

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MAY 30, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:35 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. He 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:

WENTWORTH ROAD POWER POLE WORK: Ms. Suzanne Steisel of Wentworth Road was present to advise that yesterday a notice was left on her door by a tree company. They were going to cut tree branches in three days to make way for new utility poles. The man said these poles will be half again as high as the poles that are there. They are running a trunk line down Wentworth Road. The old poles will be left there plus these taller poles. The poles will destroy the whole look of rural Wentworth Road that is residential. She does not think many other residents on Wentworth Road know about this happening including the Planning Board member she spoke to and the Selectboard Office. Ms. Steisel displayed pictures on her lap top of the new poles on Route 5; it is what Wentworth Road will look like. Mrs. Pschirrer said 30 poles have ribbons around them. Mr. Dalessio felt they will transfer the wires to the new poles and then remove the old poles. Ms. Mayberry explained different companies have different responsibilities on the poles; there is the phone company, utility company and other companies. Everybody has to coordinate and do it piece-meal. Ms. Steisel noted this is a rural road that will be destroyed. It will look like an industrial area. Mr. Dalessio felt they will be putting more on these higher poles; everybody is asking for broadband. Walpole wants fiber-optic service. Mrs. Pschirrer said Walpole has 37 miles that do not have internet access. It is not being done on private land but rather in right-of-ways. Ms. Steisel feels it will make property values less. Mr. Dalessio said they will be doing this across the State; it is not localized. Mrs. Pschirrer advised that unfortunately the Selectboard cannot do anything about this. Ms. Steisel thought people would look more at the aesthetics; the poles will look terrible. She asked why the Planning Board and Selectboard were not aware of this. Mr. Dalessio replied it could be because by law/statute these companies do not have to notify them. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned that quite a few newer houses are being built on Wentworth Road. This will require more poles. Mr. Dalessio summarized that people will be aware of these poles after they read the minutes of this meeting.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$86,815.02 for checks issued May 31, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The above amount includes a payment of \$31,313.00 for a new garage at the Highway Department. This payment will be attributed to encumbered funds from last year.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending May 25, 2019, in the amount of \$26,979.99 for checks issued May 31, 2019, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$5,214.67. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – May 23, 2019: There was a consensus of the Selectboard to hold approval of these minutes until the next meeting on June 6, 2019.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION - May 23, 2019: There was a consensus of the Selectboard to hold approval of these minutes until the next meeting on June 6, 2019.

STAFF MEETING MINUTES – May 16, 2019: There was a consensus of the Selectboard to hold approval of these minutes until the next meeting on June 6, 2019.

PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS:

MAP and LOT #022-013-000: The Selectboard signed page 4 of this application as it was approved but not signed at the last Selectboard meeting.

MAP and LOT #003-059-000: The Selectboard signed page 4 of this application as it was approved but not signed at the last Selectboard meeting.

BUILDING PERMITS:

EMMA and SCOTT KOBESKI, 1505 County Road, Map and Lot #003-034-006: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2019-18 for Emma and Scott Kobeski to build a “48’ x 30.8’ Two Story Residential Home” at 1505 County Road. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

MARK STEVENS and SIBLINGS, 363 Watkins Hill Road, Map and Lot #005-059-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2019-19 for Mark Stevens and Siblings to build a “56’ x 28’ Single Story Residential Home” at 363 Watkins Hill Road. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SHELDON and JENN SCOTT, 676 County Road, Map and Lot #005-035-007: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2019-20 for Sheldon and Jenn Scott to build a “32’ x 8’ Farmers Porch” at 676 County Road. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Water and Sewer Receipts to Date: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Water and Sewer Receipts to Date report from Mrs. Jody Daigle. Mr. Dalessio noted it appears to be in line with other quarters. The due date for invoices is tomorrow.

Amendment to Settlement and Pilot Agreement: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Amendment to the Settlement and PILOT Agreement on Great River Hydro. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Town Hall 2nd Floor Replacement Window Warrant #6 Purchase Order: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve and sign the Purchase Order for the Town Hall 2nd Floor Replacement Windows as per Warrant Article #6. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Mascoma Bank Loan Documents re: Police Vehicle: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the new Mascoma Bank loan documents for the Police vehicle. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

New Hampshire Emergency Notification System: Mr. Dalessio spoke with Mr. Mark Houghton and they blocked out designated people for emergency contacts. He will complete the document and hand it to Mrs. Downing for final submittal. The Selectboard agreed that it is important to sign up for participating in this NH Emergency Notification System. There is no charge.

