

**TOWN OF WALPOLE
MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD
MARCH 14, 2024**

Selectboard Present: Peggy Pschirrer, Chair; Cheryl Mayberry and Steven Dalessio

Staff Present: Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration and Carolyn Vose

CALL TO ORDER: Mrs. Pschirrer called this Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the Walpole Town Hall. She introduced herself, Peggy Pschirrer, Selectboard Chair, Cheryl Mayberry, Steve Dalessio and Sarah Downing, Manager of Administration.

PAYROLL:

Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Payroll Register totaling \$30,626.61 dated 3/15/24 and the 941 Payroll Tax Transfer of \$6,100.72. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES:

SELECTBOARD MEETING – March 6, 2024: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard meeting of March 6, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SELECTBOARD NON-PUBLIC SESSION – March 6, 2024: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Minutes of the Selectboard Non-Public Session of March 6, 2024. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved. The minutes are to remain sealed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Mr. Dalessio brought to the chair's attention the following committee reports:

- Walpole Fire District Monthly Meeting – December 6, 2023
- Walpole Fire District Monthly Meeting – January 10, 2024
- Walpole Fire District Monthly Meeting – February 7, 2024
- Recreation Committee Meeting – November 8, 2023
- Recreation Committee Meeting – January 10, 2024
- Police Building Committee Meeting – February 20, 2024
- Conservation Committee Meeting – March 4, 2024

Mrs. Pschirrer acknowledged these minutes.

ABATEMENTS:

Map and Lot# 014-011-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the abatement of \$404.00 for Map and Lot# 014-011-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved. This abatement is part of a prorated assessment because of house fire.

REFUNDS:

Map and Lot# 025-007-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the refund for Map and Lot# 025-007-000 for \$8.61. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Map and Lot# 028-103-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the refund for Map and Lot# 028-103-000 \$19.11. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

VETERANS' CREDIT

Map and Lot# 028-048-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Veterans' Credit for Map and Lot# 028-048-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

SOLAR ENERGY EXEMPTION

Map and Lot# 008-114-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Solar Energy Exemption for Map and Lot# 008-114-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

TIMBER INTENT

Map and Lot# 003-076-000: Mr. Dalessio moved to approve the Intent to Cut Timber for Map and Lot# 003-076-000. Seconded by Ms. Mayberry. With Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved. This lot will be accessed from County Road.

OLD BUSINESS:

Constellation Electricity Rate Quote: Mrs. Pschirrer reviewed the Constellation quote which had various rates based on the length of the contract. The current Constellation contract will not end until November/December of 2024. There was a consensus of the Board to wait until closer to the end of the current contract to review the electricity rates at that time. Mr. Dalessio noted that the CPCNH rates are lower than the current quote.

Utility Discontinuance Agreement: Mrs. Pschirrer recounted that the PUC (Public Utility Commission) had responded to the Selectboard's letter with feedback that the water and sewer utilities for Walpole and North Walpole were not bound by the PUC's rules since they are not public utilities. The Selectboard was in consensus to implement the agreement immediately. Sewer users that have not paid their sewer bills could have their water shut off due to non-payment after notification. Mrs. Pschirrer stated that water would not be cut off during the wintertime.

Parking Ordinance: Mrs. Pschirrer plans to continue working on the wording of an updated ordinance that she has started.

NEW BUSINESS:

Accufund Services Quote: Mr. Dalessio explained that the water department is switching over to new meter readers. With the change, software updates need to be completed in Accufund. Ms. Mayberry asked if a new meter reader had been purchased for North Walpole's water department. Mr. Dalessio replied affirmatively. It was confirmed that 4 meter readers had been purchased.

Ms. Tara Sad enters that meeting at 6:51 PM.

Mr. Dalessio moved to have the Selectboard chair sign the AccuFund Service Agreement for \$800. Ms. Mayberry seconded. Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Tenco Purchase Order: Mr. Dalessio explained the Highway Department had been in ongoing discussions with Tenco, which is a company that outfits the Highway dump trucks. There was an invoice for a 2022 installation that was never paid. It was determined the bill was for a stainless-steel bed that was moved from an old truck to a new truck. Mr. Dalessio moved to sign purchase order# 630673 for \$11,858 for the Tenco Install with funds to come from the Highway Block Grant. Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry seconded. Mr. Dalessio, Ms. Mayberry and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

Emergency Calls: Mrs. Pschirrer explained that about a week ago, she had received an email from a citizen who stated that a tree was blocking two thirds of March Hill Road. The resident had been trying to reach someone to make them aware of the situation but could not reach anyone. Eventually, Keene

Dispatch assisted the resident. Mrs. Pschirrer had recommended the resident call 911 to reach a dispatcher. The Police Chief and the Fire Chief agreed that this would be the best course of action for when a tree is blocking a road. Mrs. Pschirrer wondered how this message could be communicated to the community. Mr. Dalessio added that the 911 service is a way to contact the Police Department and Fire District for any reason. Mrs. Pschirrer will include information in her Clarion article to promote the use of 911 for all types of emergencies.

FMRSD Facilities Committee: Mrs. Pschirrer read a memo from FMRSD (Fall Mountain Regional School District) that they are putting together a facilities committee to do a strategic plan. Interested parties are to send a letter of intent to the school district no later than March 22nd.

HOOPER TRUSTEES:

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into the Hooper Trustees meeting at 7:06 PM. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:15 PM. Ms. Vose and Ms. Sad departed the meeting.

NON-PUBLIC BUSINESS RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (e):

Ms. Mayberry moved to enter into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II (a) (e) at 7:16 PM. Mr. Dalessio seconded. With Ms. Mayberry, Mr. Dalessio, and Mrs. Pschirrer in favor, the motion was approved.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:50 PM.

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


Town Meeting: The Selectboard discussed specific warrant articles that will be presented at the Town Meeting on March 16th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Pschirrer declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Downing, Recording Secretary Pro Tempore

Peggy L. Pschirrer


Cheryl Mayberry


Steven Dalessio

(Note: These are unapproved Minutes. Corrections will be found in the Minutes of the March 20, 2024, Selectboard meeting.)