

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
JULY 2, 2020**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this meeting of the Selectboard to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. Ms. Cheryl Mayberry is on vacation. Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Ms. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary, are present. There were no visitors attending this meeting. This meeting was being recorded.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$50,536.67 for checks issued July 3, 2020. This amount includes a payment to the North Walpole Village District for \$35,692.13 as per the PILOT agreement on the Great River Hydro Dam. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending June 27, 2020, in the amount of \$31,203.62 for checks dated July 3, 2020, and the electronic fund transfer for the 941 Employer Taxes in the amount of \$6,059.19. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MINUTES – June 25, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of June 25, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION – June 25, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of June 25, 2020, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

STAFF MEETING MINUTES – June 25, 2020: Mr. Dalessio moved to accept the Minutes of the Staff Meeting of June 25, 2020, as submitted. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee report:

- Town of Walpole Safety Committee Meeting – June 25, 2020.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Permit #2020-19, SABIN ROCK FARM, LLC, 87 Reservoir Road, Map and Lot # 010-026-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2020-19 for Sabin Rock Farm, LLC to build a “24’ x 24’ Garage w/10’ Overhang, Across the Driveway From House” at 87 Reservoir Road, Map and Lot #010-026-000. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit #2020-20, SABIN ROCK FARM, LLC, 87 Reservoir Road, Map and Lot #010-026-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to grant Building Permit No. 2020-20 for Sabin Rock Farm, LLC to build a “50’ x 9’ Ground Mount Solar Array” at 87 Reservoir Road, Map and Lot #010-026-000. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reservoir Dam Update: Mr. Dalessio reported the site inspection was fine. There were a lot of people there: two people from Fuss & O’Neill, Mark Houghton, Ben Northcott, John Peska and himself. They walked the entire dam area and did some inspections. There is an agreed upon way of doing the repairs. They will approach the Department of Environmental Services (DES) with it being a repair rather than a replacement. The water is low so now is the ideal time to do it. Mr. Dalessio looked at the site where camping took place. They had a pile of rocks but not a fire pit. There was no rubbish; it was clean. There were no issues as it was well taken care of. Mr. Peska said what they did was reasonable.

Off Highway Recreational Vehicles (OHRV) on Whipple Hill Road: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a letter from Jody and Barb Spivey who reside on Whipple Hill Road. They are asking for signage and want no OHRVs on the Class VI road. Mrs. Pschirrer mentioned the Town had put up a great deal of signage there. Mr. Dalessio pointed out it is not actually a dead end road; there is a collection of Class VI roads. They could add a “No OHRV” sign to the pole that says Class VI Road. Mrs. Pschirrer noted this will be sent to Mr. Rau. The Selectboard will work with the Walpole Conservation Commission (WCC) on signage for the OHRVs on roads and trails. She requested that Mrs. Downing send a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Spivey to tell them the one sign will be added. Mrs. Spivey also mentioned that snowmobiles have a trail system. It does not include the portion of Whipple Hill Road they maintain; some people consider it a “private trail,” which also creates a safety issue. Mrs. Pschirrer pointed out that snowmobiles are classified differently. The Town does allow snowmobiles. There is an elaborate system all over Town. Trails go from Long Island all the way to Canada. It goes right by the Golf Club. While at the dam, Mr. Dalessio mentioned that Mr. Northcott suggested plowing an area of about 10-feet at Walker Road as that would be an ideal place for a snowmobile parking spot. Mrs. Pschirrer felt they should discuss this with the WCC. The Town of Walpole owns the Walker Road property, but the Selectboard has given WCC permission to maintain it.

Recreation Area Parking Lot: Lot Line Adjustment and Deed with Letter: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that since 1982 this land was set-off and surveyed. We just need a direct sale. DiBernardo and Associates has a copy of the survey and drawing done by Heman Chase. They do not need to go to the Planning Board. Mr. DiBernardo should finish his survey so there is a recorded survey. Attorney Hockensmith will draw up the sale documents. Mrs. Pschirrer has the letter written to the Chair of the FMRSD assuring them that they will have access for parking on that property. Mr. Dalessio advised the FMRSD Board will not meet again until August.

