

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
JULY 14, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this Selectboard meeting and via Zoom to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. This meeting was being recorded.

Mr. Dalessio called for a voice roll call of the Selectboard present: Peggy Pschirrer was present; Cheryl Mayberry was present; and Steven Dalessio, Chair, was present. Also present was Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration, and Regina Borden, Recording Secretary. There were two members of the public in attendance: Ann Shaughnessy and Hank Shedd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Drone Policy & Procedures Inquiry: Ms. Shaughnessy wanted to propose a policy and procedures for the new drone that is operated by the Police Department. She came in contact with it when she was sitting in her neighbor's fenced-in back yard. Mrs. Pschirrer asked if she was sure it was the police drone. Ms. Shaughnessy replied "yes" as it had "Police" on it. Mrs. Pschirrer advised the drone is brand new. Two members of the Police Department just got certified to fly it. We do have to follow FAA guidelines. They have not even had time to write the policies and procedures but the Police will develop them in accordance with the FAA and State Police. They have to follow all rules that pilots do. Mrs. Pschirrer's concern is that the private drones around Town are growing rapidly, even here in the Village, and the Town has no control over this. Many of them look alike. Ms. Shaughnessy agrees with her but feels it is in the best interest to get the policy and procedures in place and used as examples. It has been very noticeable around North Walpole. She understands people have seen it coming from the Police Station. Mr. Dalessio felt if they are going to practice with it, they should go to an appropriate area. Ms. Shaughnessy and her neighbors are not against the police having a drone because of its use especially in emergencies. Mr. Dalessio noted it might prevent a police officer from having to go into the river to look for somebody or prevent them from having to climb Fall Mountain. It will keep first responders out of jeopardy. Ms. Mayberry pointed out that the Selectboard will do their due diligence to ask questions and to be sure the policy and procedures are in accordance with FAA plus State rules and regulations. Ms. Shaughnessy mentioned that North Walpole is a dense area and well populated. They will be flying over private property. She wanted to be sure this was discussed with the governing body that OK'd their usage: "It is the recommendation of the ACLU that the matter of policy and procedures for law enforcement drone use, NOT be left up to the PD but rather to their governing body with assistance of the municipal lawyers, as it is a civil liberties issue". She and her neighbors just want to be sure this gets done.

Recreation Department – Pool: Mr. Hank Shedd came to check on the pool closure. Mr. Dalessio was aware of the pool closure but not that the pump on the pool went out. Ms. Mayberry advised it is a specialized motor. They spoke with Mr. Mark Houghton about rebuilding the existing one as it would give them time to look for a replacement. There had been some concern about the ability to get parts because of the age of the unit. She did not receive a new update today. They were exploring both options; try to find a replacement part or determine if they could rebuild the existing motor. Mr. Shedd was aware of Mr. Harlow's plans to close the pool to do some floor resurfacing work. Ms. Mayberry said that was not planned for the summer pool season. Mr. Shedd mentioned the pool has been closed for three-or-four days now. He mentioned the crack. Ms. Mayberry explained that now they think the crack is by the upper edge near the filtration. After the pool season is over they talked about draining the pool and try to identify the leak without digging up the ground. There are several different thoughts on this.

Ms. Mayberry advised they are trying to get the pool open again as quickly as possible. It first happened on Friday night but they thought it was a simple part; on Monday they got E.E. Houghton involved to look at the motor. The pool was open Saturday. They did not find out until Monday that it was not an easy fix. Ms. Mayberry will try to find out a time-line tomorrow and have Mr. Harlow post it on the Walpolean and Clarion. Mr. Shedd thanked them for the explanation.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Mr. Dalessio announced that the Accounts Payable was held over to next week due to SQL database migration issues for AccuFund.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending July 9, 2022, in the amount of \$33,938.72 dated July 14, 2022, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$6,882.75. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – July 7, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of July 7, 2022, 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 7, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of July 7, 2022, 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 acknowledged receipt of the following Committee reports:

- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – June 28, 2022;
- North Walpole Village District Board of Commissioners Meeting – July 5, 2022.

ELDERLY TAX EXEMPTIONS:

Ms. Mayberry moved to grant the following Elderly Tax Exemptions for approvals:

- MAP and LOT #029-001-000;
- MAP and LOT #008-059-000;
- MAP and LOT #028-119-000;
- MAP and LOT #005-063-000;
- MAP and LOT #016-005-MH05.

Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor. The motion was approved.

Ms. Mayberry moved to deny MAP and LOT #026-031-000 because the assets were over the \$75,000 limit. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

BUILDING PERMITS:

Permit 2022-28, MAP and LOT #022-014-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2022-28 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #022-014-000 to add a “570 sq ft Roof Mount Solar on Garage and House”. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit 2022-29, MAP and LOT #019-002-000: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2022-29 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #019-002-000 to construct a “10’ x 10’ deck”. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit 2022-30, MAP and LOT #005-044-003: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2022-30 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #005-044-003 to add a “48’ x 11.5’ Roof Mount Solar”. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Permit 2022-31, MAP and LOT #024-014-001: Ms. Mayberry moved to grant Building Permit No. 2022-31 for the owner(s) of Map and Lot #024-014-001 to construct a “20’ x 10’ Breezeway Rebuild & Addition”. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Citizen’s Comment 2022-10: Mr. Dalessio reported that the Liberty Utilities tree crew will now meet with the homeowner to review the area and discuss the best way to remove the dead limb/tree branches over a power line.

Pending Further Actions:

Generators, Houghton Brook Bridge, Parking Ordinance, Three Phase Power for Industrial Park Drive and Bensonwood, Reservoir Dam, Letter of Understanding for 2021 Audit and Vachon Clukay and Company PC:

2021 Audit and Vachon Clukay and Company PC: Mrs. Pschirrer reported that Mr. Rich Kreissle did talk with our representative at Vachon Clukay and Company PC who assured him that we would have the document in time for filing it with the State. They will be scheduling their work here in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS:

Recreation Department – Pool (Continued): Annie Ewaskio came into the meeting to inquire about the pool closure. Mr. Dalessio explained that the problem is an old pump that went down and it is taking us time to find a new one or a replacement; whatever needs to be done. The goal is to get the pool up and running again as fast as possible. Ms. Mayberry did not receive an update today but she knew the part was not available because the unit is so old. Therefore, they will try to re-build it. They have asked E.E. Houghton to do whatever needs to be done to get the pool open again as soon as possible. The filtration is the only problem at this time. Ms. Mayberry will try to get an update tomorrow and it will be posted on the Walpolean, Clarion and Recreation Department Facebook page. Ms. Ewaskio asked about the fees they paid to use the pool. Mr. Dalessio noted it will be discussed but right now they are not sure of the time it will be closed. Ms. Mayberry replied that the pool will not be closed when the floors are being done or for any other reasons at this time.

Pool Closure and Lifeguard Payroll: Mr. Dalessio stated that they all agreed to continue to pay the lifeguards.

Mrs. Pschirrer moved to pay the lifeguards for their normally scheduled time because they had no control over this pool closure. There was some discussion but there were no seconds to the motion.

Ms. Mayberry moved to pay the lifeguards for their normally scheduled hours while the pool is down. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Recreation Revolving Fund Request: Ms. Mayberry moved to approve the Walpole Recreation Committee's request to use \$337.00 from the revolving fund to purchase their lifeguards new suits for the summer season. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Cemetery Deed D501: Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve the Cemetery Deed for Lot D501. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Ecostar Gold Star Labor & Material Warranty for Town Hall Roof: The Selectboard looked at the sample Ecostar Gold Star Labor & Material Warranty for the Town Hall Roof. There is an additional \$2,000 charge for this coverage. Melanson Roofing will guarantee their workmanship for one year. The Ecostar Warranty covers more materials. There was a consensus of the Selectboard to not purchase the Ecostar Gold Star Labor & Material Warranty.

NH DOT Inspection Meeting of the Former Arch Bridge: Mr. Dalessio advised that a notice was received from the NH Department of Transportation that there will be an Inspection Meeting of the former Arch Bridge on July 20th, 2022, at 10:00AM on-site.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry 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. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 7:15 PM.
The regular Selectboard meeting reconvened at 8:25 PM.

Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of July 14, 2022, will be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Mayberry moved to adjourn this Selectboard meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. Mr. Dalessio asked if there was any additional discussion. There was none. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 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 July 21, 2022, Selectboard meeting.)

