

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on August 7, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Room 112 of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
Nancy Mackenzie
Christopher Timson

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

8-1 Town Clerk request to use one postcard for polling locations

The Board received a memo from Ron Fucile, Town Clerk seeking the Board's permission to use one postcard to notify residents of the change of polling locations for the Primary and the return to normal locations after the September 6, Primary Election.

Mr. Gallivan noted it is a great idea and a cost savings to the Town. Mr. Kraus wants to be sure that there is a reverse 911 call out to residents. There will be one election worker at each polling location.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to grant permission to the T. Clerk to notify the residents of precincts 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 8 on one postcard that their polling locations have changed for this primary election only and will revert back to the normal locations, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0 (Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Timson were not present)

8-2 A. Farm, Birthday party

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the use of Adams Farm for a Birthday party on September 2, 2012 subject to the approval of the Adams Farm Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

8-3 A. Farm Birthday party

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the use of Adams Farm for a Birthday party on August 12, 2012 subject to the approval of the Adams Farm Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8-4 Hero's Welcome

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the request to allow for an escort of LCPL Ueda from her home on Washington Street to proceed along the route used for the Night before the fourth parade and finish at the Veteran's Memorial Statue for a brief ceremony at 1 p.m.. The Board further approves the closing of Elm Street between the common be blocked off from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. subject to recommendations of the police department, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8-6 Request for proposal/ Library

Mr. Boynton explained there is a minimum bid of \$200,000 for the sale of the Old Library on Common Street. The likely duration is at least thirty days. It has to be advertised for a minimum of three weeks in the central registrar.

Mr. Berry does not want this building used for a rooming house for four persons. He would like something in the bid, which would restrict that.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the request for proposal for the former public library building and property located at 65 Common Street, assessors' Map 33, Parcel 221, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrator's Update

There was a positive chloroform test today and Rick is running the test again.

Washington St- The good news the water leak was detected before the asphalt was put down. They have delayed the paving schedule. Go back to S. Walpole and move from the common and go north. I hope that have the leak corrected by tonight. It is critical to get this down before Thursday. Lynch is doing a nice job out there.

Country Festival, Gillette Stadium- the Chiefs and Mr. Boynton are going to the stadium tomorrow to talk about this. This year it is starting at 5:30 p.m.

EDIC -The town is moving forward as the active parties of the superfund site are willing to fund \$100,000 start up to the EDIC. Mark Good is working with the EDIC.

Mr. Kraus called upon Chief Stillman to talk about the training that took place at the old Southwood hospital. There were helicopters flying over Walpole and he had received calls from many residents with concerns.

Chief Stillman explained that Norfolk was notified. Our dispatchers believed it was a metro exercise. The Chief drove up there and watched the activity which was very impressive. It was a military exercise. Nice to see this area have some exposure to the

military. His department received over fifty-three phone calls. The majority of people were people that were curious as to what was taking place. It would have been nice if someone had contact the town to inform us of what was taking place.

Goals and Objectives

The Board's suggestions for changes to Goals and Objectives were reviewed. Mr. Boynton reviewed their recommendations with them. He noted the branding campaign is underway and at their last meeting, the EDC showed them their video. The Board members discussed their ideas of what they envision in their Goals. Mr. Kraus would like to have "Best of Walpole" type recognition.

Goal #1

They removed "Blight By-law" as this was adopted in the Spring. They also removed the Spring Brook revitalization, as this is moving forward. The Board asked to add under Goals 1 to act upon the recommendations of the three overlay working groups, including making significant progress on the downtown revitalization and focus on a Mass works program for 2013.

Mr. Berry would recommend a capital budget item for the Fall to fix pavement, sewer and water etc. When the meeting was held at Raffael's there were ideas of lanterns, pedestrian isles etc. Mrs. Mackenzie wanted to know how much design they want to do with the downtown.

It was recommended to combine under Goal #1, subsections 3,8,10 and 11 into one task.

Goal #2

Mr. Kraus noted under (1) the Board did the initial work but it took a back seat to other priorities. Mrs. Mackenzie noted the Municipal facilities group is also peeking at those. Mr. Boynton noted Mr. Timson has done a substantial amount of work on this. Need an off night meeting. We have parcels on Granite, Main and others. The staff needs your guidance of what direction to go in. Mrs. Mackenzie the study should be done before they do anything and it should be moved to the bottom of list.

Under (7) Nancy explained she met with the consultant today, and believes we can make the funding process work for a Senior Center. Then we need a site. Mr. Kraus felt this is a hot button issue and would like to break it out as a separate goal. Mrs. Mackenzie felt could be one of our major goals. Mr. Boynton felt that within a four million dollar window they could create a space for Council on Aging, Senior Center.

