

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:30 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 eight members of the public in attendance.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

REUSE BUILDING DISCUSSION: Mr. Dalessio reported the Reuse Building was trashed when a tree fell on top of it. The Town received the insurance settlement. The Selectboard wanted to discuss a replacement with the stakeholders before making a decision. They feel it is an important part of our community. It services the Fall Mountain Food Shelf as well as other organizations when they choose to utilize it. Mr. Michael Nerrie donated the trailer that was totaled. He advised that the Reuse Center is currently not in a prime location. He spoke to Mr. Ben Hoy about moving it to an area that is more visible to people working at the Recycling Center. Currently, people can drop off items without being seen. At times it is to avoid paying the fee. Mr. Hoy measured the trailer building and made suggestions for a new one. It would be attached to the existing building so it would be more visible for everyone. When one drives into the Recycling Center, you would see a big white door and the new building would be just to the right of that. They would be able to walk in-and-out through the existing facility. With heat and light it could be used year-round. Mr. Dalessio explained this addition to the existing building is an option as opposed to bringing in another trailer. It could have a buzzer for when somebody walks in. Mr. Nerrie mentioned another location for a new building could possibly be past the cardboard compacter; that would also be visible. Adequate parking and traffic flow are concerns. Mr. Hoy said the back section is where they do a lot of their work. Ms. Mary Ann Wolf is a Reuse Center volunteer from Alstead and asked where the window would be. Mr. Hoy had a sketch and explained his vision of a building and windows. Being sure volunteers have good visibility was stressed. Signs have been posted but many people claim they did not see them. Ms. Fritzie Till is a long-time supporter of recycling and is a volunteer. She sees this area as a complex. It has the Recycling Center, George's Garden, Food Shelf drop-off, Good Will drop-off containers, Reuse Center, etc. It is a place for socializing, reuse and recycling. Her thought is to have volunteers box up the salvageable goods, store them and with the insurance money, look at how much can be put toward a new building made out of wood that is donated from used construction material; it will have heat and lights. A lot of people cannot afford to buy new so it is important. Mr. Dalessio said there is no question as to the importance of this facility. There was discussion about the priority being to use recycled material or using new material which will make the re-building process quicker. Mr. Dalessio pointed out if they look at this through the Town prospective, they will receive about \$29,000+/- for the replacement trailer and removal of the old one. If they put out a bid and it comes in higher than the amount they have, it will require a Warrant at Town Meeting to raise the extra money. There are options. Mr. Nerrie felt they need a design and a price to get it built. There was discussion about having a good material for the floor so it can be cleaned easily. It has been difficult getting volunteers as there was a problem with mice. Mr. Nerrie felt it will be a great advantage having this addition built off the main building. Water will be easily accessible. It needs to be big enough. Mr. Dalessio had the tree company leave the largest pieces of the tree as the wood can be used in this building. Mr. Hoy has enough storage space under cover for 2-to-3 pallets of salvageable items plus the packing materials. Mr. Hoy and Mr. Dalessio will work together on a sketch and getting estimates. Mr. Nerrie will coordinate the volunteers and set a date for the clean-out. Ms. Mayberry is their liaison. Everyone will re-convene in mid-November. Mrs. Pschirrer felt doing some fundraising is a good idea.

Mr. Hoy may have a use for the damaged trailer if there is no other interest in it. Mr. Dalessio felt they would need to have a public bid on it. He thanked everyone for coming to this meeting.

