

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. She advised this meeting is being recorded and asked anyone wishing to speak to identify themselves for the record. There was one member of the public in attendance.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Mr. Dalessio moved that the Selectboard enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel and (c) Reputations. Ms. Mayberry seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The regular meeting resumed at 6:50 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of February 1, 2018, be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable check register in the amount of \$69,009.23 for checks dated February 2, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Register for the week ending January 27, 2018, in the amount of \$24,148.81 for checks dated February 2, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes for Withholding, MEDI and FICA taxes in the amount of \$4,870.84 for the week ending January 27, 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – January 25, 2018: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of January 25, 2018, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – January 25, 2018: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of January 25, 2018, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard received and reviewed minutes of the following meetings:

- Walpole Fire District Meeting – December 12, 2017;
- Walpole Fire District Meeting – January 10, 2018;
- Walpole Conservation Meeting – January 8, 2018.

WATER and SEWER WARRANTS:

NORTH WALPOLE SEWER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Town of Walpole Warrant for The Collection of North Walpole Sewer Fees – The State of New Hampshire - in the amount of \$45,409.67. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

WALPOLE WATER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Town of Walpole Warrant for The Collection of Walpole Water Fees – The State of New Hampshire - in the amount of \$54,087.24. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

WALPOLE SEWER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Town of Walpole Warrant for The Collection of Walpole Sewer Fees – The State of New Hampshire – in the amount of \$67,159.10. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS:

MAP and LOT #026-010-000: Mr. Mayberry moved to grant the Property Tax Refund in the amount of \$102.91 for Map and Lot #026-010-000. The State Education Tax is being refunded as this property was deeded back to the utility company. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the following five Property Tax Refunds as they were overpayments.

- Map and Lot #011-051-000 - \$30.31
- Map and Lot #028-023-000 - \$8.90
- Map and Lot #009-057-000 - \$10.00
- Map and Lot #009-034-000 - \$9.95
- Map and Lot #009-033-02-01 -\$56.22

Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS:

Map and Lot #005-056-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the Property Tax Abatement in the amount of \$2.00 for Map and Lot #005-056-000. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot #012-055-016: Ms. Mayberry moved to deny this Property Tax Abatement. A garage building was removed before the final sale. As per the recommendation of Avitar Associates it must stay in the tax roll for 2017. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor the motion was approved.

Map and Lot #027-001-007: Ms. Mayberry moved to deny this Property Tax Abatement request. The owner did not provide any evidence as to why his valuation was not true. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot #027-008-02-01: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant this Property Tax Abatement in the amount of \$7,468.00 for an industrial building on Main Street in North Walpole. This is the result of a \$265,500 reduction in value. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

VETERANS' TAX CREDIT:

MAP and LOT #012-044-300: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the Veterans' Tax Credit for Map and Lot #012-044-300. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

NOTICES OF INTENT TO CUT WOOD OR TIMBER:

Map and LOT #002-012-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map and Lot #002-012-000 off Rapids Road. This is for personal firewood; not being sold. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

MAP and LOT #014-015-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Cut Wood or Timber for Map and Lot #014-015-000 off Whitcomb Road. St. Peter's Cemetery is having large pine trees harvested. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

CURRENT USE:

MAP and LOT #003-004-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Application for Current Use on Whipple Hill Road, Map and Lot #003-004-000. 4.342 acres is being added to the existing Current Use land. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSIENSS:

2018 Warrant Article Listing: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Selectboard signing the Notice of Intent to Post the 2018 Warrant and to Attest that this is a "A True Copy" that will be posted on the day after the Public Hearing or on February 9, 2018 in five places: 1&2) Walpole Town Hall: both Selectboard Office and Town Clerk/Tax Collector Office; 3) Burdick and Burns Building; 4) Drewsville General Store and 5) North Walpole Village Hall. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Pschirrer advised the Warrant Articles were sent to the Department of Revenue Administration and they came back with a few corrections that have been made. They were also sent to Attorney Hockensmith and Attorney Buckley at the NH Municipal Association for their opinion. It is necessary to remove Article #3. It was determined the Planning Board does not have the authority to do this. They have the responsibility to recommend changes but the Zoning Board carries them out.

