

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
OCTOBER 22, 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 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town. 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 regular meeting is being filmed by FACT-TV in Bellows Falls, VT. It is available for viewing on the internet.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (c) Reputations. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 6:34 PM.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$66,795.36 for checks issued October 23, 2020. This includes a payment of \$22,335.69 to Granite State Minerals for Highway salt. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions. 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 17, 2020, in the amount of \$29,802.60 for checks dated October 23, 2020, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$6,017.18. 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 15, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of October 15, 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 15, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard session of October 15, 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.

STAFF MEETING – October 15, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Staff Meeting of October 15, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Planning Board Meeting – October 13, 2020;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – October 13, 2020.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Building Permit #2020-43, MAP and LOT #007-020-001: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit #2020-43 for the owners of Map and Lot #007-020-001 to build a “63’ x 48’ House with 36’ x 30’ Garage”. The owners plan to do the electrical and plumbing work themselves but it will be reviewed by the licensed contractors. 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.

Building Permit #2020-45, MAP and LOT #008-031-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit #2020-45 for the owners of Map and Lot #008-031-000 to add a “20’ x 16’ Carport Attached to an Existing Barn”. 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.

Building Permit #2020-46, MAP and LOT #004-003-003: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit #2020-46 for the owners of Map and Lot #004-003-003 to construct a “20’ x 8’ Shed”. 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:

Walpole ESSER Funds re: Walpole Schools: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Selectboard response to Mr. James Fenn, Chief Financial Officer, Fall Mountain Regional School District, to notify them that the Town cannot fulfill their request regarding the CARES Funding. 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.

Cannon Wheel Repair Update: Mrs. Pschirrer reported they had been notified that the wooden wheels on the cannons on the Common were rotting. They received one bid to repair them for \$3,895 from Walpole Woodworks. No other bidders could be sourced. Mr. Dalessio moved to repair the cannon wheels by Walpole Woodworks for the amount of \$3,895. This price will not exceed the estimate by more than 20% without prior approval by the Selectboard. Funding will come out of the American Legion Memorial Fund. 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.

4-H Scarecrow Project: Mrs. Holly Gowdy, leader of the 4-H Pinnacleview group, came into the meeting. In October, they carved pumpkins. They felt it would be fun to make scarecrows in November and to place them around the gazebo on the Common. However, they would need Selectboard permission. They would like to do this project on Sunday, October 26th about 2:30 pm and leave the scarecrows up through that week. It would all be taken down on Sunday, November 1st. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned the scarecrows set up along the fence of the North Walpole Park; they are terrific. The Selectboard members agreed that the Gazebo stairways should not be blocked. They approved this request

to set up scarecrows around the gazebo on the Common. They thanked Mrs. Gowdy for coming in to ask for permission.

Pending Further Actions:

Reservoir Dam Repairs: Mr. Dalessio did not receive the report from Fuss & O’Neill. Mrs. Pschirrer did receive the report that is several pages long and quite detailed. There was a consensus to carry-over this item for the agenda next week. Mr. John Peska will be invited to attend.

Town Street Lights: Mrs. Pschirrer received some information on facts and figures on the Town streetlights from Mr. Steve Grenier. This will be an agenda item for next week.

Sewer Bond Fee: Mr. Dalessio had distributed copies of the “Sewer Bond Payment/Based on Units of Water”. The Selectboard had talked about changing from a flat \$90/quarter to units of water. He took \$262,936 of Bond Dollars Received; Averaged it out to \$0.088 Sewer Bond Per Unit of Water and is suggesting going to \$0.110 Proposed Sewer Bond Per Unit of Water. This will give them a little more revenue that can be put away in the PDIP account for future bond costs. A minimum water/sewer user’s bond payment would go from \$90.00 quarter to \$55.00 quarter. The Proposed Sewer Bond Collection is \$331,646.48. Mrs. Pschirrer advised that, if approved, this would go into effect the first quarter of 2021. It is based on units of water that people use. Ms. Mayberry feels it looks reasonable. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that there will be more bonds over the next 20 years or so. He would like to give this to Mr. Mark Houghton to review before a final decision is made. Mr. Dalessio feels they should be meeting at least once a year on utilities to review where they are and where they are going. Ms. Mayberry would like to see the document with bond information from the Village of Bellows Falls.

Houghton Brook Bridge Repair and Grant: Mr. Dalessio reported the Grant Committee was meeting today on the Houghton Brook Bridge Repair and Grant but he did not know if any decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

Halloween Landscape Lighting: Mrs. Downing felt that since this would be a quiet Halloween, it might be nice to have an LED outdoor projection light on Town Hall. They would be on a timer; maybe 6:00-to-8:00 PM. Ms. Mayberry said they are in the spirit of Halloween; they look great. Mr. Dalessio mentioned the lights freak-out some dogs. Local dogs might be being walked or traveling with Trick or Treaters. The Selectboard approved this purchase.

Savings Bank of Walpole Event on The Common: Mrs. Downing reported the Savings Bank of Walpole is considering hosting a holiday event on the Common during the month of November or December. It would be some music, hot cocoa, snacks and maybe sleigh rides, and other ideas that brings holiday cheer. Ms. Mayberry felt the SBW should pick a date that works for them and if no one else has reserved it, then it is theirs.

Recreation Department: Ms. Mayberry has not yet received the estimate for repairs to the pool building roof. Hopefully it will arrive before the next meeting.

Highway Department: Mrs. Pschirrer has been noticing how many roads have been striped. Wentworth Road is dark and there is no striping on that road. Why has it been omitted? Ms. Mayberry will check with Mr. Rau to see what the plan is. He was asked to do all the roads as the lines make a big difference. Those roads are safer. County Road is a State road. They will have to make a request to the NH Department of Transportation.

FACT-TV: Mrs. Pschirrer announced that this concludes the regular Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will resume their Non-Public Session. FACT-TV discontinued filming and left this meeting.

RESUME NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to resume the Non-Public Selectboard Session that was recessed earlier in this meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a voice roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:10 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:23 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of October 22, 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:

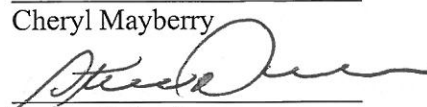
Recreation Area Parking Lot Deed and Sales Agreement: Ms. Mayberry reported that the documents for the Recreation Area Parking Lot are on the agenda for the next Fall Mountain Regional School District Board meeting on Monday, October 26th.

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 7:25 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 29, 2020, Selectboard meeting.)