NORTH WALPOLE VILLAGE PARK – Donated Fence: Ms. Mayberry reported they had a great day on Saturday for their Second Annual North Walpole Village Park Family Day. She talked with Mrs. Diane Harty about getting the donation to put in a four-foot rod iron fence. Mrs. Harty said the company is able to install it this fall and the park committee would like to move forward. They are asking if the Selectboard has any objections. It will replace the existing wooden fence all the way around. Existing fence openings will remain. Mr. Dalessio requested that Mrs. Harty check with the Walpole EMS to make sure the openings are wide enough for emergency services to have access. Mrs. Harty advised the donor will write the check to the Town of Walpole, who will then pay Springfield Fence Company. Mr. Hoy was asked to look at the existing wooden fence to see if it can be recycled. He will have a use for it; it will be an addition to the Recycling Center. Mr. Dalessio advised the Park Committee has done a tremendous job on the park. He asked Mrs. Harty to pass this onto the committee members and everyone involved. Mrs. Harty noted they are trying to make it an educational area with the history of the tunnels, etc. They also plan on putting up a plaque to acknowledge work on the park was started by Eagle Scout, Kaelan Hansson. Mr. Dalessio advised the park tree that needs to be taken down is on the Town's list with other trees that need to be cut down.

WALPOLE POLICE – Lockdown: Mr. Chris Markiewicz felt there was confusion yesterday with the on-going incident, lockdown and the schools. It sounded pretty severe. Mr. Dalessio explained that yesterday the Fall Mountain Region School District met with all the administrators to review the whole process and they will come up with their own improvements. He had not realized the complexity of a lockdown on the schools with bus routes, etc. The Town of Walpole has signed up with the NH Emergency Notification System so when there is an emergency in Town or even a non-emergency like a flooded street, the notice will go out in a systematic way. They are working on it but it was not yet all in place. Mr. Dalessio explained that yesterday the incident started in Brattleboro, Mutual Aid was called and everybody started responding. A lot of activity was happening. Mr. Markiewicz wants to know that there are steps and somebody is following up. The schools and businesses were locked down for about two hours. He wonders if there was an appropriate police response. Mrs. Pschirrer advised the local police will evaluate and review its procedures. We cannot speak for the other towns and the dispatching. Mr. Dalessio said there are jurisdiction issues with the town police departments. In October, the Town will begin updating their Emergency Management Plan. It will be facilitated by the Southwest Region Planning Commission and we will have members on that team. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned last year a Walpole Police officer did Active Shooter training in the schools. It is not meant to terrorize people. But, rather to prepare people. Today we not only worry about guns, but knives as well.

FALL MOUNTAIN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT – WITHDRAWAL STUDY: Mr. Bill Stahl was present. Mr. Dalessio reported there will be a Charlestown Withdrawal Committee vote on October 2nd as to whether to recommend or not recommend that Charlestown withdraw from the School District. It is sponsored by the FMRSD Committee; the group has ten members. Because of the potential impacts it could have to Walpole, Mr. Dalessio felt it important to hold an Informational Hearing before the vote. This hearing is scheduled for Thursday, September 26th, 2019, at 5:00 PM before the regular Selectboard meeting. It will be posted as an Informational Meeting.

Mrs. Pschirrer advised there are two options to the Articles of Agreement that will be presented to the FMRSD at their next meeting on September 23rd. She had a draft copy of the proposed new agreement.

One option proposed is: “That each town shall establish a Board of Education for grades PreK-8, consisting of five members elected from the registered voters of the registered voters of the community.” Mr. Dalessio noted that representatives from the five towns have requested to attend the next Articles of Agreement meeting on September 17th. They will be able to offer some input/suggestions from the Withdrawal Committee because everything is starting to come together.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the amount of \$40,541.66 for checks issued September 13, 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 \$27,468.30 to the NH Retirement System.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending September 7, 2019, in the amount of \$29,636.21 for checks issued September 13, 2019, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$6,141.92. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – August 29, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to amend the Selectboard meeting minutes of August 29, 2019, as there was an error correction. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MINUTES - September 5, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of September 5, 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 – September 5, 2019: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of September 5, 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard received and reviewed Minutes of the following meetings:

- Broadband Committee Meeting – July 31, 2019;
- Conservation Commission Meeting – August 5, 2019;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – August 27, 2019;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – September 3, 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Letter to Edkins & O’Brien re: Dexpart: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve and sign the letter to Mr. David Edkins and Mr. Richard O’Brien in response to their inquiries about Dexpart. This letter contains the opinion from Attorney Hockensmith, the Town’s attorney. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Letter to Dexpert: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve and sign the letter to Peter and Kara Dexter, owners of Dexpert, reminding them of their agreement that was made with the Selectboard back in May 2019. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Letter to J.P. Trucking: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve and sign the letter to Mr. Joshua Perry, owner of J P Trucking, regarding weight limits on the Alstead Center Road and Old Drewsville Road. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Water & Sewer Receipts to Date: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the Water & Sewer Receipts as of 9/11/19 from Mrs. Daigle. 83.5% of 2nd Quarter billing was paid with \$27,406.47 outstanding.

Ramsay Hill Road Right-of-Way: Mr. and Mrs. Neil Coughlin were unable to attend this meeting. This agenda item will be put “on hold” until they are available. Mr. Dalessio put together a summary and, after a review by Mrs. Pschirrer and Ms. Mayberry, if they agree it will be forwarded to Attorney Hockensmith for his review.

Perambulation of Langdon-Walpole Town Line: This involves a walking of the Town line by the Selectboard. Mrs. Wolf will check to see what information Langdon has. It should be done every seven years. Mrs. Downing advised that the Comcast lot on top of Fall Mountain is being surveyed. The Town line is a part of the property border. Therefore, the surveyor is seeking information for the survey. This agenda item was put “on-hold”.

Pending Further Action:

Old Stage Road Gates and Bars: Mr. Dalessio is waiting for a reply from the State Archives. Ms. Mayberry reported that at the Conservation Commission meeting last Monday night, Mr. Lew Shelley offered to attend a Selectboard meeting to discuss this with them. He put the gates and bars up; it is a Class VI road. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that the question is if the road was discontinued. We will wait another week-or-two for a reply from the State.

Tax Deeded Properties: This agenda item will remain on the “Pending Further Action” list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cold River Local Advisory Committee Nominee Form: Ms. Mayberry moved to support the appointment of Samantha Loch to the Cold River Local Advisory Committee. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

NH DES Surface Water Data Request: Acknowledgement was made of a notice from the NH Department of Environmental Services regarding Guidance for Submittal of Surface Water Data / Information for Development of the 2020 Clean Water Act. Mr. Dalessio reported that both the Town and Conservation Commission do not have data. He suggested sending a copy to Mrs. Jennifer Palmiotto.

Walpole Fire Department: Fire Warden Dick Hurlburt came into the meeting and handed in some bills for tools to be paid for out of the Forest Fire Account.

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 8:35 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of September 12, 2019, will be sealed. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

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

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:45 PM.

OTHER BUSINESS:

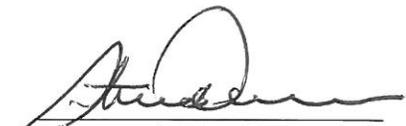
Laundromat by Walpole Tire: Ms. Mayberry advised that the laundromat by Walpole Tire has been closed. It was mentioned that it might be because of a water leak but the exact cause is unknown.

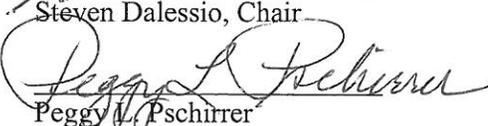
2020 Proposed Budget: The Selectboard will be meeting on September 17th at 8:00 AM in the E.E. Houghton building to review the preliminary 2020 proposed budget figures submitted by the department managers.

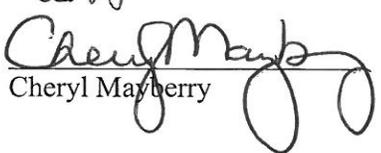
ADJOURNMENT:

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 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Steven Dalessio, Chair


Peggy V. Pschirrer


Cheryl Mayberry

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the September 19, 2019, Selectboard meeting.)