting. The Selectboard appreciated the time Mr. Looney and Mr. Marcom gave to the project.

Mr. Boas and Mr. Looney left the meeting at 7:28 PM.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$70,872.62 for checks issued January 6, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. It included a \$24,649.81 payment to E. E. Houghton Co.

**PAYROLL:**

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending December 31, 2022, in the amount of \$29,432.40 dated January 6, 2023, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,575.87. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:**

SELECTBOARD MEETING – December 29, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of December 29, 2022, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

**PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:**

Map and Lot 024-038-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the property tax refund for map and lot# 024-038-000 for \$303.00. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the property tax abatements were approved. It was an overbilling from the first bill of 2022.

**LAND USE CHANGE TAX:**

Map and Lot# 017-013 & 014-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Land Use Change Tax for Map and Lot# 017-013-000 and 017-014-000. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. The LUCT was a correction due to timing.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

*Pending Further Actions: Generators, Parking Ordinance, School and Old North Main Bridges/Culverts, School Street Drainage Project, Phase 3 Power for Industrial Drive and Bensonwood, Houghton Brook Bridge*

**One Time Bridge Payment Public Hearing:** The Town received a Special One Time Bridge Payment of \$108,049.86 from NH DOT. Mr. Dalessio said the Town must have a public hearing to accept the funds. There was a consensus to have the public hearing in 2 weeks on January 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with the Selectboard Meeting to follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Recreation Revolving Fund Request:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the recreation revolving fund request for \$1,239.81 for basketball T-shirts. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved

**Encumbering 2022 Cemetery Funding:** Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the encumbrance of \$4,000 of the 2022 cemetery funds. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

**2023 Draft Warrant Articles:** An article is included to reinstate the Veterans' Tax credit for \$500. The Selectboard discussed increasing the income and asset limits for applicants of the Elderly Tax Exemption. There was a consensus to increase the single applicant limit to \$30,000 and couple limit to \$50,000. The asset limit would increase to \$100,000. Additionally, the amount for each exemption by age group would increase by \$10,000.

The Selectboard reviewed the article listing. Mr. Dalessio will double-check the type of highway truck to include in Article 6. Mr. Dalessio will visit Mr. Hoy on Saturday to discuss storage for the Recycling Department. Mrs. Pschirrer will check with Chief Sanctuary regarding the cost for a police vehicle. For Article 12, Mr. Dalessio will send additional text related to the paving and culvert work on Middle Street.

**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 (e) Legal at 7:57 PM. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry, and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. These minutes are to remain sealed.

The regular Selectboard meeting reconvened at 7:59 PM.

**HOOPER TRUSTEES MEETING:**

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to enter into a Hooper Trustees Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 7:59 PM.

The Selectboard Meeting resumed at 8:07 PM.

**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 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sarah Downing, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore



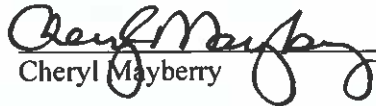
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Steven Dalessio, Chair



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Peggy L. Pschirrer



Handwritten signature of Cheryl Mayberry in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the January 11, 2023, Selectboard meeting.)