

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in 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

Ms. Winston was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to go into Executive Session to discuss a grievance, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED by roll call vote Mr. DeNapoli-Aye, Mr. Snuffer-Aye and Ms. Winston-Aye (Mr. Sullivan recused himself from discussion)

The Board moved to the Main Meeting Room to continue with the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

3-23 Cameron Daley, Permanent Building Committee

Mr. Daley appeared before the Board seeking appointment to the Permanent Building Committee. He is a registered engineer with an extensive background and worked as the superintendent of engineering for NSTAR.

Mr. Snuffer was thrilled and felt Mr. Daley's experience would be most beneficial

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Cameron Daley as a regular member to the Permanent Building Committee, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

Public Hearing, Jalapeno's Grille, Expansion

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

It was discussed that the expansion of Jalapeno's being good for the town and that with the addition of a back door will help as customers can park in the rear parking lot.

Ms. Winston asked Mr. Dorrnsoro if the new lounge area was open? It is not to be used until the ABCC approves the license. Mr. Dorrnsoro stated No. Ms. Winston informed the owner about a call she received from a resident that you play the music outside. Mr. Dorrnsoro stated he does play the music outside and it is playing until 10 p.m. He does not want to keep the music playing late at night. Ms. Winston asked him what time he starts the music? He stated he starts it at 11:30 a.m. during the week and on Sundays at noon. Ms. Winston reminded him there are residents on the upper level and to be courteous.

There was no one in the audience who wanted to comment on the expansion of the premises.

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

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the expansion of premises Jalapenos Grille, located at 960 Main Street, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-25 Trench Regulations, Health Department

Margaret Walker appeared before the Board to discuss having the Health agents act as permit issuing authority for trenches relating to their department. When the board approved the regulations back in December , the subject came up about septic systems, is this something that we would need another regulation or can we designate another authority.

Gail Nixon, Deputy Health Agent explained her department witnesses' perc tests and they charge homeowners for the test and one for installation. They charge a fee of \$250.00 and do not feel another charge for a trench permit should be necessary. The Health Department would like to be the authority for those trenches associated with perc tests and septic systems. They will provide the engineering department with a copy.

Ms. Walker explained that she does not go out and inspect the trenches; the contractor doing the work is the one overseeing the trenches. They must be sure to follow the regulations.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer that we designate the Health Director and Deputy Health Agent as the permitting authority to issue trench permits with respect to septic installations, deep hole tests, and perc tests, and that the fee for the process be included in the septic fee, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-29 Reserve Fund Transfer DPW, Drug testing

Mr. Boynton noted this is one of the line items cut out of the budget and the CDL requires the testing.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that we approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$1,500.00 for DPW drug testing, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-30 Re-Appointments to Boards and Committees

Ms. Winston noted Tom Bowen does not wish to seek re appointment to the Board of Registrars. Ms. Winston explained what they do and the need for a Republican replacement.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the appointments as indicated in the following Chart, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 5-0-0

COMMITTEE	NAME	REGULAR	ASSOCIATE	Seeking re-appointment	Not seeking Re-appointment
ADAMS FARM	Kevin Sullivan	√			
	Jack Wiley	√		√	
	Louis Hoegler	√		√	
	Ralph Knobel		√	√	
BOARD OF HEALTH					
	William Morris	√		√	
	Claire Wolfram	√		√	
CABLE TV ADVISORY					
	Patrick Fasanello	√		√	
	Patricia Krusko	√		√	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				√	
	Jack Wiley	√			
	Russell Jones	√		√	
	Betsey Dexter Dyer	√		√	
CONSTABLES					
	Donald Weber			√	
	Richard McCarthy				
	John Vozzella				
COUNCIL ON AGING					
	Virginia McDavitt	√			√
	Fran Kyne	√		√	
	Barbara Coates	√		√	
	Florence Sundquist	√		√	
	Robert Moody		√	√	
	Eleanor Foote	√			
	Llyod Smith		√	√	
	Edith Noyes		√	√	
	Frank Noyes		√	<i>(Deceased)</i>	
	Maria Serena		√	√	
	Shirley Esthimer		√	√	
	Joanne Damish		√	√	
	Helen Ryan		√	√	
	Carolyn A. Lawless		√	√	
CULTURAL COUNCIL					
	Shirley Esthimer	√		√	
	Beth Chariton	√		√	
	Aicha Kelley	√		√	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COM					
	Paul Millette	√		√	
	Richard Shields	√		√	
	John Hasenjaeger	√		√	
	Larry Pittman	√		√	
	Nancy Murray		√	√	
	John Keefe		√	√	
HISTORICAL COM					
	Michael Gallahue	√		√	

