

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Catherine Winston, Chairman
Clifton Snuffer, Vice Chairman
David Sullivan, Clerk
Al DeNapoli
Christopher Timson

Also present:
James Johnson, Asst. Town Administrator

Ms. Winston called the meeting to order. The Board met in the Town Administrator's office to conduct interviews for three candidates for the Police Sergeant position. The three candidates are David Smolinsky, Christopher McKenzie and Joseph Zangehetti. Each candidate was asked the same questions and were given time to inform the Board members of anything they felt was relevant.

The following questions were asked of each candidate.

1. Could you please explain to us why you want to be promoted to the position of Police Sergeant and tell us about your qualifications for the position.
2. What do you believe are the most important skills and abilities for a sergeant to possess?
3. What have you done to prepare yourself for the position of Police Sergeant?
4. What three changes would you like to see take place in the Walpole Police Department over the next year? Please prioritize those changes and describe what you would do to make the changes go smoothly.
5. What do you think would be your single biggest obstacle in the transition to first line supervisor and how would you overcome that obstacle?

After each candidate was interviewed the Police Chief informed the Board that the candidates are all good men and all have great potential. In his opinion one stands out over the others by showing himself over the past years. That candidate has always grown and he is able to look at himself and make improvements.

The board members discussed the candidates and noted that all three are very qualified.

MOTION moved by Mr. Sullivan to nominate David Smolinsky, seconded by Mr. Snuffer,

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to nominate Chris McKenzie, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli (No vote)

MOTION moved by Ms. Winston to nominate Joseph Zanghetti, seconded by Mr. Timson (No vote)

The Board VOTED 5-0-0 unanimous for David Smolinsky to fill the position of Sergeant in the Walpole Police Department.

Police officers, lateral transfer

Chief Stillman also presented two officers to fill openings in March and April. They are currently officers in the Town of Franklin and will be out of a job due to budget cuts. The applicants are Robert Kilroy and Eric Zimmerman. One will begin on March 2nd, and one on April 1st. These are conditional appointments, based on the retirement of Walpole police officers. Ms. Winston noted the only thing the town has to purchase is a new badge. Chief Stillman stated they have outstanding resumes.

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Officer Zimmerman informed the Board that he was born in Pennsylvania, and moved up here in the 1980's. He lived in Attleboro and eventually moved to N. Attleboro. He received an associate's degree.

Rob Kilroy grew up in Foxboro and was hired by N. Attleboro in 1999, during that time earned a Masters degree. He is married six years to a Foxboro officer and is grateful to continue his career in Walpole.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to hire Rob Kilroy as an officer conditioned upon passing the medical exam by the town doctor and the position being available on March 2, 2009, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to hire Eric Zimmerman on April 1 as an officer conditional upon passing of the medical exam by town's doctor and position being available, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to move into executive session to discuss strategy to collective bargaining, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli voted by roll call vote; Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. DeNapoli-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye and Ms. Winston-Aye

Ms. Winston continued the open session at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room.

Announcements/Proclamations

Employee of the month: Detective O'Connell has been doing great work with the Attorney General's office and is deserving of this.

Acknowledgment for Officer Manganello and Officer Sullivan for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a customer at the Westbury Farms Restaurant.

7:45 p.m. Town Clerk, RTM apportionment

Town Clerk Ronald Fucile appeared before the Board to discuss the apportionment of the RTM membership. At this time he is not recommending any changes. The increase of 441 inhabitants does not significantly affect a single precinct.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we accept the recommendation of the town clerk and leave the present RTM apportionment as is, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Fucile informed the Board the Town Hall is being used as a testing place for people who want to be census takers. You have appointed me as your liaison for Walpole. We have done LOCA on March 31, 2009 the Secretary of Commonwealth will hold a meeting in Worcester for a kick off for 2010 census. This is a 10 year effort. We are probably in 90% for people responding. We are one of the highest states for people to respond. You are not allowed to do an average. The census takers will go door to door for those that do not turn in the paper. The census will go out and I want to stress to people to provide the information.

2-14 Curb Cut policy

Ms. Walker, Town Engineer, reported on proposed revisions to the curb cut policy. It was set up over 23 years ago and has served the town's needs. There were no provisions for a commercial driveway; an existing business may need a wider driveway. We brought geometry for a wider driveway into this policy. It expands definitions. It takes out the provisions that police department have to approve the curb cut permit. We can consult them, but this is a DPW function. There is also a proposed fee of \$25.00 for the application. Most curb cuts show up on site plan and the police review them. It was suggested there might be a different fee for residential and commercial.

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MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to approve and adopt the proposed curb cut policy provisions as written and submitted February 3, 2009, seconded by Mr. Timson , VOTED 5-0-0

2-5 Chili's Bar and Grille, Public Hearing

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 5-0-0

Anthony Leone, proposed manager and Shawn Leonard area director appeared before the Board regarding the proposed Chili's restaurant in front of Kohl's which is hopefully opening in October. We operate Pepper Dining, Inc. and have seventy Restaurants in New England and 1300 worldwide. They will hire between 80-100 people in the community. We have the highest of standards for alcohol safety, food safety, and food service. We are great partners for the towns we do business in.

Mr. Timson welcomed them to Walpole. He questioned Mr. Leone as to his employment history. He also noted that the seating capacity in the application and on the plans to not match. One reads 265 and one reads 217. He would like to know which is correct.

Mr. DeNapoli noted they will offer a full menu at the bar until closing, and he wanted to know if they provide TIPS training to employees. Mr. Leone explained that everyone has to go through serve safe alcohol. We do more than what is required. We have every server have a card. We do full blown alcohol training. They also do a secret shopper. It is done monthly or quarterly.

