

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023**

Selectboard Present: Peggy Pschirrer, Chair; Cheryl Mayberry (by Zoom); Steve Dalessio

Staff Present: Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration; Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary

Others Present: Ron Rosko

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM. She introduced herself, Peggy Pschirrer, Selectboard Chair; Cheryl Mayberry, Steve Dalessio, Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$952,973.54 for checks issued 9/08/2023. This includes a \$700,531.17 payment to Fall Mountain Regional School District. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Mr. Dalessio, Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Ron Rosko stated he was present to discuss the speeding on Prospect Hill. Mr. Rosko had made several calls to the Walpole Police Station regarding the issue. He also stated that he did not feel safe, and that he has not been responded to after repeated attempts to communicate this issue. Ms. Mayberry questioned Mr. Rosko as to the process by which he would prefer this to be handled. Mr. Rosko stated that in the mornings and the afternoons would be preferable times to observe for traffic speeders. He also felt there should be more police presence in Walpole.

Mr. Rosko then said he had a booster pump for water in the basement of his home. If the electricity goes out, he cannot get water on the second floor of his home. Because of this, Mr. Rosko felt he should have a reduced water bill. Ms. Mayberry explained that the water bill is based upon usage. Mrs. Pschirrer stated this issue would be followed up upon.

Mrs. Pschirrer asked Mr. Rosko if he had any other topics to discuss. Mr. Rosko asked about the mowing of roadsides. Mr. Dalessio explained that the Highway Department began last week cutting the sides of Town roads. Mrs. Pschirrer explained that there are 70 miles of roads in Walpole, and that the department has begun work on the roads.

Mr. Rosko asked for the agenda and inquired about the issues pertaining to the heading "Old Business". Mr. Dalessio explained that many of the Old Business agenda items are left on the agenda, but that they are not necessarily part of each meeting's discussion.

Mr. Rosko departed the meeting.

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

Mr. Dalessio moved to enter into Non-Public meeting at 6:41 PM. Mr. Mayberry seconded. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting reconvened at 7:25 PM.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$30,332.28 dated 9/08/23 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$6,406.52. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – August 31, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of August 31, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD NON-PUBLIC SESSION – August 31, 2023: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public Session of August 31, 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 to the chair’s attention the following committee reports:

- North Walpole Commissioners Meeting– August 29, 2023

Mrs. Pschirrer acknowledged these minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Middle Street Drainage Improvements: Mrs. Pschirrer spoke to a contract dealing with Middle Street working through Ransom Consulting. Mr. Dalessio moved to allow the chair to sign the Middle Street Drainage Improvements – Contract Amendment No. 1 for an “as built” record not to exceed \$2,900. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Budget Meeting: Mrs. Pschirrer asked what time the meeting would be starting on 9/22/2023. It was agreed that this meeting would start at 8:00 AM.

High Street Bridge FEMA Grant: Mr. Dalessio stated that the notification was part of the routine FEMA process, and that no signatures were required.

Employee Uniforms: Ms. Mayberry spoke to whether or not purchases could be reimbursed for uniform clothing. She was asked by a Town employee and advised them that a final decision has not been established by the Town on this matter. Mr. Dalessio stated that this issue should be placed on a future agenda to be finalized at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oath of Office: Mrs. Pschirrer stated that an oath of office for a newly hired police officer required Selectboard signatures. Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the oath of office for Ian Tuttle to be an officer for the Walpole Police Department. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Seal Bids for 1-Ton Dump Truck: Mrs. Pschirrer announced that four bids had been received for the 2008 Ford, F450 dump truck:

1. James Reynolds bid \$2,802.
2. Heather Haskins of Bellows Falls, VT bid \$786.
3. Busted Knuckles LLC of Marlow, NH bid \$3,000.
4. Shawn Condon of West Chesterfield bid \$1,367.

Mrs. Pschirrer reflected that Busted Knuckles LLC was the high bid. Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the bid of \$3,000 for the 2008 F-450 One-Ton Dump Truck. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

HOOPER TRUSTEES MEETING:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into the Hooper Trustees meeting at 7:43 PM. Mr. Mayberry seconded. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting reconvened at 7:48 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ahmad Esfahani, Recording Secretary


Peggy V. Pschirrer, Chair


Cheryl Mayberry

Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the September 14, 2023, Selectboard meeting.)