

Selectmen Minutes
June 11, 2012
Approved June 26, 2012

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall beginning at 7:20 p.m. The following members were present.

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

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

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. Kraus welcomed Mr. Timson and Mrs. Mackenzie back to the Board. Chris is beginning his third term as Selectmen and Nancy her second term. He informed the audience that as part of the Finance Committee meeting, they presented long-term FinCom member Ralph Knobel with a proclamation thanking him for his twenty-three years of service.

Eagle Scout proclamation

Mr. Kraus read the proclamation for Eagle Scout Whearty into the record.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the proclamation for Eagle Scout Whearty, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Commendation for Dispatcher Abate, Officers Van Ness, Tolland, Kilroy, Griffin and Lagoa for Ambulance Assistance.

Deputy Chief was a result of medical emergency dispatch, beginning July 1, 2012, we have used it with results. Dispatcher Abate received a call from a resident regarding heart attack, he began the process, Officer Van Ness, Jeff dispatched the appropriate officers and fire dept. He assisted her in performing CPR, the person was able to breath and have a pulse. The person is doing well. The EMD process going into affect we are proud of how they handled it. It was great teamwork by everyone.

Mr. Boynton noted that one of the leading proponents of getting the AED units in the police cars was Ralph Knobel.

6-3 Transfer of \$25,000, Police Dept.

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Deputy Chief Carmichael explained they are amending the request to \$22,000. We have had seven new officers and it is expensive to hire a new officer. It is unusual for us at one time that is what gave us the added expense

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the interdepartmental transfer for \$22,000 from salaries to expense budget in the police department budget, seconded Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-4 Transfer of \$900, Animal Control

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the interdepartmental transfer for \$900 from professional services to part time salary in the Animal Control budget, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-26 Reserve fund transfer, contributory retirement

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer for \$10,400 for contributory retirement, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM

No One present

Change Of hours Sunday License

This is a bylaw adopted by town meeting it allows municipalities to grant restaurants, and bars to serve alcohol at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Mr. Berry thought it would be a good way to help some of the restaurants. He had done a lot of personal reaching out to owners. The town has the final say on this.

6-5 Bristol Square Cafe

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change in hours on Sunday for Bristol Square Café to 10 am-1am, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-6 Clyde's Roadhouse

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change in hours on Sunday for Clyde's Roadhouse to 10 am-1am, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Timson abstained)

6-7 Raffael's Banquet

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change in hours on Sunday for Raffael's Banquet to 10am-1am, seconded by Mr. Berry VOTED 5-0-0

6-24 Peking Garden

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MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change in hours on Sunday for Peking Garden to 10am-1am, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

6-8 Bernard Goba, EDIC

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to re-appoint Bernard Goba to the EDIC as a Regular member, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

6-9 Richard Shields, EDIC

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to re-appoint Richard Shield to the EDIC as a Regular member, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

6-10 Richard Adams, Resignation EDIC

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the resignation from Richard Adams from EDIC, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

The Board noted they would need to find residents to serve on EDIC. Mr. Berry wanted to know if there was a statute of limitation on this. Mr. Boynton does not believe so. It is site specific. We are not there, no ability to move to the next level. Have tried to keep the town protected. Mr. Timson agreed and noted the town went through a fair amount of maneuvering on this.

6-11 Planning Board MPIC, Citizen at Large

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to affirm the appointment of Richard Nottebart to the MPIC as the Planning Board's citizen at large representative, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-12 Apple Harvest Fair

Mr. Timson suggested since there are no one-way signs the town use the solar powered signs. If we need more than the two that we have, we can borrow from another community

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the annual Apple Harvest Fair and to make Rhoades Ave one-way from 10am to 3p.m. on September 15, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-13 Walpole Sportsman's Club, live entertainment

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the live entertainment request for Walpole Sportsman's Club on June 30, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-14 One day license, Knights of Columbus

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MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the One day all alcoholic license for Knights of Columbus for July 3, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-15 Bid Award, 2012-26, Service, Maintenance of Heating/AC

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-26 to Mechanical Air controls, Inc. for the hourly and overtime wages submitted, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-16 Bid Award, 2012-32, Water Treatment Chemicals

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-32 to the low qualified bidders as shown on the spreadsheet for the unit prices bid, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-17 Bid Award, 2012-33, Disposal of Water Treatment Plan residuals

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No 2012-33 to NE waste services for the total bid price of \$10,172, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Kraus noted the significant difference in the bids submitted and wondered if the department heads ever reach out to those bidders to find out why there is such a significant difference. It was explained the

6-18 Bid Award, 2012-31, Cleaning gravel wells

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-31 to Denis Maher Co. for a lump sum of \$53,710, seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Discussion: A member questioned if the two lowest bidders were the same company. Denis Maher and Maher Services. It was explained the Department heads look over the bids to be sure they are in the appropriate form. Mr. Boynton will check with the department head.