No questions from the audience.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve the application All Alcoholic Common Victualler's License to Pepper Dining, Inc. d/b/a Chili's Grill and Bar, and appoint Anthony Leone as manager of record, subject to the seating capacity issue being resolved, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

2-6 Dan Daley, Housing Partnership

Daniel Daley appeared before the Board seeking a seat on the Housing Partnership Committee. He has worked on homelessness prevention programs for low income families and has served on the Metro West affordable housing coalition. The Board thanked him for stepping forward and noted he is clearly qualified.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to appoint Dan Daley to the Housing Partnership Committee, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

8:25p.m. Ray Mosher, Allied Recycling

Mr. Mosher reported to the Board that the last time he had met with the Board Allied Recycling was admonished. Goldie's is one entity and Allied recycling is another and the last time we spoke there was confusion as to who is running what. Through the course of the year, the gates would be locked but they can get in without them being locked. Would like a status report on who is running the businesses. He noted this is an important issue to him. Allied was operating a truck prior to the regular business hours and exiting Goldie's gates and he thought the Board was clear to them that they must operate within the hours given to them.

Ms. Winston does not have a problem asking Allied in. Mr. Johnson had visited the site and explained to Mr. Scarza that the board may call him in. He is willing to come in and meet with the Board. Mr. Scarza had said that he has an agreement to operate Goldie's. Mr. DeNapoli wants to know who is overseeing the business and would like to invite Goldie's and Allied in to a meeting to hear what the arrangement is.

Mr. Snuffer agrees with Mr. DeNapoli that we should invite both parties to the meeting of March 10th.

Mr. Mosher has lived there for 25 years and it was owned by Victor Delmar and very minimal. I do not think that anyone would have foreseen what is there now. What was there prior to this owner was insignificant. Things change, but there is no co existence with the neighbors, when it changes the quality of life you need to do something. I respect that he is running a business, there has to be a point where we can co exist.

2-7 Red Wing, Pledge of License

Mr. DeNapoli explained we have an application before us where Red wing is putting up the license and in order to protect their security the Board has to approve the pledge. It would protect the security for Dedham Savings. There is no problem with town doing this.

MOTION moved that we approve the pledge of license for Dedham institute for savings for Red Wing, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

2-8 Banner Request, Lions Club

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the banner request from the Lion's Club, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

2-9 Parade Permit, Friends of St. Patrick

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the parade permit for the Friends of St. Patrick, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

2-10 Letters to Health and Human Services

Robin spoke to Michael about keeping \$5,000 for VNA services. So they can prepare their budgets. Letters were mailed to Walpole VNA, South Norfolk County ARC, May Counseling and the Center for Community Counseling & Education advising them that their budget has been cut due to fiscal challenges facing the town.

2-11 Footlighters, Sunday Amusement

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the license for the Footlighters as submitted, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

2-12 Award of Quote No. 2009-21

Mr. Johnson explained this goes back to 2007 for school phones. The school has decided to go forward for Fisher School phones. Brian Connolly recommends Logic communications.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we award the quote for Fisher Elementary School Phone systems to Logic Communications of Hopedale, MA, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

2-13 RFP Personal property, 2009-20

The funding is coming from unspent article. This comes before the Board every three years. This will be effective 2010.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve and award a contract to Real Estate Research of North Andover, Ma for a total cost of \$35,200, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTE+ ++ `D 5-0-0

2-14 Metro PCS

Mr. Johnson explained they are asking the Board to award the RFP. I believe the contract will come before you on a later date.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that the Board award the contract as submitted at the wagon road water storage tank to Metro PCS communications inc., Chelmsford, MA, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we authorize the Chair to sign the letter of agreement with Metro PCS, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Assistant Town Administrator Update

We received notification from MA EOT that MA Highway will be paving Main Street this summer from Winter to Spring Valley and just north of Fisher Street to south of Mylod Street.

Health insurance numbers will be in next week.

Fin Com started meeting with departments and they did mention having a meeting with Selectmen and School Committee. What is your priority, what we do with capital? They want dialogue.

Toll Brothers regarding complaints about mailboxes being knocked down from the plows and how these are all private roads. You may want Mr. O'Brien to come in and update the Board on this issue. Ms. Winston would like the postmaster to come in and be part of that meeting.

Mr. Timson suggested placing something in the newspaper that if the mailbox is in the town layout you take responsibility if it gets damaged. We should make it known to the residents that we do not replace the mailboxes. We can not afford to be paying for mailboxes.

Ms. Winston discussed a meeting date with the Chiefs. The 26th was not good for two members. The chiefs would like to meet with the Board. March 5th is a good date for members to meet. The Firefighters would like to meet with the Board and she suggested having them in on March 5 from 7-8 p.m. followed by the Chiefs.

Mr. DeNapoli noted that the EDIC is on for the 24th and he will not be in attendance. He would also like a trash fee discussion. We should have that discussion and along those lines, have Michael talk to Robin about pay as you throw. I would like to see that scheduled for March 10th.

Dave Sullivan, the Friends of Recreation if anyone wishes to donate to keep programs going, 100% of the funds goes to them. It is private independent.

Old Business

Mr. Timson is concerned with the budget cuts to the Library. If the funds are cut they would lose their accreditation and he feels that a lot more people rely on the Library in these fiscal times. With accreditation you may borrow books from other libraries. I think we should be mindful of that.

Mr. Snuffer would like to have a synopsis of the Zoning Re-write meeting that is taking place at the school tonight. He would also like the Board to have a budget meeting. Ms. Winston suggested coming in early on March 10th at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

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David Sullivan, Clerk