

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
DECEMBER 14, 2023**

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

Staff Present: Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration; Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING: Mrs. Pschirrer called the public hearings to order at 6:00 PM. She introduced herself, Peggy Pschirrer, Selectboard Chair; Cheryl Mayberry; Steve Dalessio; Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration and Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary. She stated that the Selectboard was holding a public meeting for FEMA Reimbursement of \$379,060.70 for damage which occurred in 2021, which have already been spent. She then spoke to the second Public Hearing for an unanticipated one-time highway payment from DOT in the amount of \$38,603.58. She commented that there was no person present for the public hearings. She commented that another public hearing to accept the DOT bridge funds of \$26,937.05 would be held in a future meeting. She stated that proper notice was placed in multiple places around Town and on the Town website. Ten minutes would be given to permit any resident wishing to attend the public hearings.

Mrs. Pschirrer closed the public hearings at 6:15 PM.

Mr. Dalessio motioned to accept the FEMA funds in the amount of \$379,060.70, and the unanticipated one-time highway payment from DOT in the amount of \$38,603.58. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

PAYROLL: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$31,461.11 dated 12/15/23 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$6,587.65. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – December 6, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting Minutes of December 6, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer abstaining, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD NON-PUBLIC SESSION – December 6, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public Session of December 6, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer abstaining, the motion was approved. The minutes will remain sealed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Dalessio brought to the chair's attention the following committee reports:

- Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2023

Mrs. Pschirrer acknowledged these minutes.

WARRANTS: Mr. Dalessio motioned to accept the Fall Property Tax Warrant in the amount of \$6,504,371. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

ABATEMENTS:

Map and Lot# 020-079-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the abatement of \$3,520.47 for Map and Lot# 020-079-000. This was a mediated settlement. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

TIMBER INTENTS:

Map and Lot# 009-006-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the timber intent for Map and Lot# 009-006-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

Map and Lot# 009-008-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the timber intent for Map and Lot# 009-008-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMITS:

2023-43, Map and Lot# 003-001-002: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the building permit for Map and Lot# 003-001-002 to construct a 25.5' x 40' one and a half story home on a Class 6 Road and has met all of the appropriate approvals. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Hearing for One Time Bridge Payment: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that the Town has been notified that DOT funds of \$26,937.05 for a one-time bridge payment would require a public hearing. She advised Mrs. Downing to schedule this public hearing next Thursday, 12/21/2023 at 6:15 PM.

Proposed 2024 Sewer Bond Rate Changes: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that there are 2024 proposed sewer bond rate changes. Mr. Dalessio stated that further discussions will be had with Mark Houghton during the Departmental Budget Meeting. Mr. Dalessio would like to get everyone's buy-in before making a decision.

Pending Further Action: Mrs. Pschirrer said that she has been looking at the dog ordinance and found that it was passed and approved in 2021. She stated that she would do further research but felt that the issue is more criminal than civil. Mr. Dalessio questioned where the fine money would go.

NEW BUSINESS:

Purchase Order to Encumber 2023 Funds: Mr. Dalessio motioned to accept purchase order #619104 to Michael Petravich, architect, for \$15,000; the purchase order amount will be \$20,000. It was clarified that \$5,000 would be paid in 2024, and \$15,000 would be encumbered. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

CVC Quitclaim Deed: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that the deed from Central Vermont Communications would need to be returned, as taxes had been paid. Ms. Mayberry motioned to sign the quitclaim deed issuing the property back to CVC. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

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

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into the Non-Public meeting at 6:46 PM. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting reconvened at 6:54 PM.

Mr. Dalessio declared the Non-Public meeting minutes sealed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer declared the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary

Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair

Cheryl Mayberry

Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the December 21, 2023, Selectboard meeting.)