	Roger Turner		√	√	
INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE					
	Bernard Brady	√			
	Jack Fisher	√		√	
INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE					
	David Radoccia	√	√		
	Robert McCaffery	√	√		
PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE					
	Leo McCormack	√		√	
	Jack Conroy	√		√	
POND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE					
	William Wiseman	√		√	
	Bill Connors	√		√	
REGISTRAR OF VOTERS					
	Thomas Bowen Jr.	√			√
RECREATION COMMITTEE					
	Frank Brown	√		√	
	Robert Taglienti	√		√	
	Lorraine Dundon		√		
	Richard McCarthy		√		
	Rita Barrett Crosby		√		
TOWN FOREST					
	Jeffrey Mattson	√		√	
TRUST FUND COMMISSIONERS					
	James Manninen	√		√	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS					
	Daniel Cunningham	√		√	
	Ted Case	√		√	
	James Decelle		√	√	
WALPOLE TRAIL COMMITTEE					
	Karen Single		√		

3-27 Reserve Fund Transfer, Fire Department

Chief Bailey has a shortfall in his professional line because of a long term injury in the amount of \$41,310.64. That provisional firefighter is still working. The remaining \$81,363.80 is for overtime, and a firefighter who has been out for two weeks and another one out for an injury. The rest is unexpected overtime.

Mr. Timson felt that based on minimum manning he assumes the overtime issue will continue. There is \$340,000 remaining in the Reserve Fund account.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that we approve the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$122,674.44, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-28 Cedar Junction Agreement

The Board was presented with an agreement with Cedar Junction for emergency services for the prisoners. The Chief explained they are required to provide service to everyone in Walpole. They strictly transport to Emergency Room and our service ends. The Board reviewed the letter from Town Counsel dated January 9, 2009 and noted that on page 4. paragraph three, it states that the fire department provides fire suppression, emergency medical aid and transportation and provides preliminary hazardous material spill containment and control. The Chief had explained that each ambulance trip takes an additional hour and puts the ambulance out of service for another call.

Mr. Timson does not see any benefit that the Town gets whatsoever for entering into the agreement. Current Walpole billing rates apply and we are supposed to get what we charge everyone else but we don't. It looks like they are supposed to help out. There is no benefit here, the money we were getting here might help out and that is gone. I think unless someone from MCI cedar junction present's some reason why there is a benefit for the Town to enter into this contract it should not be signed. He suggested inviting someone for Department of Correction to a meeting. Would like to hear from the Chief what he would like to see in a contract to better protect the firefighters.

Mr. Snuffer agreed it has no benefit to the Town, and it has the tendency to put Walpole in harms position. Issues with hazardous materials, it was supposed to be life threatening, sickness or injury. He further suggested the Board let the agreement lapse. Ms. Winston did not agree with letting the agreement lapse. The Town should respond to the request to sign the agreement.

Mr. Sullivan spoke of a recent injury of one the Firefighters during a pickup.

There is no benefit to enter into this agreement or accept the amendments. They refuse to pay the rates that we charge to the community. It seems there is no service from the prison that can be offered back to the community. It is a one way agreement.

