

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
NOVEMBER 18, 2021**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Mayberry called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:34 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. Also present was Mrs. Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Mrs. Regina Borden, Recording Secretary. There were seven members of the public in attendance. Ms. Celeste Aumand, a Commissioner of the Village of North Walpole; two members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, Mrs. Jan Leclerc and Mrs. Myra Mansouri and two members of the Old Home Days Committee, Mrs. Sable Westover and Ms. Kelley Hicks. This meeting was being recorded.

PUBLIC BUSINESS:

North Walpole Village Commissioner, Celeste Aumand: Ms. Aumand took a walk around the North Walpole upper development as there were drainage problems around Hillcrest Road after they had the rain last Friday. On Mountain View one yard was completely flooded. On the other side of Hillcrest, it was full of water. She suggested putting in a culvert to try to solve that problem. There is no drainage at all up on the hill. Ms. Mayberry asked if she was suggesting a dry well. The other problem is that Mrs. Sophie Aumand who lives on Kilburn Street had called the Highway Department to tell them the culvert the Town had put in about fifteen years ago was collapsing. They did a drive by but never stopped and said anything to her. Now she thinks they do not care; this is a concern of Ms. Celeste Aumand. There are drainage problems on both sides of Hillcrest, and she would like to have that taken care of. Ms. Mayberry noted it is all on the hill. The Selectboard has talked about storm-water drainage issues, but they need some professional consultation. On the southern side of Hillcrest, it runs down by Gary McCormick's and onto Main Street. The drainage there has been going on for a long time. She is not that familiar with the other side of Hillcrest. They can ask the Highway Department to look at the area. They are still trying to find someone who is qualified and will help the Town address other drainage issues to make good decisions and improvements. If Ms. Celeste Aumand can identify the date Mrs. Sophie Aumand called the Highway Department that would be helpful so they could do a follow-up. Mr. Dalessio advised that they need to bring in a consultant/engineering firm to look at that whole area. Drainage should have been taken care of when the development started on the hill. Having the Highway Department put in another culvert or dry well is not going to solve the problem. He does not know how much money or time it will take. Ms. Aumand would not like to see it go on for two-to-three years. Mr. Dalessio said unfortunately it might take at least that long; maybe a Warrant in 2023. Ms. Mayberry felt they should at least look at the problem on Kilburn Street.

Ms. Aumand said there is a serious problem with speeding vehicles especially from the School to Taylor Street. As soon as she gets the plate numbers it will go to the police. There are a lot of little kids in the neighborhood. People walk the hill. Ms. Mayberry said they can ask the police to check into that and increase patrols. Mr. Dalessio felt if she could identify a specific time, it would be helpful for the police.

Maplewood Circle Complaint: Mrs. Leclerc was looking at their meeting minutes from 2008 when the Day Care application was being heard. In looking at that she discovered a typographical error in the ordinance that has to do with parking in the commercial area. She explained the discrepancy. Parking is supposed to have a section of its own in the ordinance. It became "Number 3" in the special exceptions in the current ordinance. It applies to everyone, not only special exceptions. Mrs. Leclerc displayed the error. At the time it did not require a special exception or variance. Mr. Dalessio pointed out that when they were establishing the day care that is the ordinance that should have been used. He would never consider what she is referring to as a typo. Mrs. Leclerc said it is wrong and was put there by mistake.

Mrs. Pschirrer quoted the meeting minutes, Mrs. Robinson stated that six cars would fit in the driveway. The people stated there would not be a parking issue. When this became an issue about two years ago during the winter there was land adjacent to the day care center that was supposed to be a parking area for all employees. The only time she inspected it the lot was plowed and there were cars in that lot. Mr. Dalessio drove by and there were three cars in the lot and another three cars were parked off the road. It looks like they have enough room for their employees. He had Police Chief Sanctuary look at the area and he also felt the parking looked fine. The school bus also goes down that road. The neighbor across the road has concerns because she has problems backing out of her driveway especially when children are being dropped off and picked-up. There was a consensus of the Selectboard to write a letter to the owner of the day care inviting her to attend a meeting either on Wednesday, November 24th at 8:30 AM or Thursday, December 2nd, at 6:30 PM. Mr. Dalessio mentioned there are now two dumpsters on the property. All dumpsters in the Town are supposed to be enclosed.

