

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
JUNE 22, 2023**

Selectboard Present: Peggy Pschirrer, Chair; Cheryl Mayberry and Steve Dalessio

Staff Present: Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration; Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Ray Boas

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:29 PM. She introduced the Selectboard, Recording Secretary, and Manager of Administration.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$31,242.08 dated 6/23/2023 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$6,620.81. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – June 15, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of June 15, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD NON-PUBLIC SESSION – June 15, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public Session of June 15, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved. The minutes are to remain sealed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Dalessio brought attention to:

- Walpole Library Trustees Meeting – June 13, 2023
- Walpole Planning Board Meeting – June 13, 2023

Mrs. Pschirrer acknowledged these reports.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT:

Map and Lot#028-012-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the property tax abatement for Map and Lot# 028-012-000 for \$138.00 due to a data error on the property card. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SOLAR ENERGY EXEMPTION:

Map and Lot#010-046-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the solar energy exemption for Map and Lot# 010-046-000. The application was received before 4/15/2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot#005-042-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the solar energy exemption for Map and Lot# 005-042-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trees on the Common: Mr. Boas opened a discussion with the Selectboard regarding the trees on the Common. At the beginning of the year, "trees" were listed under "Old Business". Mr. Boas thanked Ms. Mayberry for a comment made in a previous meeting wherein she spoke about the possibility of collecting donations for the purchase of new trees on the Common. Mr. Boas has reviewed relevant RSAs and the practices of other New Hampshire municipalities regarding how trees are managed within municipal limits. Mr. Boas put forth the idea of establishing a tree committee open to all Town residents. He would like to submit his proposal to the Conservation Commission. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that the next meeting for the Conservation Commission is 7/10/2023 and she encouraged Mr. Boas to attend. Mr. Boas disclosed a personal obligation he has that will make him unable to attend the July meeting. Mrs. Pschirrer said that she will bring up the information that Mr. Boas presented when she attends the July Conservation Commission meeting. Mr. Boas proposed the formation of a sub-committee within the Conservation Commission that would focus on trees. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that the Conservation Commission meets the first Monday of each month. The July date was rescheduled because of a holiday.

Fuel Bids: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that Lou Beam, of the Langdon Selectboard, has contacted the Town regarding fuel bids for bulk Five-Town purchasing. In his email, Mr. Beam requested a Five-Town meeting to review these bids. Mr. Dalessio commented upon the need for the town finance manager to evaluate and provide a recommendation. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that she will attend this scheduled Five-Town meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, 6/26/2023. Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry hope to also attend.

Pending Further Action: Mr. Dalessio raised an issue about the electric charging station. He felt that a Telsa type of connector should be included since it is becoming the industry standard connector. Ms. Mayberry commented that the charging station may have a Tesla adapter option. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that *the Hoopes* ~~that~~ *they* ~~may~~ *we* have like to place no parking signs in the old section of the parking lot so that this section can be plowed. Mr. Dalessio commented that the police should establish a ticketing procedure if no parking signs are placed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Deed: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the cemetery deed for Lot# D586. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

CCPNH Rate Change: Mrs. Pschirrer asked if anyone received a bill with the new rates. Ms. Mayberry stated that the present rate is 22 cents per kilowatt hour on her bill, and this is not the updated decreased rate. Mrs. Pschirrer commented upon an email she received from CCPNH regarding their plan for changing their rates. Mr. Dalessio stated that Liberty Utilities is increasing their distribution fee. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that on 6/30/2023 CCPNH will be setting the rates for the fall period and are asking the Selectboard what rate to choose. Mrs. Pschirrer reached agreement with Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry to select the least expensive rate.

Short Road Closure for Old North Main: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that Mr. Parrot, a tree removal professional, is asking permission from the Selectboard to close a portion of Old Main Street because he will be removing a large tree. Mr. Dalessio stated that the abutters should be notified, and that the scheduling should be done between 10 AM and 3 PM so that the tree is removed during off-peak hours. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that Mr. Parrot is requesting this road closure for either 8/2/2023 or 8/3/2023. Ms. Mayberry stated that Mr. Parrot's approval would be contingent on him notifying the abutters and operating during off-peak hours. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that the tree under discussion is obviously dying. Mrs. Pschirrer advised Mrs. Downing that Mr. Parrot can proceed, but he must notify the abutters.

Close Legal File Return Notice: Mrs. Pschirrer commented that she did not know the reason the Town was sent the closed legal file return notice from Mitchell Municipal Group.

NON-PUBLIC BUSINESS RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (e):

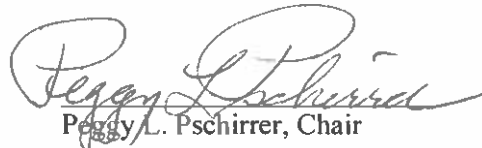
Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (e) at 7:16 PM. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

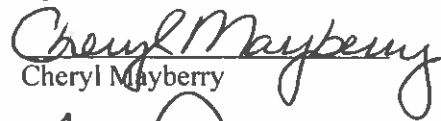
The meeting reconvened at 7:47 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jordan Cannon, Recording Secretary


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Cheryl Mayberry


Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the June 29, 2023, Selectboard meeting.)