Motion moved by Mr. Timson to send a letter to MCI DOC that we are not going to renew under the terms proposed in this agreement and invite them to meet with us to discuss this matter if they choose to do so it is our understanding we will proceed under MGL and provide ambulance service on that basis, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

3-31 Fisher School, Nature Path

The School Department, Conservation, Norfolk Agricultural School and Bob Leblanc are going to spruce up the nature paths at Fisher School and Mr. Boynton wanted to let the Board members know about it.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson we approve the request of Walpole Public Schools to do the landscaping work at Fisher School nature paths, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 4-0-0 (Mr. Snuffer left the room)

3-32 A frame, Norwood Cooperative Nursery

Mr. Boynton spoke to a recent memo from Jack Mee that A frames are not allowed in general, and whether we want to continue the practice or not. Mr. Timson suggested maybe he can give the Board options to comply as he would hate to not allow for the A-Frame to advertise for fundraisers.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request of the Norwood Cooperative Nursery School to place an A-Frame, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-33 Purr-fect Cat Shelter, Motorcycle Run

They start the ride in Millis and turn on North Street, to Fisher to Route 1A. Chief Mcgouwan has been involved this and it is for a good cause.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to approve the request for the Motorcycle ride on May 17, 2009, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-34 Norwood Evening Garden Club

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to place an A-frame sign on the common to announce the annual plant sale but to deny the request to place smaller ones around town, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-36 Acceptance of Gift, Master Plan Implementation

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift in the amount of two hundred dollars from the Walpole Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-37 Acceptance of Gift, Fire Department

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift in the amount of one thousand dollars from Joe Lorusso II, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

3-38 Acceptance of Gift, Master Plan Implementation

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the gift in the amount of two hundred dollars from the Walpole Lions Club, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrators Update

Handicap Parking- Seeking approval to add two additional handicap spots near the Senior Center here at Town Hall.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to approve the request to add two additional handicap parking spaces near the Senior Center at Town Hall, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

Fairfield Escrow: They are no longer proceeding with this project and are seeking the remaining funding. Mr. Timson questioned if we have any requirement to get something in writing that they are not going forward with the project.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve release of the funds, subject that we can get something in writing that the agreement with Woodworkers is over, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli

Mr. DeNapoli is not sure what the town would gain by having something in writing. Everything is on hold and not going forward on the use of the money for consultants.

Mr. Timson withdrew his motion and would like to review the contract. Table until March 30th.

Flag Pole on the Common: It is a substantial project. The damage is being paid through insurance claim. There is a lot of work to be done and hope to have it done by Memorial Day.

Allied Recycling: Another complaint from Mr. Mosher. It was suggested that a site walk might be in order. We need to try to better handle these complaints. Jack Mee will meet with Mr. Scabia. Board will try to walk the site on Friday 7:30 a.m. Ms. Winston would like Mike Laracy and Jack Mee to attend.

Mass Common Cause E-Government Award: The Town made an effort after last year to improve our site. One thing that is different than many others it is home made. This is all done through our IT department. We are still working on the video streaming.

Town Hall Clerical Union Concession: Thanks to them for agreeing to not take a pay raise.

Budget: Mr. Timson asked if we got the Library up to the funding that would bring them to a point to get the waiver. Mr. Boynton believes it will, but must meet with Jerry. We have gotten a lot of communication about the library.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. DeNapoli stated that the last meeting he blamed Mr. Ron Mariani for something he did not write in the Walpole Times. He called Mr. Mariani and apologized, and he wanted to apologize publicly.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve the minutes of February 24, 2009, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve the executive session minutes of February 10, 2009, not release, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve and not release the executive session minutes of February 24, 2009, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that we approve the regular meeting minutes of February 10, 2009, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to move into Executive Session for purpose of contract discussion, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED by roll call vote; Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. DeNapoli-Aye, Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Ms. Winston-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye

MOTION moved by Mr. Sullivan to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan, Clerk