

TOWN OF WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
APRIL 18, 2024

Selectboard Present: Cheryl Mayberry, Chair, and Carolyn Vose

Staff Present: Sue Bauer, Recording Secretary, and Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration

Guests Present: Pat Kiniry from the North Walpole Village Commissioners and Meghan Hansson, Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Mayberry called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall.

NORTH WALPOLE SPEEDING AND CHURCH/KILLEEN STREET CONDITION ISSUES: Ms. Mayberry moved this item to the beginning of the meeting because a guest wished to speak to it. Pat Kiniry from the North Walpole Village Commissioners described safety concerns in North Walpole: especially at the corners of Oak and Church (can only see about 150 feet), Maple and Church (trees on private property obstruct the view), and Pine and Church (can't fix this intersection) where visibility is limited. This problem is exacerbated by speeding cars and big trucks in the Village. Speeding vehicles have caused a lot of accidents at Mr. G's. Route 12 has not been resurfaced in twenty years. There are storm drains with holes and two washouts. Letters will be written and signed by the Selectboard and the North Walpole Village Commissioners to try to resolve the issues. The Commissioners are also in contact with the Police Department about the speeding.

Pat Kiniry left the meeting.

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

Ms. Vose moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (b) at 6:59 PM. Ms. Mayberry seconded. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:51 PM.

Ms. Vose moved that the Non-Public Session Minutes be sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Note: Meghan Hansson left the meeting during the Non-Public session after she spoke about her topic.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Ms. Vose moved to approve Accounts Payable totaling \$894,384.86 dated 4/19/2024. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved. This included a \$462,732.58 payment to Fall Mountain Regional School District (FMRSD) and \$238,182.92 payment to the North Walpole Village District for their portion of 2023 taxes. Ms. Mayberry is to contact FMRSD to ask why the payment amount has dropped significantly.

PAYROLL

Ms. Vose moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$49,653.43 dated 4/19/2024 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$11,687.02. This payroll includes retroactive pay to 1/1/2024 to employees for wage increases. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Meeting – April 11, 2024: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of April 11, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Selectboard Non-Public Meeting – April 11, 2024: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public meeting of April 11, 2024 and the minutes remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Vose brought to the chair's attention the following committee reports:

- North Walpole Village District Commissioners Meeting – March 12, 2024
- North Walpole Village District Commissioners Meeting – March 19, 2024
- North Walpole Village District Commissioners Meeting – March 26, 2024
- Conservation Commissioners Meeting – April 1, 2024
- Planning Board Meeting – April 9, 2024

Ms. Mayberry acknowledged these minutes.

TIMBER YIELD TAXES ASSESSED AND WARRANT

Op # 23-461-01, Map and Lot # 002-013-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Timber Yield Taxes Assessed and Warrant for \$868.51. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Op # 23-461-02, Maps and Lots # 002-009-000 and 005-036-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Timber Yield Taxes Assessed and Warrant for \$3,897.25. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

GRAVEL TAX WARRANT

Op # 23-461-03, Map and Lot 014-013-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Gravel Tax Warrant for \$89.08. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Op # 23-461-04, Map and Lot 015-011-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Gravel Tax Warrant for \$2,085.32. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

ELDERLY EXEMPTION

Map and Lot 022-013-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Elderly Property Tax Exemption on Map and Lot # 022-013-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

TIMBER INTENTS

Map and Lot # 011-039-004: This property had an intent for 2023 that did not occur. Ms. Vose moved to approve the Intent to Harvest Timber for Map and Lot # 011-039-004. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

EXCAVATION INTENT

Map and Lot # 014-013-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Intent to Excavate for Cold River Materials at Map and Lot # 014-013-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot # 015-011-000: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Intent to Excavate for Cold River Materials at Map and Lot # 015-011-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMIT

2014-10, Map and Lot# 012-013-004: Ms. Vose moved to approve Building Permit # 2014-10 for Map and Lot # 012-013-004 to construct the third building at Abenaki Springs. This permit is a renewal. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

2023-6, Map and Lot# 005-031-002: Ms. Vose moved to approve Building Permit # 2023-06 for Map and Lot # 005-031-002 to construct a 32' x 30' storage barn. This permit is a renewal. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

PENDING FURTHER ACTION: Parking Policy, Generators, Old North Main and High Street Bridges/Culverts, Houghton Brook Bridge, and Reservoir Dam

NH PUC FORM TO LIBERTY UTILITIES: Ms. Vose moved that Ms. Mayberry, Chair of the Selectboard, sign the form which is related to the solar installation at the Recycling Center. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved and the form signed.

RESPONSE LETTER FROM FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT: Ms. Mayberry stated that FMRSD replied to the Selectboard late and did not sign the response letter. The District wrote they would send an answer no later than May 17th. FMRSD claims that since the Town approved the budget, Walpole cannot reclaim money that was spent elsewhere.

WALPOLE SCHOOLS WITHDRAWAL STUDY COMMITTEE: Ms. Mayberry announced that the seven selected members of the committee have all agreed to serve. The committee will be invited to the Wednesday, May 1st Selectboard meeting. The committee will be given their mission and goals. The committee will select a chair and determine their meeting schedule.

NEW BUSINESS

CEMETERY DEED # D469: Ms. Vose moved to approve the sale of Cemetery Deed # D469. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

APPOINTMENT NOTICE: Ms. Mayberry moved to appoint Tom Beaudry as an alternate on the Conservation Commission. Seconded by Ms. Vose. With Ms. Mayberry and Ms. Vose in favor, the motion carried.

2024 SUMMER CONCERTS ON THE COMMON: Ms. Vose moved to approve the Concerts on the Common sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole. They will start June 16th and the last concert will be August 11th. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion carried. The Board thanked Savings Bank of Walpole for sponsoring the concerts.


HOOPER TRUSTEES

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into the Hooper Trustees meeting at 8:31 PM. Ms. Vose seconded. With Ms. Mayberry and Ms. Vose in favor, the motion was approved.

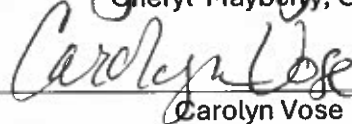
The meeting was reconvened at 8:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mayberry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bauer, Recording Secretary



Cheryl Mayberry, Chair



Carolyn Vose

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the April 25, 2024 Selectboard meeting.)