TOWN OF WALPOLE MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD MARCH 16, 2023

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

Staff Present: Sarah Downing, Jordan Cannon, Justin Sanctuary and Janet Clough

Others Present: Steve Varone

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:25 p.m. in the Walpole Town Hall.

NON-PUBLIC BUSINESS RSA 91-A:3 II (a): Session I

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 6:26 p.m. Mrs. Pschirrer seconded. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting reconvened from suspension at 6:56 PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Warrant Article #13: Mr. Varone stated that there are presently five tax exemptions: solar, current use, senior, veterans' and blind. He said that of the five, there is only one that is income-based, and that is the one for seniors. There is no maximum income or asset amount set for the senior tax exemption. Mrs. Pschirrer reflected that the intent of the exemption was to help seniors in Town who have little resources. Mr. Varone stated that if the limits were set high, the Town would be inundated with applications. Mrs. Pschirrer commented that you cannot amend the intent of a warrant article at a Town Meeting. Mr. Varone stated that he would support Article #13 and would review the elderly exemption again the following year. Mr. Varone stated his intention is to modestly expand the senior exemption.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$738,767.46 for checks issued March 17, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. This includes a payment of \$700,531.17 to Fall Mt. Regional School District.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Payroll Check Register in the amount of \$28,085.94 dated March 17, 2023, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,526.05. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – March 9, 2023: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of March 9, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. Ms. Mayberry was not present at this meeting.

SELECTBOARD NON-PUBLIC SESSION – March 9, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public Session of March 9, 2023. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. The minutes are to remain sealed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Mayberry called attention of the Board the following minutes:

- North Walpole Village Commissioners' Meeting- February 7, 2023
- North Walpole Village Commissioners' Meeting- February 14, 2023
- North Walpole Village Commissioners' Meeting- February 21, 2023
- North Walpole Village Commissioners' Meeting- February 28, 2023
- North Walpole Village Commissioners' Meeting- March 7, 2023

Mr. Dalessio acknowledged the minutes.

PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

Map and Lot# 008-105-001: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve of the property tax refund of Map and Lot# 008-105-001 for \$53.90 for the overpayment of tax interest. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot# 020-044-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve of the property tax refund of Map and Lot# 020-044-000: for \$12.90 for the overpayment of tax interest. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SOLAR ENERGY EXEMPTIONS:

Map and Lot# 021-023-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve of the solar energy tax exemption of Map and Lot# 021-023-000. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Invoice Policy: Mr. Dalessio questioned if any changes were made. Mrs. Downing responded that none of the content was amended. Ms. Mayberry confirmed that there is an effective date on the invoice policy. The Selectboard signed the Invoice Policy effective 3/16/2023.

Draft Procurement Policy: Mr. Dalessio postponed this policy's review until the following week.

PD Rev. Fund Request for Police Cruiser: Mrs. Pschirrer commented that two police vehicles arrived, and reflected on the difference in cost from what was originally priced. She reviewed with Ms. Mayberry the discussion she and Mr. Dalessio had the previous Selectboard meeting regarding the mechanisms by which the Town would pay for the two vehicles. Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the expenditure of \$21,915 from the police revolving fund to pay for the Ford Police explorer. Ms. Mayberry seconded the motion. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

PD Capital Reserve Fund Request for Police Cruiser: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to purchase the police vehicle from Warrant #12 from 2022 with the additional cost of \$11,415 to be taken from the Police Dept. Capital Reserve Fund. Ms. Mayberry seconded the motion. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Generators: Mr. Dalessio reflected on the possibility of having a generator in use for the Town Hall given the recent power outage due to the snowstorm.

Red Alert: Mr. Dalessio stated he would be speaking with Mark Houghton about the Red Alert notification system, and how people can sign up. Ms. Mayberry commented that she received three different notifications at once from the school during the recent school closures. Mr. Dalessio stated that only people who subscribe would receive the notifications.

NEW BUSINESS:

Great River Hydro Confidentiality Agreement: Ms. Mayberry moved to allow chair Mr. Dalessio to sign the confidentiality agreement so that data can be sent to Avitar for creating a draft PILOT agreement with Great River Hydro. 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 motion was approved. Mr. Dalessio signed the agreement.

FEMA Floodplain Maps: Mrs. Downing stated that a webinar is upcoming on 3/29 and 3/30 wherein new flood maps will be discussed.

NON-PUBLIC BUSINESS RSA 91-A:3 II (a): Session II

Mr. Dalessio moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) at 7:35 PM. Mrs. Pschirrer seconded. With Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting reconvened at 7:58 PM.

HOOPER TRUSTEES MEETING:

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

The meeting reconvened at 8:11 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting at 8:13 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mr. Dalessio asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted, Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Steven Dalessio, Chair

Peggy Pschirrer

Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the March 23, 2023, Selectboard meeting.)