VOTED 5-0-0

6-19 Bid Award, 2012-35 ,Bituminous concrete

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-35 unit price for items 1-8 for estimated ton quantities to Lorusso Corp. The items will be ordered and picked up as needed using the per item bid prices, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-20 Bid Award, 2012-36, Chip Seal

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MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-36 to All State Asphalt for a total of \$64,626.98 for an estimated 30,922 sq. yards, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-21 Aquatic Control at Turners Pond

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract No. 2012-39 to Aquatic Control Technology for \$22,850 for years 2012, 2013, and 2014, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-17 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Boynton spoke to the override for three million dollars past at the ballot and now town meeting needs to meet to expend those funds. It was decided it could not wait until the Fall Town Meeting, as the School Department would like to know they have the funds in their budget before the start of school in September. There will be costs associated with holding a Special Town Meeting, but the Town Clerk has funding in his budget to cover such cost.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to call a Special Town Meeting for July 23, 2012 at 7:30 at the High School and open the warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to place Article 1 on the Special Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the Special Town Meeting warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Special Town Meeting warrant for July 23, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

6-25 A- Frame, Ice Cream Social

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the A-Frame sign for the Ice Cream Social from June 12 to June 23, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

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Discussion on disbanding of inactive Boards and Committees

Memorial Committee table to next meeting

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Education Fund Committee-The Board was informed the School Committee wishes to keep this committee and will seek members. Mr. Kraus felt if they wish to keep the Committee we should keep it. This would require a vote of Town Meeting.

Mr. Berry felt that if at some point they are not able to generate interest, they should look at it again. If there is move to revive it, if they are not able to do so, we should consider disbanding it.

Send a note to S. Committee to garnish membership. Mr. Timson would like to be guided in what their interest is. If they do not want to keep a committee open. We will work with you to fulfill that membership. Mr. Berry suggested once an effort has been made than we should move on.

Mrs. Mackenzie suggested having someone in to talk about it. Suggested Nancy Gallivan may be willing to come in .

Industrial Development Fin Com- Mr. Timson so it would be an article on Town Meeting floor. These committees are not active. It is up to Town Meeting.

Josh Cole-Teen Advisory has no issue with disbanding this committee.

Town Report Committee-No request for this committee. Mr. Boynton noted the work has been done in house.

Fair Housing Committee- No interest from any resident.

Sidewalk Com-As far as the Planning Board, the committee that would comment on sidewalks, the Board of health would be the ones to comment. As the Board of Health if they want to take over this charge

Handicap Access Committee- Mr. Boynton is torn about this one. I do understand the value of a good active group on this. The Americans with disabilities act was coming in to affect. The committee I was on spent time on looking at buildings. The Bldg inspector is doing structural enforcement. We as staff are sensitive to those issues.

Mr. Berry suggested having a team of employees take over these duties. Act as a disabilities liaison.

Mr. Boynton noted the Board of Health can provide services, the outreach coordinator. I think we have the options in house to have staff to provide resources. Mr. Kraus noted as long as the basis is covered here. I don't want us to loose anything.

Mr. Timson suggested we have some of these coming up, suggest we leave it to the next meeting until it comes up again.

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MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to disband the Teen Advisory Committee as the Walpole Coalition Task Force is filling the needs of this Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to disband the Town Report Committee as the majority of work is completed in house, no residents came forward, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to disband the Fair Housing Committee as now we have the housing partnership committee fills the void, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to disband the Sidewalk Committee, the Planning Board has large input over this area, and the Board of Health provides planning and Town Administration provides input relative to sidewalks, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to disband the Handicap Access Committee as in house task force will address the needs, the town is full compliance with the American disabilities act, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

The Board asked an article be created for the Fall Town Meeting to disband the Industrial and Finance Committee.

6-27 Historical Commission Appointments

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to reappoint Sam Obar to Historical Commission as a Regular member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to appoint Matthew Mackenzie as an associate member to the Historical Commission, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrator Update

Foxborough Selectmen- Country Music Festival, Mr. Boynton will be attending the meeting tomorrow night at 7:10 p.m. He is hoping the town does not have a similar situation as we had last year. .

Former Library- He and Mr. Berry met with Mr. Lorusso, it seems coming out from that discussion, a sale of the old library is the most appropriate. The potential sale of this site was approved by Town Meeting and we have asked for the review of the library be a speedy assessment. If anyone has comments on the RFP, please let us know.

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Mr. Timson questioned if there was any written offer coming out of that meeting. Mr. Boynton stated no, Mr. Lorusso was a direct abutter at one time and he wanted to communicate his thoughts.

Library Surplus funding-M. Good and I have spent a lot of time with them, we believe an option, is avoidance of a cost charge to the residents. If we save one million, the concept would be what percentage is that. We would utilize the gift funding, thru your Board and Town Meeting. Suggested we would reduce the amount by 10.2%, exclusion process to generate those dollars. Avoiding the raising of revenue. This would be the most fair and equitable way. It would not work well to give the entire savings in one year. We would be able to generate interest on that. Mark is reaching out to DOR.

