

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MARCH 14, 2019**

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 and welcomed everyone. She advised this meeting is being recorded and asked anyone wishing to speak to identify themselves for the record. There were three members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

CHIP WOOD re: WEIGHT LIMITS ON ALSTEAD CENTER ROAD: Mr. Donald Wood, Jr. explained his concern relates to the replacement of the culvert on the Alstead Center Road. He was told there would be a ten-ton limit on the road after the work is complete. He has the farm plus a construction business and other heavy equipment including two dump trucks he leases. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned the Selectboard understood he only had the farm on his property. Mr. Wood provided an explanation of his businesses. Mr. Rau told him the road would be restricted. However, Mr. Wood thought the road would be open to everybody after the project was done. Mrs. Pschirrer noted the road is open to everybody but the Town has the right to post limits on it if they feel it is advisable. It has been an expensive project so the Town would like to protect it. Mr. Wood mentioned if it is posted at 10-to, he will not be able to bring his commercial trucks over the road. It will create a financial burden on him. If he has to travel around the road, it is 3.2 miles. It's only 1.1 miles using Alstead Center Road. Some trips do go around the long way. He can go through with Putnam Farm trucks that are registered for 80,000 pounds but not his other trucks/equipment. Mrs. Pschirrer advised there will still be more work to be done on this road. They were able to get a permit from the Department of Environmental Services (DES) to do the culvert before the road collapsed. Fish ladders need to be built down to the Cold River as DES found fish in there. Mr. Wood said if they are going to fix this culvert right, which he feels they are, there should not be a weight limit on it. Mrs. Pschirrer will have a conversation with Mr. Rau about this. His concern is it will not hold up very long and the Town will have to go through this again if they have consistent heavy traffic going over it to the extent Mr. Wood is proposing. Mr. Wood noted the culvert was put in in 1947. If the culvert is fixed right, there should not be any weight limit on it. Mr. Wood has been trying to do a logging operation; 181 acres are in Walpole. He questioned who said this culvert would last 20 or 50 years. Mrs. Pschirrer replied the Town worked with an engineer and will ask this question. The Town had permits to do this work last year but then there were personnel changes at DES and fish ladders became a requirement; the engineers had to re-design everything. The Town is using money the State gave them a few years ago; it was \$119,999. She advised that the Selectboard cannot give Mr. Wood an answer tonight but will discuss this with Mr. Rau. Ms. Mayberry asked Mr. Wood to estimate how many trips would be needed across the culvert. Mr. Wood does not know how many loads of wood chips the logger would take out of his land. The logging operation will encompass Langdon, Alstead and Walpole. Ms. Mayberry asked about the construction business. Mr. Wood did four trips yesterday. However, he might not do any tomorrow or for the next week. Ms. Mayberry explained when they talk with the engineer they need to know the capacity; life expectancy and longevity. Mr. Dalessio summarized they will work on this and get back to Mr. Wood. He would like someone with a P.E. license to give them a calculation on the estimated load limit and life expectancy of the culvert.

MATTHEW and THERESA BOZOGAN: Mr. Bozogan advised they reside at Blanchard Brook Circle. Their concern is the deteriorating condition of the road. Sand Hill Road is deteriorating more than their road. They have to cross Sand Hill Road to get to their road. It gets quite a bit of traffic. Back in 2015, when Mr. Tyrrell was Road Agent, he said they were on his 2016 paving list. It was never done. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned the Town usually does about ten miles a year. There are 70 miles of roads in

the Town. She will check with Mr. Rau to see if they are on his list. There is still some road work that did not get finished last year. Mr. Bozogan would like to know when it is scheduled to be done. The patching does not last very long. Their cars are low, and they can only go about 10 mph. Both Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer plan to look at the roads tomorrow and will get back to Mr. Bozogan.