Letter from ZBA re: Feather Flags: Mr. Dalessio read through the ZBA Ordinance and re-read their letter regarding the feather flags. He looked around Town. If they are going to enforce this ordinance they will have to ask many people to take their signs down. There are numerous places in Town that do not comply with the ordinance. Mr. Dalessio suggested they ask Mrs. Jan Galloway-Leclerc and Mrs. Myra Mansouri to attend a Selectboard meeting. This is a time when we should be promoting local businesses.

Signage on Town Property: The Selectboard discussed business signs at the fountain and signage placed on the Common and at the Hitching Post areas. Mrs. Downing mentioned a big, bright pink sign that appeared at the fountain. Other signs were noted. Mrs. Pschirrer does not have a problem with temporary signs on business properties because they are taken down by the owners. She does have an issue with the Spencer's Place sign that was in the roadway next to the fountain. Mr. Dalessio stated they cannot selectively enforce signs. What is good for one is good for all. This will be discussed with Mrs. Jan Galloway-Leclerc and Mrs. Myra Mansouri when they attend a Selectboard meeting.

Pending Further Actions:

The following agenda items will remain on this pending list as there is no new information available at this time.

- Town Deeded Properties;
- Houghton Brook Fish Ladder;
- Mill Pond Beaver Activity;
- NH DOT New Arch Bridge Lighting;
- Hitching Post Area by Walpole Grocery.

Mr. Dalessio asked Mrs. Downing to set a date for finalizing the paperwork for the sale of the Town deeded properties. A tentative date was set for the Selectboard meeting on Thursday, August 6th, 2020. Mrs. Pschirrer pointed out the sale will be by sealed bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Revolving Fund Requests: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Walpole Recreation Request to purchase staff shirts for the pool so people will be able to identify who they will need to go to if they have any questions or concerns. The cost is \$201.50 and will be withdrawn out of their Revolving Fund account. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Walpole Recreation Request to purchase staff swim suits for the lifeguards. The cost is \$433.00 and will be withdrawn out of their Revolving Fund account. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Letter to NH State Library re: Moose Plate Conservation Grant: Mr. Dalessio moved to authorize Peggy L. Pschirrer, Chair of the Walpole Selectboard, to sign the letter to the NH State Library regarding the Walpole Historical Society application for a Moose Plate Conservation Grant. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Request for Required Mask Ordinance for Businesses: The Board received an email from Mr. Thomas Goins who wondered if the Selectboard is thinking about a temporary Town ordinance or directive that requires the use of masks for people entering Walpole business establishments. Mrs. Pschirrer contacted the NH Municipal Association (NHMA) and received a lengthy reply from Attorney Steve Buckley. It was suggested that we wait to hear the results of the lawsuit that was filed against the City of Nashua who mandated that the public wear face masks. Our Health Officer has the authority to decide if the Town should require this. Mrs. Pschirrer sent this to Dr. Shaw, but has not yet had a reply from him. She also sent this to Attorney Hockensmith. The Selectboard has the right to mandate wearing masks for all public buildings. She suggested we wait and not make it mandatory for everyone in Town to wear a mask when entering Walpole business establishments until a decision is made in the court on the City of Nashua.

Resignation Letter: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the resignation letter from Mrs. Justine Fafara as the Library Director of the Walpole Town Library as of Wednesday, July 29th, 2020. She is taking a position in Newport, NH. Mrs. Pschirrer advised there is a Search Committee already appointed by the Library Board. She is representing the Town.

State Senator Jay Kahn Meeting with the Selectboard: Senator Kahn would like to meet with the Selectboard to provide a legislative update. Mrs. Pschirrer suggested asking if he would be able to attend either the July 23rd or July 30th meeting at 6:30 PM or if he has another suggestion.

RECESS SELECTBOARD MEETING:

Mr. Dalessio moved to recess this Selectboard meeting. The Selectboard will enter into a meeting as the Hooper Trustees. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:10 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:12 PM.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Mr. Dalessio moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (a) Personnel and (c) Reputations. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. On a roll call vote with Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved at 7:12 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 7:32 PM.

Mr. Dalessio moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of July 2, 2020, will be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

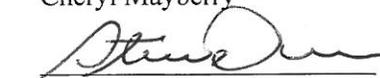
ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Dalessio moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if there were any questions or comments. There were none. With Mr. Dalessio and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Peggy V. Pschirrer, Chair

Cheryl Mayberry



Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the July 9, 2020, Selectboard meeting.)