Mr. Dalessio moved to remove Article #3 and to re-number the remaining Articles accordingly. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Downing will have the final Warrant ready for signing at the next meeting.

MD and A Report: Mrs. Pschirrer advised the Selectboard can add something from the Auditors in the Town Report. There was a consensus to include the Town of Walpole, NH, Management's Discussion and Analysis - Year Ending December 31, 2016.

Town Report Front and Back Covers – Updated Samples: The Selectboard reviewed and approved the updated samples for the Town Report Front and Back Covers.

Town Report Dedication Page: The Selectboard talked about the Town Report Dedication page and final decisions were made.

NEW BUSINESS:

R. Boas Information Request: The Selectboard acknowledged an email from Mr. Ray Boas. Mr. Boas would like to write an article on the recent strides, collections and improvements for the Water and Sewer Departments. He will make arrangements with Mr. Dalessio to work on this. In March he wants to write an article on a history of Town Meetings and a second article on delinquent taxes. He will be attending the budget meeting on February 8th and report on that. Mr. Boas wants to tell the Town's story on how well everything is moving forward. The Selectboard agreed to have Mr. Boas proceed with writing these articles.

Latest Sewer Bill: Mr. Dalessio looked into why the latest sewer bill from the Village of Bellows Falls went up. It is not the flow but rather an increase in what was in the flow; it is not usage but rather content. Mr. Mark Houghton is aware of this and will work on where it is coming from.

Benefit Hours Project Update: Mr. Kreissle continues to work on the Employees' Benefit Hours Project. He will reconcile with the separate department's balances.

NHPDIP Summary: Mrs. Pschirrer had asked for this NHPDIP Summary as of February 1, 2018.

Highway Department: Mr. Rau has been talking with the engineer from CDL who he has been working with on the design for the Alstead Center Road. The Department of Environmental Services (DES) wants to have a fish ladder or individual pools on this site. Both the engineer and Mr. Rau told the DES there are no fish there but the DES commented that if they can find someplace else to put the fish ladder/pools the DES will approve the Alstead Center Road permit. Mr. Rau and the engineer looked at all the "red-listed" bridge projects in Town and feel the brook at the end of Wentworth Road, known as Houghton Brook, would be appropriate as it has running water and occasionally fish. The engineer is going to suggest this to the DES. Mrs. Downing mentioned the CDL Company was recently merged with Fuss O'Neill Company. Mrs. Pschirrer noted with this new company the engineers might come up with a solution to the School Street drainage problems because this merger will expand their resources. This new company is aware of grants and will assist in writing the applications.

Eaton Road: Mr. Dalessio advised the Boy Scout Camp is being used almost every weekend. It was so icy this past week-end that vehicles could not get in. Therefore they asked if the road could be sanded by the Highway Department. It is an emergency lane.

Alstead Center Road: Mr. Dalessio reported the new pavement is coming up close to the store. The Drewsville Road also has some cracks. He would like to have Mr. Rau take a look at these roads.

Main Street in North Walpole: Ms. Mayberry was asked about the plowing on lower Main Street in North Walpole toward Len Tex. Mrs. Pschirrer felt the big trucks may not be able to get around that well with the closed off road in that area. She will raise these issues with Mr. Rau and the Highway Department employees tomorrow when she meets with them.

2018 Concerts on the Green: The Savings Bank of Walpole is asking permission from the Selectboard to hold eight concerts on the Green on consecutive Sunday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8:00 p.m. The first concert will take place on Sunday, June 24, 2018 and then every Sunday thereafter through August 12, 2018. They are also requesting the use of the bathroom facilities at the Town Hall be open during the concert each week.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the use of the Green for the 2018 Concerts on the Green sponsored by the Savings Bank of Walpole. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

Mr. Dalessio moved to recess this Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 8:12 PM.

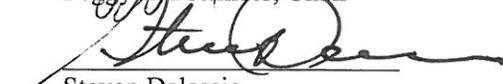
The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:25 PM.

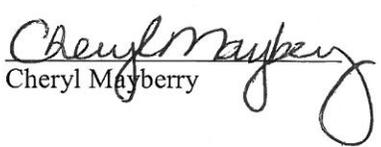
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair


Steven Dalessio


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the February 8, 2018, Selectboard meeting.)

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