

TOWN OF WALPOLE, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
JULY 11, 2024

SELECTBOARD PRESENT: Cheryl Mayberry, Chair, Steven Dalessio and Carolyn Vose

STAFF PRESENT: Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Sue Bauer, Recording Secretary

GUESTS PRESENT: Paul Looney, Peggy Pschirrer, and Matt Benoit

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Mayberry called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:38 PM in the Walpole Town Hall.

The first two items were moved to the top of the agenda to accommodate guests.

Drewsville General Store Beer and Wine Sales Endorsement Letter: The store, which is under new management, is to open this month. Matt Benoit, the new owner of The Drewsville General Store, said they had a lot of local vendors at a recent meeting, and they should have a good assortment of local farm products. Mr. Dalessio moved the Selectboard sign the endorsement letter for the Drewsville General Store. Ms. Vose seconded. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Vose, and Ms. Mayberry in agreement, the motion carried, and the endorsement letter was signed.

Matt Benoit left the meeting.

Renewable Energy Credit Sale and Purchase Agreement: Paul Looney and Peggy Pschirrer returned with more information on Knollwood Energy and additional options for our renewable energy credits. Knollwood requires contracts of three to four years. Woodell & Daughters use a different broker, and they get \$36/credit and pay a 10% commission. They have a longer contract than the Town would like. Mr. Looney talked to Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH), and they are willing to work with Walpole. The Town would be the first town to sell its renewable energy credits to CPCNH. Walpole's renewable energy credits purchased by CPCNH would be used by CPCNH customers who purchase renewable power. CPCNH will register the Town to obtain a GIS number so that the \$6,000 refund can be requested. The Community Power Committee will work with CPCNH to develop a contract, hopefully for one year and renewable. CPCNH will not charge a commission since they will use the credits and not sell them. This contract is separate from Walpole's CPCNH electricity purchase contract.

Peggy Pschirrer and Paul Looney left the meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Ms. Vose moved to approve Accounts Payable totaling \$801,897.20 dated 7/12/2024. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Vose, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved. This included a \$581,631.87 monthly payment to Fall Mountain Regional School District.

PAYROLL

Ms. Vose moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$39,073.45 dated 7/12/2024 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$8,135.78. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Vose, Mr. Dalessio, and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Selectboard Meeting – July 3, 2024: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of July 3, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved. Ms. Vose abstained because she was not present at the July 3, 2024 meeting.

Non-Public Selectboard Meeting – July 3, 2024: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard meeting of July 3, 2024. The minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved, and the minutes are sealed. Ms. Vose abstained because she was not present at the July 3, 2024 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

- Safety Committee Meeting – May 30, 2024

Ms. Mayberry acknowledged these minutes.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

Map and Lot # 008-008-001: This was approved last week, but the Chair's signature was missing from the form. Ms. Mayberry signed the form.

OLD BUSINESS

Pending Further Action: Parking Policy, Generators, Old North Main and High Street Bridges/Culverts, Houghton Brook Bridge, and ARPA Funding Purchase Orders

Reservoir Dam – ARPA Grant Reimbursement Form: Ms. Mayberry moved that Mr. Dalessio sign the ARPA reimbursement form for \$1,918.75 for work on Reservoir Dam. Ms. Vose seconded. With Ms. Mayberry, Ms. Vose and Mr. Dalessio in agreement, the motion passed, and Mr. Dalessio signed the form.

2022 Financial Audit: Vachon Clukay partner is reviewing the draft financials.

West Side of Town Hall Siding Project: Initial review from Annette and Andrew Dey is that there are no serious structural issues with the west side of the Town Hall. However, there are precautions that need to be taken care of. More information will be provided next week. The Selectboard will review additional costs incurred.

NEW BUSINESS

Deputy Forest Fire Warden Appointment Forms: Matt Yeatman, North Walpole Fire Chief, is the new Deputy Forest Fire Warden. Ms. Vose moved the appointment of Matt Yeatman as the new Deputy Forest Fire Warden to be approved and the forms signed. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Vose, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in agreement, the motion passed, and the forms were signed.

Recreation Revolving Fund Request: The request is for \$1,822.42 to purchase summer basketball uniforms. Sponsor donations will cover this cost. Ms. Vose moved the request for \$1,822.42 to be approved. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Vose, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in agreement, the motion passed.

5-Town Meeting Date and Time: Charlestown would like to set a date and time for the next meeting. Walpole agrees the five Towns should meet. There needs to be an agenda. On or after Friday, August 2nd would work, but not August 9th.

Employee Appreciation Meal: The organizers are seeking Selectboard feedback for the date and menu. Tuesday at noon on Sept. 17 or 24 would work for the Selectboard. Brad Nash will cook. Ms. Vose offered to help.

Selectboard Office Vacation Schedule: The employees' requested dates were shared with the Selectboard earlier. Ms. Mayberry will be away August 5th – 9th. Mr. Dalessio will chair that Selectboard meeting.

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

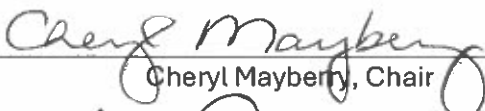
Ms. Vose moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (b) (c) at 7:25 PM. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Vose, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.


The meeting was reconvened at 8:17 PM.

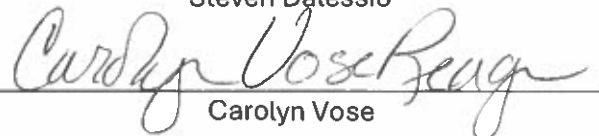
Mr. Dalessio moved that the Non-Public Session Minutes be sealed. Seconded by Ms. Vose. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Vose and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mayberry declared the meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Bauer, Recording Secretary


Cheryl Mayberry, Chair


Steven Dalessio


Carolyn Vose

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the July 18, 2024 Selectboard meeting.)