Old Home Days Committee: Mrs. Sable Westover and Ms. Kelley Hicks are members of the Old Home Days Committee and are present seeking to confirm dates and funding. They handed in a notice advising that the dates of the event are June 22nd to June 26th, 2022. 1) Heather Ferland is sending a letter to Mr. Rich Kreissle requesting that the appropriate funds in the amount of \$2,500 be distributed to the Old Home Day Committee for the purpose of paying expenses related to the festivities for the year 2022. Mrs. Pschirrer advised there is \$2,500 in the current 2021 budget. An additional \$2,500 will be put in the proposed 2022 Budget. They will receive this payment after the Budget is approved by the voters in March 2022. They also submitted a list as follows: 2) to lift the open alcohol container law on Friday, June 24th from 5pm-11pm in the area of the parking lot of the Savings Bank of Walpole and along Westminster Street from Jakes to the Phone Building. Mrs. Pschirrer noted they should request that this area be closed during this specified time on Friday, June 24th. 3) The Town Highway Department provide and service daily trash cans along the Common and Westminster Street from Friday 6/24 until the end of Sunday 6/26. 4) Requesting the help of the Walpole Police Department/Fire Department with parade control and no parking signs for around the Common, Middle Street and part of Main in front of Burdick's for Saturday, June 25th. 5) Heather Ferland and Vicki Hurlburt have an upcoming site meeting with the Walpole Fire Department and Atlas Fireworks to discuss possible new location of Fireworks Display on Friday, June 24th. Ms. Mayberry asked that they have good communications with the Selectboard and Town Departments on what they need and their arrangements. She will talk to Mr. Hoy about the trash bags, etc.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Selectboard approve the list of requests to include the lifting of the open alcohol container law on Friday, June 24, 2022, from 5pm-11pm and the closing of the streets from the parking lot of the Savings Bank of Walpole and along Westminster Street from Jakes to the Phone Building on Friday, June 24th, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$843,775.36 for checks issued November 19, 2021. This includes a monthly payment of \$607,559.42 to the Fall Mountain Regional School District. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Mrs. Pschirrer advised the Selectboard had previously signed Purchase Orders for the following: 1) Pelow & Sons Paving in the amount of \$84,852.35 for Elm Street Paving; 2) Fuzzy Brothers, LLC in the amount of \$19,300.00 for Elm Street Construction; 3) Fuzzy Brothers in the amount of \$79,540.00 for the Cold River Road Wash-out; and 4) Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$16,430.00 for the Cold River Road Culvert.

PAYROLL:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending November 13, 2021, in the amount of \$29,899.26 for checks dated November 19, 2021, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$5,868.10. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES – November 10, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing of November 10, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 10, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of November 10, 2021, as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes was approved.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION SELECTBOARD MINUTES – November 10, 2021: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Session Selectboard Minutes of November 10, 2021, as submitted. These Minutes will remain sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the Minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- Planning Board Meeting – November 9, 2021;
- Library Trustees Meeting – November 9, 2021;
- Cemetery Trustees Meeting – November 10, 2021.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bureau of Trails Letter Re: Snowmobile Use of Class VI Roads: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the letter to the Bureau of Trails regarding their approval to allow all licensed snowmobiles the use of Class VI roads within the Town of Walpole. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

Public Hearing to Accept ARPA Funds: The Town received \$55,000-plus of ARPA Funds coming from the County. It went into the General Fund. Mr. Dalessio advised it can only be used for the same items as the previous funds. Mrs. Pschirrer asked that this money be put into PDIP. A Public Hearing was scheduled for Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, to accept the funds.

Pending Further Actions:

Vilas Bridge, Generators, Three Phase Power for Industrial Park Drive and Bensonwood, Tree Plan for Common

Houghton Brook Bridge: Mr. Dalessio reported they are waiting for a permit package from Fuss & O'Neill.

Reservoir Dam: Mr. Dalessio advised there will be a meeting on Monday, November 22nd, 2021, at 6:00 PM.

School Street and Union Street: Mr. Dalessio reported Fuss & O'Neill are working on a quote to do School Street and Union Street. They are still working on trying to find somebody to come in and help us on the pending projects. Municipal Resources might have someone, but it was not confirmed.

Tree Plan for Common: This will be kept on the Pending Further Actions list. However, it does not appear it will be done until next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

2021 Tax Rate Status: Mr. Kreissle is waiting for the MS-535 to be received from the auditors, Vachon and Clukay, as it needs to be forwarded to the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) before a tax rate will be set. Jennifer of Vachon and Clukay was going to expedite it. Since it was not received today Ms. Mayberry will call Vachon and Clukay tomorrow to stress the urgency of receiving this form.

Wooden Chairs in Town Hall: Mrs. Downing mentioned that a few sets of the wooden chairs are across from the Town Clerk-Tax Collector's Office. There might be ten (10) sets in the Town Hall basement. They are classic chairs. She asked if the Selectboard would like to dispose of them and, if so, how would they like to proceed. Pastor Malmberg indicated to Mr. Brad Nash that he would like a few for the parsonage. Mr. Nash will take those over to the parsonage. The Selectboard discussed selling the rest of them. Ms. Mayberry will do some research for a price.

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, (c) Reputations, and (d) Acquisition, Sale or Lease of Real or Personal Property. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved at 7:45 PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting resumed at 8:17 PM.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of November 18, 2021, will be sealed. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mr. Dalessio. Ms. Mayberry asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Mr. Dalessio and Ms. Mayberry in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Regina Borden, Recording Secretary


Cheryl Mayberry, Chair


Steven Dalessio


Peggy V. Pschirrer

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the November 24, 2021, Selectboard meeting.)