

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
OCTOBER 8, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer, Chair of the Walpole Selectboard, called this meeting to order at 5:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. She introduced Ms. Cheryl Mayberry and Mr. Steven Dalessio, the other two Selectboard members. Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary, are also in attendance. This meeting is being recorded. There were no members of the public in attendance.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$91,533.46 for checks issued October 9, 2020. This includes a payment of \$36,000 to Ambrose Equipment for the Highway Department. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending October 3, 2020, in the amount of \$31,821.11 for checks dated October 9, 2020, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$6,376.61. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – October 1, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of October 1, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – October 1, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of October 1, 2020, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Hooper Institute Board Meeting – September 3, 2020;
- Walpole Cemetery Trustees Meeting – September 16, 2020;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 8, 2020;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 15, 2020;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 22, 2020.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Permit No. 2020-40, 35 High Street, Map and Lot #021-023-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2020-40 to install a “30’ x 8’ Ground Mount Solar Array” at 35 High Street, Map and Lot #021-023-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit #2020-41, 1405 County Road, Map and Lot #003-038-003: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2020-41 to add a “37’ x 17’6” Roof Mount Solar Array” at 1405 County Road, Map and Lot #003-038-003. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit #2020-42, 224 Wentworth Road, Map and Lot #008-009-007: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2020-42 to build a “20’ x 26’ Detached Garage” at 224 Wentworth Road, Map and Lot #008-009-007. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Notice to Dog Owners: Mr. Dalessio moved to adopt the Notice to Dog Owners, dated October 8, 2020, with the intention of bringing it to Town Meeting with a Warrant Article. This replaces the existing Dog Owners Notice. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Recreation Area Parking Lot Deed and Sales Agreement: Ms. Mayberry moved to sign the Recreation Area Parking Lot Deed and Sales Agreement, as the purchaser of the property, with the Fall Mountain Regional School District. This is for 1.46 acres of vacant land located on Main Street in Walpole, Map and Lot #022-005-001. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Pschirrer noted they will sign the letter to the FMRSD after the Deed is recorded.

Recommendation Relative to Face Coverings: Ms. Mayberry moved to sign the Recommendation Relative to Face Coverings and to have it distributed and posted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

ARM Grant Site Visit: Mr. Dalessio reported the site visit went very well. The engineering estimate is \$520,000 to replace the bridge. We applied for an ARM Grant of \$250,000. There is about a 75% chance we will receive it. There were about a dozen people present from various agencies at the site. They spent most of their time down in the river bed. It is all about the protection of aquatic species.

Response Letter from DOJ, Department of Charitable Trusts: Mrs. Pschirrer acknowledged receipt of the response letter from Thomas J. Donovan, Director of Charitable Trusts. He reported there is now relief available for the Hooper Trusts. Mrs. Pschirrer pointed out the preparation it will take to petition the court to adopt the provisions will be significant.

War Memorial Repair Update: Mr. Brad Nash is researching what firm might be able to rebuild or restore the wooden cannon wheels. Mr. Whit Aldrich, on behalf of the American Legion, is going to send the Town an additional \$5,000 toward upkeep of the Memorial site. In the meantime, we may need to store the cannons while the wheels are shipped out to be rebuilt.

AFLAC Enrollment Meetings: Mrs. Downing has had follow-up discussions with Mr. William Hill of AFLAC. He would like to have in-person meetings with interested employees. Meetings can be held outside with a canopy/tent, plexiglass separators, masks and with other precautions. The Selectboard suggested bringing employees in to the Town Hall main meeting room by departments. Groups will be kept as small as possible. Mrs. Downing noted they have free services that need to be chosen. Two are Telemedicine and Wellness benefits the Town receives through the HealthTrust. The Selectboard chose Financial Fitness.

Reservoir Dam Repairs: Mr. Dalessio reported the amount of engineering work is going up. There are still a lot of options. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) came and looked at the work. They keep opening up more and more questions.

Pending Further Actions:

- Town Street Lights;
- Sewer Bond Comment Letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

November 3, 2020 Voting Warrant: Ms. Mayberry moved to sign the November 3, 2020 Voting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, motion was approved.

EMPG Reimbursement Request Letter: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the NH Department of Safety, Homeland Security, and Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the Walpole LEOP Update Project. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Exercise Class Request for Use of Town Hall: Mrs. Pschirrer advised that Tai Chi classes have been going on Wednesday mornings on the Town Common. Now that the weather is changing, they have requested coming into the Town Hall on the second floor every Wednesday morning. Mr. Daviss stated masks are difficult for some of the older students when they are moving. They definitely will mask coming and going but some may not be able to breathe well enough if they are masked during the class. Ms. Mayberry noted in specific cases and during voting, some people are excused from wearing a mask for medical conditions. Mr. Dalessio is not opposed but feels they have to follow Town Hall rules. The Selectboard was willing to allow them to use the second floor on Wednesday mornings provided they come in and leave with masks on and socially distance on the second floor.

Pinnacleview 4-H Reimbursement/Donation Request: A request was received from the Pinnacleview 4-H to be reimbursed for plantings around the Fountain in the amount of \$81.55. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned the 4-H drops off a lot of miscellaneous items to elderly and disabled people in Town. Mr. Dalessio moved to donate \$200 to the Pinnacleview 4-H for their work doing plantings around the Fountain and Town Hall. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

2021 Planning and Land Use Regulation Manual Order: There are new 2021 Planning and Land Use Regulation manuals. Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer would like to have a new copy.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 6:22 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 6:30 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of October 8, 2020, will be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OTHER BUSINESS:

HealthTrust: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the refund in the form of a check from the Health Trust in the amount of \$21,330.26. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

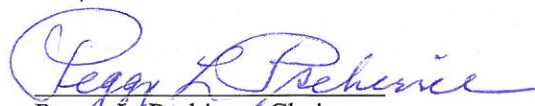
Halloween: When Mrs. Pschirrer talks with the Keene Sentinel reporter tomorrow about Halloween in the Town of Walpole, the Selectboard agreed to have her state that they will encourage families to stay together; will recommend the hours to be 4:00-to-7:00 PM; wear a mask, stay in your neighborhood; keep the recommended distancing, distribute only wrapped candy. Please stay safe!

Farmer's Market: Mrs. Downing mentioned there has been discussion relative to having a Farmer's Market in the Town Hall on the weekend before Thanksgiving Day. There have been no official requests.


ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Cheryl Mayberry


Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the October 15, 2020, Selectboard meeting.)