Mr. Berry spoke of an idea for sustainable revenue source by looking at using a portion of the meals tax an annual allocation towards capital expenditures. What can we do in the future within budget numbers? Mr. Boynton explained the real success behind the borrowing program we did. We are adding an extra \$200,000. It has not been a drain on

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the budget. May want to look at renewing it again. The Board can say to us we want to redo this program, we want the first \$200,000 go to sidewalks etc.

Goal #3

Board talked about keeping the Housing Partnership Committee implementation of Planned Production plan as a goal. Looking for money for getting this done. CT would like to find senior housing and location. I wonder if that is achievable. NM I think that would be next years step. Once we achieve that goal. Mr. Timson would like to add into goals #2 (1) try to identify senior affordable housing.

Goal #4

The Board wants to keep 1 and 2 under Goal #4. The biggest challenge is the Stretch Code. Ms. Mercandetti is meeting with the Planning Board to discuss Solar bylaw.

The Board would like Robin to come in for a follow up on large ticket items and implementing a program.

Prioritizing ponds is another issue and the biggest issue is dredging of memorial pond. Need to do a dredge study. Mr. Berry wants it clear as to the roles of the Con Com and Ponds Committee are.

The Board would like to task Adams Farm with coming back to them with expanded uses. It was suggested the Board task them to meet with Recreation committee. The Board would like to see options. Mr. Berry would like a question on the ballot to the residents, a non-binding question.

Mr. Timson suggested the Board should at least meet with A. Farm to tell them what they are doing. Adams Farm Committee put in a lot of time, effort, and fundraising and would hate to see them loose their gumption. We need to be sensitive to them. Mrs. Mackenzie wants to be sure that the guidelines are consistent with the programs they are offering.

Mr. Gallivan thinks Adams Farm has done a great job, when you go back to Town Meeting video, he thinks they pursue what was said when the land was bought and look at expanded uses. Would like to see more people get use of the Farm. Get feedback on future usage. Mr. Kraus likes the idea of the non-binding question but get the A. Farm Committee in to discuss uses. We have to find a way to utilize the space more.

Goal #5

Mr. Boynton noted if we are not getting ahead of the game for next generation through communication we will fall behind. The next generation is not going to want to call, email. We need to be able to get the work out via text. I would like to support a goal that utilizes, and develops technological alternatives.

Mr. Berry spoke of the City of Marlboro just adopted, blackboard connect to replace the reverse 911 system. A person can choose what they want to be contacted about and how. The demand is there. The Board would like a home screen that connects you everywhere. Suggested budgeting off site for a website. It was suggested to investigate Virtual Town Hall, as the town will oversee it, and look at a part time person that acts as the website administrator.

Ms. Krusko, IT Director stated it is easy to post what I post. The key is content. If you do not get the information from the departments, it is difficult. We talked about having the departments putting the content up. In terms of basic updates. Mrs. Mackenzie would like a social media policy.

The Board asks during negotiations with Comcast that we bring WCTV closer to town with programming and technical funding.

Mr. Kraus would like to have the Board more involved with surrounding towns. It was suggested the Board attend the Norfolk County Selectmen's meetings. This would provide them with the opportunity to meet other Selectmen.

They want to revamp and expand the elder services tax program.

Mr. Berry is looking at how other communities do evaluations. He thinks the Board should change the approach. Each member does one and becomes averaged. I thought it was collaborative. , T. Clerk, Police, Fire Chiefs, Town Administrator and Executive Assistant, all the employees the Board reviews.

Under Goal #2, Mrs. Mackenzie would like to appoint a committee to look at community preservation act .

Goal #6

The Board felt the tasks completed be removed and the ones remaining should remain.

Goal #7

The Board wishes to keep task 1 and Continue to work with School Committee
Mrs. Mackenzie would like to Reference working plan from municipal facilities study plan.

With task 6 the Board would like to request the School Committee and Superintendent to integrate positive video message project.....

Mr. Kraus would like to investigate a summers job program goal. The Boards recommendations will be integrated into the existing goals and objectives and sent to them for review and comment.

Mrs. Mackenzie left the meeting and will not return.

Mr. Kraus stated; I hereby declare that:

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21(b)(6) the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss the purchase of real estate property.
- A discussion in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session; and
- The Board shall return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session for the purposes of adjourning.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to enter Executive session under G.L. C. 30A, Section 21 (b)(6) for the purposes of discussing the purchase or value of real estate known as Sunny Rock located off North Street as the Chairman has declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of this Board and the Board will return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session for the purposes of adjourning, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED by roll call: Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Berry-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye

The Board exited Executive Session.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0