Tax Deeded Properties: Mr. Dalessio reported that for the first time in many years the Town took two properties for three years of unpaid property taxes. The Selectboard is working with Attorney Hockensmith on the legal procedures to be taken to eventually sell these properties.

NEW BUSINESS:

Posting of Weight Limits on Alstead Center Road: Mr. Chip Wood was present for a response from the Selectboard regarding the posted weight limit on the Alstead Center Road. Mr. Dalessio explained there is no weight limit on the culvert. The Alstead Center Road was not designed nor is it up to the highway standards. Therefore, it has a posted weight limit on it. Agricultural machinery is exempt. Mr. Dalessio apologized for not contacting Mr. Wood after his last visit with the Selectboard. Mr. Wood said the road is posted for 20,000/tons. He questioned if he would be exempt if he took concrete, gravel, rip-rap, etc. from one farm to another. Mr. Dalessio felt they would have to check on this and let him know. They need to find out what falls under the agricultural exclusion. There was a discussion pertaining to other roads in Walpole; their standards and weight limits. Mr. Wood does not want to be limited with a weight limit on trucks. This road is in good shape so will last for 100 years. Mr. Dalessio will ask the question about what design and highway standards the Alstead Center Road was built as. Mr. Wood is looking for 80,000-to-90,000/tons. About 80% of the time he uses the Drewsville Road as opposed to the Alstead Center Road. Mr. Dalessio mentioned they are planning to put a counter across the road so they will know how many trucks go across that road in a day. Ms. Mayberry advised that RSA 231:190 and RSA 251:191 address posting of the roads. She read portions of both RSAs. Mr. Wood would like to meet with the Selectboard and Mr. Rau, as he feels that would be beneficial. Mr. Dalessio will talk with Mr. Rau and he will respond to Mr. Wood in two weeks. Mr. Wood would like to see the posted weight signs come down.

FMRSD Board – Bill Stahl: Mr. Dalessio had previously introduced Mr. Bill Stahl as Walpole's representative to the Fall Mountain Region School District Board. He advised the Selectboard appreciates all the work the FMRSD Board is doing on the budget. It would be nice if they could find out more detail on the budget. Ms. Mayberry shared that on the website there are break-outs by town, etc. Everything is visible on line. The Walpole budget is in there. Mr. Dalessio presented the following question to Mr. Stahl: If the Town of Walpole wanted to add funding, perhaps \$50,000, to the budget could it be for a specific item. It is not clear to the residents what we are getting for our monthly payments. He would like a on- page breakdown of information published in the Clarion. It should include salaries (broken down for educators and other employees), maintenance, training and transportation. The Selectboard appreciates having Mr. Stahl attend meetings when possible.

Mutual Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement: Mrs. Pschirrer would like to move forward with the broadband services project. This is the first step.

Ms. Mayberry moved to authorize Mr. Steven Dalessio, Chair, to sign the Mutual Confidentiality and Nondisclosure Agreement with Consolidated Communications. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Patricia Rodrigues vs. Town of Walpole, Summons – Planning Board Appeal: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Summons – Planning Board Appeal – Patricia Rodrigues, et al v Town of Walpole, et al. This is the first step in taking the Town to court. They will be asking the Planning Board for certified copies of specific documents.

Hooper Golf Course Properties Assessments: Mr. Dalessio advised the Hooper Golf Course Properties will need to seek a property tax abatement. However, they have to wait until after the fall property tax bills are issued.

Thank You Note: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the thank you note from CASA for the Town's donation.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel. Ms. Mayberry seconded the motion and, on a roll call vote with Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 8:00 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:28 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of May 30, 2019, be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

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

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:39 PM.

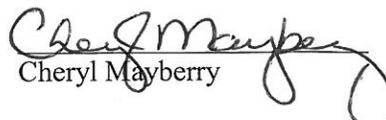
ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Steven Dalessio, (Chair)


Peggy L. Pschirrer


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the June 6, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)