

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
AUGUST 1, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:00 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 five members of the public in attendance, Mrs. Cindy Westover, Mrs. Sable Westover, Mrs. Krystyna Marcom, Mrs. Susan Kibbe and Mr. Ray Boas.

Mr. Dalessio reported the meeting was scheduled to start at 6:00 PM because Senator Jay Kahn was expected to give a Legislative Report update. A request had also been received for using the Town Hall for a meeting with constituents. However, he had to cancel today due to a committee meeting in Concord. This meeting will be rescheduled.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

OLD HOME DAYS UPDATE: Mrs. Cindy Westover, Chair, reported the dates for the 2020 Old Home Days event are Wednesday, June 24th through Sunday, June 28th, 2020. Wednesday is usually the party put on by the Mascoma Bank and the Walpole Foundation; hopefully, they will continue to do so. They have continued to do fundraising. Therefore, they have some money, but it takes about \$15,000 to run this event. They have a sponsor for the Parade: John and Carol Hubbard through their son-in-law. In the past when they have asked people if they would like to sponsor an event, they usually do. Mrs. Westover asked if the Town would allow them to run their large sponsorship donations through the Town. Because the Town is a non-profit, it allows people to use their donations for tax purposes.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to allow the Town of Walpole to hold funds for the 2020 Old Home Days event. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved. Mrs. Westover mentioned they have started selling small stickers. Mrs. Sable Westover displayed the stickers. They will be \$5.00 or a donation. However, the event logo design is pending. They will try to get the Art Department at Fall Mountain Regional High School to do it. There will be a prize for the winner of the "Best" one. They would like to have a bigger fireworks display, but it is the most costly event. All regular activities will continue as in past years. They are thinking of putting together a golf tournament. There will be a concert and dance on Saturday night. All organizations will be on the Common on Saturday. Mrs. Westover pointed out they have good committee chairs already. The next younger generation is participating more than in past years. Mrs. Cindy Westover will be doing the flower pots again. There will be an Antique Car Show. Reminders will be sent out to all the organizations that were on the Common at the last event. Mrs. Westover will be back in at a later date to make arrangements for Police coverage, closing off roads and an Open Container Request.

Mrs. Westover asked when a person puts their property in Current Use can the property be posted. Mrs. Pschirrer replied that it can be posted. Mr. Dalessio noted on the form there is a small box that needs to be checked if they wish to open it for recreational use. Otherwise, it will remain non-recreational use. It is a personal preference.

TOWN COMMON: Mrs. Krystyna Marcom has seen the signs on the Common regarding use of pesticides. Children play there and people walk their dogs. Mrs. Pschirrer advised the signs were put up to make people aware of this because the Common was covered with fleas this past week. The fleas come out of the ground. They were biting people at the concert and when Mr. Nash was working out there his legs were bitten. Mr. Dalessio explained it was treated with an over-the-counter treatment; the problem needed to be taken care of promptly. It was posted to the Walpolean.

Ms. Susan Kibbe has only lived here for a year and mentioned the new Dollar General store. Mr. Dalessio provided a short summary on the approval of this retail establishment on Route 12. It is a commercial zone and the store was allowed in this zone. Everything was done correctly with the site plan when presented to the Planning Board. There is no recourse. Mrs. Krystyna Marcom expressed her objections to the building permit and this retail store. Mr. Dalessio mentioned there is a difference in objecting to a Dollar General store and objecting to a retail store. The best thing the residents can do is participate in the Planning Board meetings. It is our right and privilege to voice our opinions. *Ms. Cheryl Mayberry came into the meeting.*

Mrs. Pschirrer advised we need to be thinking about economic development in Walpole. We need some businesses that will generate tax money. The State continues to take funds away. We have about 30 acres left in Town that are commercial. At a recent meeting of the Monadnock Conservancy, they announced that we have more open space that they take care of/look after than any of the other 29 towns in their area. We have some wonderful open space for recreation that would help attract businesses.

Mr. Ray Boas pointed out that the right businesses have to be found because even though it generates taxes, it could generate additional costs such as schools, police, fire and ambulance services. Mr. Boas thanked Mr. Dalessio for his statement about getting people involved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$71,027.67 for checks issued August 2, 2019. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

The about amount includes a \$40,925.22 payment to the HealthTrust.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending July 27, 2019, in the amount of \$33,283.98 for checks issued August 2, 2019, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$6,486.06. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – July 25, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of July 25, 2019, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – July 25, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of July 25, 2019, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the Minutes were approved.