North Walpole: Ms. Mayberry reported that North Walpole will not be doing the Maple Street project this year. Therefore, it can be taken off Mr. Rau’s paving list. They will do a section of Mountain View.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable check register in the amount of \$595,271.48 for checks issued March 15, 2019, Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The above amount includes a monthly payment in the amount of \$563,787.00 to the Fall Mountain Regional School District.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll check register for the week ending March 9, 2019, in the amount of \$25,313.42 for checks issued March 15, 2019, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$5,006.18. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – March 7, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of March 7, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION #1 – March 7, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session #1 of March 7, 2019, as amended, with one correction: second paragraph, third line, change “quantum” to “quantify”. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION #2 – March 7, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to table the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session #2 of March 7, 2019, until the next meeting. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Selectboard received and reviewed Minutes of the following meeting:

- Walpole Fire District Meeting – February 20, 2019.

REFUNDS:

Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the following Property Tax Refunds as follows:

- Map and Lot #005-020-000 – in the amount of \$14.23;
- Map and Lot #008-116-000 – in the amount of \$48.69;
- Map and Lot #002-005-000 – in the amount of \$23.10.

These refunds are for overpayment of 2018 Taxes. 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 grant the following Property Tax Refund in the amount of \$164.67 for Map and Lot #027-001-007. This refund is the result of an Abatement for Tax Year 2018. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Chip Paliocha, 118 March Hill Road: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the renewal of Building Permit No. 2004-59 for Chip Paliocha to “Construct a 1.5 story barn and seasonal camp” at 118 March Hill Road. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Avanru Development Group Ltd, 504 Main Street: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the renewal of Building Permit No. 2011-48 for Avanru Development Group Ltd to “Construct a 2 story 104’ x 63’2” commercial building as approved by the Planning Board Site Plan approval on October 5, 2011” at 504 Main Street. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fuss & O’Neill’s Proposal for Engineering Services re: Mill Pond Dam: Mr. Dalessio moved that they approve and sign the Fuss & O’Neill’s proposal for engineering services regarding the Mill Pond Dam. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Town Hall Rental Problems on March 9th: Mrs. Downing reported that the renter did not have sole use of the second floor and the gas stove did not work because when the last delivery was made the person delivering accidentally turned the gas off causing a lack of gas. The renter had planned on using the stove. The Players had been told not to come in that day as the second floor was rented but a group did come in and disrupted the party. Additionally, an outside door was left open last week, and lights were left on in the north entrance last night. There was a consensus of the Selectboard to refund the renter’s deposit and rental fee. Mrs. Pschirrer suggested they write something in the rental agreement that two groups cannot use the Town Hall at the same time. If this disruption continues, the Selectboard will increase the rents and hire someone to oversee the events. Mr. Dalessio recommended that every time the Town Hall is rented, an email be sent to Lisa Bryant of the Players to alert them that the Town Hall building is off-limits on that day and time.

Library: The Library will be moving a minimal amount of books and other material into the Town Hall during their renovation project. Mr. Dalessio recommended having a rope or something similar across the stairs to the second floor to alert people to the fact that the upstairs is off-limits. After the Library has moved into the second floor an email will be sent to Lisa of the Players to advise that the second floor is closed. If the Players need access, they will have to contact Mrs. Justine Fafara to make arrangements.

Invitation of Legislative Delegation Meeting: Tuesday, April 2nd in Keene: This meeting will be in the Keene City Hall beginning at 6:00 PM. Three Selectboard members plan to attend.

Advisory Board Invitation: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that Mrs. Sarah Downing has been invited to join an Advisory Board at the River Valley Community College. They will be meeting every three months after her working hours. The Selectboard encouraged her to accept the invitation. Ms. Mayberry noted it is a good educational opportunity and to learn more about the community.

Primex Training Workshop: The Selectboard approved having Mrs. Downing attend a Primex Training Workshop in Concord on Communication Skills on Wednesday morning, March 27, 2019. There is no fee.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session #1 pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Mr. Dalessio seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:25 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:44 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session #1 of March 14, 2019, be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session #2 pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Mr. Dalessio seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:44 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:20 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session #2 of March 14, 2019, be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

Ms. Mayberry moved to recess this Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 8:20 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:45 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 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary

Peggy L. Pschirrer

Steven Dalessio

Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the March 21, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)