

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
AUGUST 11, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. Dalessio called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:33 PM in the Walpole Town Hall and via Zoom. 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: Judy Epstein and Jan Galloway-Leclerc.

OLD BUSINESS:

School and Union Streets Drainage Project: Ms. Epstein was present for an update on School and Union Streets. Mr. Dalessio reported that on either August 30th or 31st they will be meeting with the Department of Environmental Services (DES) onsite to have a technical discussion. They want to put something upstream to prevent the flooding from happening again. They do have the engineering done on Main Street. He does not believe they will cut across the Epstein yard. The Town is at a standstill until they know what DES wants. The Town was turned down for one grant but other grants are available. He thinks this is a 2024 project. In the meantime, they will keep the area cleaned-out for good drainage.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Accounts Payable Check Register in the total amount of \$55,960.16 for checks issued August 12, 2022. This includes a payment in the amount of \$31,639.34 to E.E. Houghton. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

PAYROLL:

Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Payroll Check Register for the week ending August 6, 2022, in the amount of \$34,623.54 dated August 12, 2022, and for the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer in the amount of \$6,795.36. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – August 4, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of August 4, 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 – August 4, 2022: Ms. Mayberry moved to accept the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 4, 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

School and Union Streets Drainage Project: The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of the e-mail from Jon MacClaren and neighbors. The residents gathered together on Friday, July 29, 2022, to observe the anniversary of the deluge which flooded their yards with rocks and silt. They look forward to an engineered solution to reduce the future threat of flooding. They know the Town officials are working on this and they look forward to hearing an update.

Letter of Understanding for 2021 Audit With Vachon, Clukay and Company PC: A Letter of Understanding for the 2021 Audit with Vachon, Clukay and Company PC was received. This is to provide these services to the Town of Walpole, NH, for the year ended December 31, 2021. Mrs. Pschirrer moved to approve and sign this Letter of Understanding dated June 22, 2022. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mrs. Pschirrer, Ms. Mayberry and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Pending Further Action:

Generators, Parking Ordinance, Three Phase Power for Industrial Park Drive and Bensonwood:

Houghton Brook Bridge: Mr. Dalessio advised that while they are waiting for a response from the attorneys. Fuss & O'Neill was told to go out for bid, and they hope everything will come together.

Reservoir Dam: Mr. Dalessio reported that they submitted one grant application that was accepted. They will go forward with the cost analysis with the understanding that they will stop work if it looks like the project will fail. The cost is estimated at about the same amount of money as it would be to tear it down. The recreation value is high.

NEW BUSINESS:

FY 2023 Highway Block Grant: A letter was received from the NH Department of Transportation (DOT) advising that the State Highway Block Grant Aid available to Walpole in State Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 thru June30, 2023) is based on estimated revenues through June 30, 2022. The total amount is \$141,392.39; July 2022 Actual Payment is \$42,417.72. This will be talked about during the next budget sessions.

Bear Bait Permit on Town Land: Mrs. Pschirrer advised that Bear Bait Permits on Town Land was discussed during the last Conservation Commission meeting. When someone applies, the Selectboard makes the final decision. It is too late this year to take any action. It will be tabled but it will probably be brought up again next year.

Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee 2022 Social Invitation: An invitation was received from the Wantastiquet Local River Subcommittee to attend their 2022 Social on Saturday, October 1st, 2022, from 11am to 2pm; Rain date is October 8th. All guests must RSVP.

NON-PUBLIC SELECTBOARD SESSION:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into a Non-Public Selectboard Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II to discuss (c) Reputations. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved at 6:54 PM.

The Selectboard meeting reconvened at 8:00 PM.

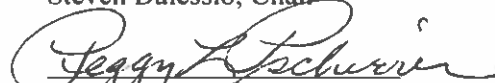
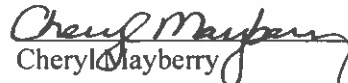
Ms. Mayberry moved that the Minutes of the Non-Public Selectboard Session of August 11, 2022, will be sealed. Seconded by Mrs. Pschirrer. With Ms. Mayberry, Mrs. Pschirrer and Mr. Dalessio in favor, the motion was approved.

Preliminary 2023 Budget Meeting: The Selectboard will begin their preliminary review of the proposed 2023 Budget on Friday, September 9th, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

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 8:06 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 August 18, 2022, Selectboard meeting.)