ABATEMENTS:

MAP and LOT #008-053-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to deny this request for an Abatement as the owner did not schedule an internal home inspection visit with Avitar. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

MAP and LOT #014-011-002: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the Property Tax Abatement for Map and Lot #014-011-002 in the amount of \$833.14. This home was on Brewery Road and burned on April 4, 2019. It was declared a total loss and has been demolished. The property owner completed the Proration Assessment. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

WARRANTS:

WALPOLE WATER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Warrant for the Collection of Walpole Water Fees in the amount of \$42,846.23. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

WALPOLE SEWER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Warrant for the Collection of Walpole Sewer Fees in the amount of \$66,243.51. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

NORTH WALPOLE SEWER FEES: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Warrant for the Collection of North Walpole Sewer Fees in the amount of \$57,891.67. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO EXCAVATE:

NHDOT Rt. 12 Project 14747: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Notice of Intent to Excavate for the NH Department of Transportation for public Right-of-Way work. The contractor files the Intent to Excavate. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

OLD STAGE ROAD GATES AND BARS: Following the discussion at the last meeting, the text from the Cold River Road Warrant Article in 2015 was located. Mr. Dalessio said they are not sure if the Old Stage Road was ever properly discontinued. He will contact the NH Municipal Association and inquire about gates and bars on discontinued roads through lack of Town maintenance over many years.

TAX DEEDED PROPERTIES: Attorney Hockensmith will start to focus on the Tax Deeded Properties now that other pending issues have been resolved.

MR. EDKINS and MR. O'BRIEN'S COMPLAINT: Attorney Hockensmith will start to focus on the Mr. Edkins and Mr. O'Brien Complaint now that other pending issues have been resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESCHEDULING MEETING WITH SENATOR JAY KAHN: Senator Kahn will be here for the Bellows Falls Dam Tour on August 12th. He could meet before or after this tour. The Selectboard would prefer meeting with him on a Thursday evening during their regular meeting.

CEMETERY DEED FOR LOTS D532, D533, D526 and D527: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the transfer of Cemetery lots D532, D533, D526 and D527 to other Chickering family members. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

CEMETERY DEED FOR LOTS D528 and D529: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the transfer of Cemetery lots D528 and 529 to other family members. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

RECREATION REVOLVING FUND REQUEST: A request was received from Mr. Justin Cassarino and Recreation Committee to have Prismatic Magic put on a 40-minute show to share with the community before the kids go back to school.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the request from the Recreation Commission to have Prismatic Magic put on a 40-minute show for the community for a cost of \$799.00 to be taken out of their Revolving Fund. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

FUSS & O'NEILL PROPOSAL FOR MILL POND DAM: Mr. Dalessio reported when they responded to the Mill Pond Dam Letter of Deficiency, they recommended to the DES that they combine some of the activities together with the bridge repair. A report was received from Fuss & O'Neill for engineering services on the Mill Pond Dam. This information will help us if they decide to go forward in petitioning the DES to reduce the hazard level of the dam. This past winter the flash logs failed, the Pond drained on its own and nobody noticed. If they can get the hazard level reduced on the dam, it lowers the standard on the bridge. All of the groundwork was finished, but they need to update one or two more procedures. Then they will be able to provide an update to the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to authorize the Chair of the Selectboard, Steven Dalessio, to sign the Authorization to Proceed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to approve signing the Purchase Order No. 585930 for Engineering Services to Fuss & O'Neill not to exceed \$23,750.00. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Dalessio spoke with Mr. Kreissle about this amount of money to source from the Great River Hydro supplemental tax income.

HEALTH TRUST PRESENTATION: Mrs. Downing reported that their Benefits and Wellness Advisors stopped by the office. They set up a tentative date of Friday, November 8th, in the early afternoon for an overview of medical and wellness benefits. They have not had an overview in two years. There was a consensus of the Selectboard to schedule this Health Trust presentation.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION EVENT: The Selectboard was in favor of having a Harvest or Thanksgiving type of dinner on Wednesday, November 6th at 6:00 PM. It will be for staff and their families. Mrs. Pschirrer suggested having Mrs. Downing check on catering with both Lisai's and The Pub. The Selectboard asked Mr. Ray Boas to read "An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving" by Louisa May Alcott (about 15 minutes long). Mrs. Pschirrer felt it would be fun for the children attending to know what games were played back in that time period.

HARASSMENT AWARENESS TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR EMPLOYEES: The Selectboard was in favor of having this workshop as it was not scheduled last year. Mrs. Downing was asked to make the arrangements.

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 7:02 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:38 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 1, 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 this 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.

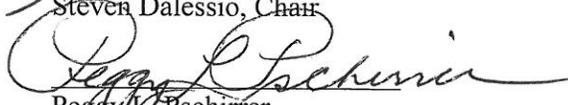
The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:50 PM.

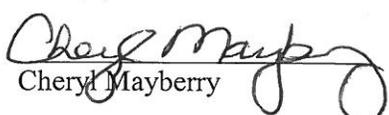
ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary
(Transcribed from Recorder)


Steven Dalessio, Chair


Peggy V. Pschirrer


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the August 8, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)