

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MARCH 7, 2019**

Selectboard Present: Peggy Pschirrer (Chair); Steven Dalessio; Cheryl Mayberry

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall and welcomed everyone. She advised this meeting is being recorded and asked anyone wishing to speak to identify themselves for the record. There were two members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

Town Hall Rentals re: Political Organizations: Mr. Leroy Watson was present to urge the Selectboard to reconsider their decision to not allow the organizational meeting of the Walpole Town Republican Committee to meet in the Town Hall on March 18th, 2019. This meeting was already announced in the Walpole Clarion. Apparently, there was some confusion about who was sponsoring it when he came into the Selectboard Office to reserve the date and time. He was trying to schedule two separate meetings for different groups at the same time. The second meeting was for a Grange event to "Meet the Candidates". He could not find any regulations on the prohibition of political parties as far as meetings go in the Town Hall. Attorney Kasper had assured him that political organizations had been allowed to use the Town Hall in the past. Last year Senator Jay Kahn had a meeting here; at that time he announced his candidacy as a State Senator. He introduced his campaign staff who invited people to work on his campaign. No other candidates participated. Officially there is no Walpole Town Republican Committee. Mr. Watson explained the administrative processes they have to go through first. Mrs. Pschirrer noted that candidates for offices who spoke at the Grange event do not run on a party. The Selectboard does not get involved with different political parties nor have they encouraged them. If they knew Senator Kahn was running a campaign they might not have allowed that meeting. They frequently have "Coffee Hours (With a designated person)" so they can get feed-back from people. Right now there are two major parties but, in fact, there are other parties. After seeing the notice in the Clarion, the Selectboard talked about having something in writing in the Town Hall Rental Agreement. Mr. Dalessio feels having Senator Kahn in the Town Hall had opened the door. This organizational meeting is a gathering of Town residents. However, they have to remain non-partisan therefore have to tighten up on the usage. Ms. Mayberry agrees with being non-partisan but is concerned that Senator Kahn was here campaigning. She supports everything the Grange does including bringing all the candidates together. Mr. Watson asked the Selectboard to allow this organizational meeting to go through since it was publicized and then establish a policy. Following the discussion, Mrs. Pschirrer advised the Selectboard is approving their organizational meeting on March 18th but to recognize there may be a new policy to not allow them from meeting in the Town Hall again. Mr. Watson thanked the Selectboard for their reconsideration.

Town Moderator re: Preparing for Town Meeting: Mr. Vose, Town Moderator, has been finalizing plans for next Tuesday, Voting Day. He asked Ms. Mayberry to be the Selectboard representative and make periodic checks at the North Walpole voting area at St. Peter's Church. Mr. Dalessio mentioned the Police Department will make regular patrols.

The Selectboard agreed to address the following Articles at Town Meeting:

- Article 5 – Mrs. Pschirrer
- Article 6 – Mrs. Pschirrer
- Article 7 – Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Michael Rau – (Will be Amended)
- Article 8 - Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Michael Rau
- Article 9 - Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Ben Hoy – (Will be Amended)

- Article 10 – Mr. Dalessio and Police Chief Paquette
- Article 11 - Mr. Dalessio and Police Chief Paquette
- Article 12 - Mr. Dalessio and Police Chief Paquette
- Article 13 - Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Justin Cassarino
- Article 14 - Any Other Business.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable check register in the amount of \$35,150.30 for checks issued March 8, 2019. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

The above amount includes a payment to the NH Retirement System in the amount of \$24,185.57.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending March 2, 2019, in the amount of \$27,402.72 for checks issued March 8, 2019 and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$5,566.21. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – February 28, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of February 28, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – February 28, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of February 28, 2019, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard received and reviewed Minutes of the following meetings:

- Conservation Commission Meeting – February 4, 2019;
- Planning Board Workshop – February 26, 2019;
- North Walpole Village Board of Commissioners – February 26, 2019;
- Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting – February 26, 2019;
- Hooper Institute Committee Meeting – February 26, 2019.

REFUNDS:

MAP and LOT #004-014-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the Property Tax Refund in the total amount of \$1,919.17 for Map and Lot #004-014-000. A reduction of \$36,000 in value was agreed upon during a mediated abatement appeal. The reimbursement is for 2017 in the amount of \$970.09 and for 2018 in the amount of \$949.08. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water/Sewer Receipts to Date: Mrs. Daigle reported that 75.2% of Q4 of 2018 Water/Sewer bills are paid. The percentage is a bit lower than the past few quarters. Mrs. Daigle also provided a Comparison Chart for review.

Mill Pond Dam OMR and Letter of Deficiency: Since the Town owns the Mill Pond Dam, Mr. Mark Houghton requested that a Selectboard member sign the Letter of Deficiency. However, both Mr. Houghton and the Fuss & O’Neil engineers requested that the Selectboard not sign any documents until they have done more work on the project. Mrs. Pschirrer had additional information from the meeting that occurred yesterday in the Selectboard Office with Fuss and O’Neil engineers and Mr. Mark Houghton. They would like to combine the work they have both done on the red-listed Mill Pond Bridge and Dam. Mr. Mark Houghton, Mrs. Sarah Downing and Fuss and O’Neil are working on being sure all future correspondence is coming to the Selectboard Office.

Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce Membership: Mr. Dalessio moved that the Town of Walpole join the Greater Keene Chamber of Commerce. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms-636 For 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve and sign the MS-636 document for 2019. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Cemetery Deed for Lot D512: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Cemetery Deed for Lot D512 purchased by Barbara Weil. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Town Hall Rentals re: Political Organizations: Mrs. Pschirrer would like the Selectboard to have a policy that there will be no political meetings in the Walpole Town Hall. Ms. Mayberry feels it is different than if the Selectboard invites someone to hold a “Coffee Hour” or an invitation is extended to residents to come in to meet the candidates. Mrs. Pschirrer will draft an addition to the existing Town Hall Rental Agreement to clarify that the Town Hall is non-partisan.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION #1:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into Non-Public Selectboard Session #1 pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel and (c) Reputations. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:35 PM.

The regular meeting resumed at 8:06 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the March 7, 2019, Non-Public Selectboard Session #1 be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION #2:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into Non-Public Selectboard Session #2 pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 8:07 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:42 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the March 7, 2019, Non-Public Selectboard Session #2 be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

Mr. Dalessio moved to recess this Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 8:42 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 9:00 PM.

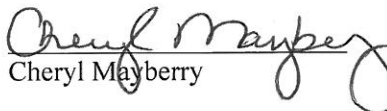
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Steven Dalessio


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the March 14, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)