Mr. Timson questioned why they could not give the money back in one year. You are saying it is more prudent to do it over a period of years. We are talking about 30-40 dollars.

Mrs. Mackenzie asked if we took the money the friends gave us? How much would each household get, one time?

Mr. Timson wanted to know what kind of guarantee can they give residents within twenty years this will take place. Can we spend this on something other than the library? Mr. Boynton said no, Town meeting did not like hearing the money could be spent on something else. Not doing it this way there would be a surplus on the project. The borrowed funds can only be used for a similar project. Make the expenditure.

Mr. Berry noted this is like a tax credit. This would be over twenty years. It is based upon 6.2 million. Would like to see it over a shorter period of time. Maybe five years. I think we should expedite the way we do that. The goal should be to get the money back to the taxpayer.

The Board members asked to see this written out on paper. Asked Mr. Boynton to lay out the options and tell the Board what they can and can't do. It is difficult to make a decision on this. It would be great to see what we are talking about.

DAM Removal Assessment Program-The town owns five dams, Turners, Cobbs, Neponset, Allen, and Clarks pond. Have asked the state to take a look at Neponset river dam, that was for hydropower, on June 13 the consultant will take a look at that. Not making any decisions on that. There is not benefit to that dam. They are trying to get the State to take back Allen Dam

Housing Production Plan will need to be updated this fall. Looking for assistance to updating this. They are scheduled to meet with Selectmen on September 4.

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DOC conservation Recreation Restriction Program-DOC has been working this across the state, proposing to place over 800 acres in the DOC, it would make it unavailable to build. There is about 60+ acres near MCI. There is a flat open field at the end of Winter Street, DOC thinks it is very wet. Did confirm with Senator Timilty's office the land that MWRA is authorized for lease with the Town.

Mr. Kraus noted the overwhelming issues and concerns is that there is not enough fields to support youth in this town., Anything we can do to secure fields. There is not a group that feel they have adequate space.

Mr. Timson spoke of the new legislation for community preservation act makes this fund more favorable. It is a new tax. It is worth looking at because of the expansion of what you can do with it. It might be worth having a group take a look at it and have some public forums. Mrs. Mackenzie feels this would fall under the charge of the MPIC. Let them kick it off. Someone needs to sit down and see if we can get a consensus of community preservation act. The Board should put together a plan of action.

Mr. Berry agrees the MPIC may not be a bad place to start. It involves all the various Board/Committees Charge them and have them deliver to us a report. Give us an idea of what other communities are doing.

Mr. Timson recommended inviting someone from the State to review the Act with the Board members. .

Superfund site letter- Three weeks ago we sent a letter to President Obahma. We continue to get from EPA we are only going as far as we can. Environmental time bomb that sits on the Neponset river. Congressman Lynch office called and they are supportive of this, Senator Brown's office, today Senator Kerry's office. There is a lot of unfinished business out there. This needs to move forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gallivan reported there has been a follow-up meeting with the Lacrosse group to discuss their plans are for upper Turco. We are at the point to update the paperwork.

Mr. Gallivan reported he has been attending all the Council on Aging meetings and started a subcommittee and taking a look at some of the newer buildings. He stated it is good for him to see some of the others.

Mr. Timson had received an inquiry from Veteran Giyati, regarding the flag being flown at OPR with out a light. This has been addressed. Mrs. Mackenzie suggested having the Veteran Agent investigate all Town owned buildings to be certain we are flying the colors and properly.

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I would like to propose that either once a month or every other month, during announcements we announce the Walpole residents that are in the military and defending our freedom. (get info from Jon) ***check where the list is from

Mr. Timson started on his goals and objectives it should not take us until October. By the end of the summer, we are hitting the ground running,

*****Goals and Objectives on the next agenda.

Mr. Timson spoke of the Foxboro Selectmen set up office hours to meet with residents. He felt the Board may want to consider. It is a new year lets remind people on the website, and Channel 22, we are available.

Mrs. Mackenzie felt Board members are all involved in different groups and thinks we have a great balance. If the only place we are available is at open meeting.

Mr. Kraus stated he is approached every week by someone. We are in the community enough and some people have no issue coming up and asking questions.

Mr. Berry hold office and sometimes has no one and sometimes three or four people show up. More times than not people want to be listened to. Whatever way we can do that to make it easier for people. I chose to do office hours. However we want to do this. When you click on the Board members name you get their phone numbers and addresses, he feels this is some thing they can consider. Some people put their pictures up on the web so we can be recognized. I think we need to set a time in July to talk about the goals. Maybe we could meet in middle of July.

Veteran's Committee-working with Jonathon. Veterans service committee would be great to honor our soldiers and to support the families.

Mrs. Mackenzie makes herself accessible and does not believe they need to have people contacted at home.

Mr. Kraus would like to have the emails of the Selectmen website.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. , seconded by Mr. Gallivan,
VOTED 5-0-0