

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, September 01, 2020 remotely at 7:00 pm. The following Board members were present:

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chair, joined meeting at 7:17pm
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
James O'Neil
David Salvatore, joined meeting at 8:05pm and left at 9:20pm

Also participating
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator

Executive Order on Remote Participation

Thursday March 12, 2020 governor Baker issue and "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments

7:00pm – Discussion of Town Meeting location and date

Dan Bruce, Town Moderator and Lauren Goldberg, KP Law were present for the discussion. **Lauren Goldberg**, explained the Town should post the meeting for the day it would otherwise be scheduled. The moderator has two options as to what best suits the Town's needed. Moderator could declare a recess and continuation and move the meeting to Saturday morning the 17th. Other option would be to request the Board to choose to instead hold the meeting in a remote manner. **Dan Bruce**, said with a remote meeting you need a lot of technical support. The Spring Town Meeting was a very good alternative. First preference is to do it on the 17th with a rain date on the 18th. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to post the upcoming annual Fall Town Meeting to occur according to the Charter on the 19th of October with the understanding the moderator will have the discretion to move the date based on circumstances as warranted to the Saturday before and include in the warrant words to that affect. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

7:15pm – Discussion on Norfolk County offer to lease land per M.G.L c.34 §14

Public comment was given by Brian Dowling, Mauro Dellemonache, Catherine Kennedy, Rudy Barajas, Lisa Lewis, Craig Johnson, Susan Shocket, Nicole Rowe, Brandon Bale. **Chair Barrett**, explained the discussion before the Board doesn't have to do with the construction or permitting of the solar farm, just the right of first refusal of this lease. And also the proposal of the Walpole Preservation Alliance that requested the Board request an additional 90days. Board members were in agreement to request additional time from the County Commissioners for the Walpole Preservation Alliance to come up with the funds. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to request the 90-day extension for decision to the Norfolk County for the offer of first right of refusal to lease the proposed land and to have an in person meeting with County Commissioners making the decision to put this land up for lease. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

7:45pm - Economic Development Commission interviews and vote for appointment:

Margaret Kundert, gave a brief introduction and listed some Boards within the Town that she was a member of previously. The Board welcomed and thanked her for volunteering. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to appoint Margaret Kundert to the Economic Development Commission to fill the open vacancy. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

John Shalbey, provided an introduction and expanded on his application, he explained some techniques to make Route 1 more business friendly. The Board thanked him for volunteering and believed him to be a good fit for the Economic Development Commission. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to appoint John Shalbey to the Economic Development Commission to fill the open vacancy. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

7:55pm – Vote intention for street layout for the following and hold Hearings on September 15, 2020 beginning at 7:15 p.m. High Oaks Court; Lester Gray Drive; Millbrook Avenue; Lady Slipper Drive and Shady Lane

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted that the Board of Selectmen intends to make street layouts for High Oaks Court; Lester Gray Drive; Millbrook Avenue; Lady Slipper Drive and Shady Lane and hold the public hearings on September 15, 2020 beginning at 7:15pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

8:00pm – Discussion of Green Communities Program Application and possible vote

Lisa Sullivan, Department of Energy Resources, Cara Goodman, M.A.P.C, Jean Duffy and Phillip Czachorowski were present for the discussion and gave a brief overview of the roles they would have in the application process. The Board discussed the Stretch Code and the Green Communities Program Application.

Jim Johnson stated his concerns on the staffing of this program. The Board discussed and acknowledged that there may be a need to hire a staff position at some point with the proper technical expertise.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to direct the Town Administrator to move forward with the Green Communities Program Application. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-1). Board member Salvatore abstained.

New Business

Vote to reappoint Jean Kenney to the Walpole Media Corporation

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to reappoint Jean Kenney to the Walpole Media Corporation for a term of one year. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to appoint Richard McCarthy to the Walpole Media Corporation

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to appoint Richard McCarthy to the Walpole Media Corporation for a term of one year. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

1. Middlesex Savings Bank to Recreation Department – Community Events \$1,000
2. Dedham Savings to Recreation Department – Community Events \$1,000

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

278 total cases, 3 active cases. Over the last few weeks we have been averaging between two and four active cases which is low and manageable.

Town Meeting

We will have something for you by September 15. Prior to this meeting I met with the Personnel Board and talked about Article 3, if the Board is ok with it I'm going to change the language from a three-year to one-year salary schedule.

Elections

Last number we had was 7,000 people voted in the election today. Liz has been extremely busy, working seven days a week and I can't say enough good things about her and her staff.

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of August 04, 2020 as presented. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:25 p.m. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).