

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
HOOPER TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 3, 2022**

Hooper Trustees Present: Cheryl Mayberry (Chair); Steven Dalessio; Peggy L. Pschirrer

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Mayberry called this Hooper Trustees meeting via Zoom to order at 6:46 PM. The Hooper Trustees are in three separate locations. This meeting was being recorded. Ms. Mayberry called for a voice roll call of the Hooper Trustees present: Steven Dalessio was present at his home; Peggy Pschirrer was present at her home and Cheryl Mayberry was present at her home. Also attending this meeting is Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, at the Walpole Town Hall and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary, at a separate location.

HOOPER TRUSTEES MINUTES:

HOOPER TRUSTEES MEETING – January 20, 2022: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Hooper Trustees meeting of January 20, 2022, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC HOOPER TRUSTEES SESSION – January 20, 2022: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Hooper Trustees Session of January 20, 2022, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. On a voice roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

HOOPER BUSINESS:

Development Meeting: Ms. Mayberry reported that there will be a Development meeting next Monday, February 7, 2022. Mrs. Pschirrer will be attending this meeting. Ms. Mayberry will attend the Conservation Commission meeting.

Hooper Institute Meeting: Ms. Mayberry said there is a lot of theoretical information around and she wished those ideas had come out sooner. It would be nice to find ways to put that into action. She understands the reasoning about restricting the students but there was no discussion on how they get more funding and/or sponsors for that program. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned this is one of their most valuable programs that puts them out into the community. To eliminate that is not a good decision. Ms. Mayberry heard stories about the youth not having enough to do; they are not learning and/or are not being exposed to the jobs they were sent there for. That would be a more valuable experience for them. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned one youth who had complained about basically pulling weeds. The sad thing was nobody sat down with him to talk about why he was doing that work. The mentors have to be educated about how to be a good mentor. Mr. Dalessio thought the best part of the meeting for him was Mrs. Gowdy's suggestion of placing the interns with farmers or people in business for maybe a one week session or something similar just to give them the basic exposure of things.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to adjourn this Hooper Trustees meeting. The Hooper Trustees will return to the Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. On a roll call vote with Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Cheryl Mayberry, Chair


Steven Dalessio


Peggy L. Pschirrer

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the next Hooper Trustees meeting.)