

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 beginning at 7:55 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Christopher Timson, Chairman
Al DeNapoli, Vice Chairman (8:25 p.m.)
David Sullivan, Clerk
Clifton Snuffer (7:55p.m.)
Nancy Mackenzie (9:25)

***Prior to the official start of the meeting the two Chiefs presented their quarterly update.

7:55 Chief Stillman talked about recent scams, people are identifying themselves as water department employees. This has happened in a few places. The other scam, a company called DARE Massachusetts, represent themselves as Walpole Police. They tell you to bring money to the door. There is no relationship with the town. John Carmichael and Officer Songin gave a drug forum. It was an opportunity for parents to meet with the officers. Some parents believed that things were rosy everywhere. I would encourage parents to attend the monthly coalition meetings. Great opportunity for people to meet and discuss issues. Officer Songin is working two days a week on patrol and three days at the High School. We needed to pull back. On February 8th he met with School Committee to discuss the collaborative effort we have with schools. Great things going on between schools and police. Started TRIAD again, Officer Carmichael is handling that. RAD program started again tonight. It is a four night program, teaches women how to defend themselves against aggressive males. We have some challenges with staffing and has an opening he would like to fill with a transfer as he has the funding..

MOTION moved by Mr. Sullivan to grant permission to hire a transfer for the police department, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-0

Mr. Timson spoke about bullying and cyber bullying. Chief Stillman noted it is an issue, it goes on everywhere. The schools are aware of it and are dealing with it. Officer Zanghetti is a talented computer forensic. Nothing is anonymous in this day and age. It is always retrievable. It is very difficult to deal with the bullying. Some may think it is harmless fun. Mr. Snuffers feels it is the number one issue that needs to be addressed.

3-1 8:10 **Proclamation**

Mr. Timson read the proclamation for Tom Kirwan into the record.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to sign the proclamation for Tom Kirwan, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 3-0-0

8:12 **Siemens Presentation**

Michael Canary prepared a presentation for the Board on Siemens healthcare Diagnostics. Siemens has been in Walpole for thirty years and has a commitment to safety and a record to match. They have an outstanding health, environment and safety record. They have over forty environment Health and safety professionals with six serving in Walpole. They have over 40 environment health and safety professionals with 6 serving in Walpole facility. They have invested multiple times in Walpole, including the recent expansion, based on current zoning. Siemens is broken into Imaging and IT, Diagnostics and Workflow and Solutions.

For Fiscal Year 2008 they earned 4.3 billion dollar in sales more than 14, 000 employees, serving 30,000 customers in 110 countries.

Our mission is advancing human health one life at a time by offering a broad portfolio of diagnostic solutions that provide effective and efficient ways to anticipate, diagnose, monitor and treat disease. Health care providers perform over 600 million tests every year using Walpole products to diagnose or monitor cancer, heart disease, thyroid disease and many other conditions.

He stated they are committed to being environmentally friendly, socially responsible to protect our environment and our community. Reducing packing waste by 35%, reduce energy consumption, implementing environmentally friendly product development initiatives, launching robust recycling programs. They are very active in recycling.

The existing zoning allows for current and planned production including biosafety level 3. They have product in the development pipeline today that will require manufacturing at biosafety level 3. Since they do not produce currently, they would not be grandfathered if there are zoning changes.

Time to market is critical for Siemens and patients who need our products. Requesting re zoning at a later point in time would cause significant delay. To prevent delay of a product launch, Siemens may be forced to move the manufacture of new products to its Marburg, Germany facility. Bio level 3 is important for future job growth at Siemens site.

They feel they are making a difference in human life. Siemens products manufactured in Walpole touch 600 million lives each year. Meeting and exceeding the US center for disease control guidelines. Following different degrees of control necessary based on organism handled. They have established and implemented safety procedures to protect their employees, neighbors and community.

There are many levels of oversight built in. Multiple levels of control, Federal, EPA, DEA, OSHA, FDA, State Mass DEP, MWRA, DPH, and Local BOH and Fire. They have passed the audit for over thirty years.

He spoke of the different categories of biosafety.

- Bio level 1 Agents that are not associated with disease in healthy humans
- Bio level 2 moderate risk agents that are present in the community (Doctor's office, dentist, hospital, biology labs).
- Bio level 3 Agents associated with serious or lethal human disease with a potential for respiratory transmission. The difference between 1 and 2 is how it is transmitted.
- Bio level 4 High individual risk, no available vaccine or therapy. This is threatening diseases which may be transmitted via aerosol route. This is the level you would have the Ebola virus. Dangerous materials and there are only 6 in the country.

He went on to review how Siemens meets Biosafety level 3 requirements. They are not using biolevel 3 but do use the space. They are dealing with calibrators for various controls.

They are asking the town for it's support. Anticipate future job expansion, have a good corporate neighbor with outstanding safety record and want to grow with a new technology and products, advance human health.

Mr. DeNapoli arrived and apologized for being late.

Carol Paul associate member of the Board of Health asked what is the educational level of the people working in level 3? Mike Canary, does not know the credentials. People working with level 3 would probably have a bachelor's degree.

Mr. DeNapoli noted that people hear biotech level 3, and do not know what it means. The Board approached this objectively. It is only a handful that would be attempting to do this work. Highly regulated, costly, level of regulation on federal and local is protection. Working with Siemens has helped alleviate some of the fears. It is a growing science that needs to be taken care of.

Mr. Sullivan is pleased with the education the Board has received and he has no fear of it now.

Mr. Timson feels they have come a long way and trying to put forward new zoning regulations. He feels more comfortable with it. We will have a set of eyes within our own community to overlook biolevel 3. Thanked Mr. Canary for the presentation.

8:55 p.m. **Jane Mitchell, Seeking associate membership Board of Health**

Ms. Mitchell is seeking associate membership to the Board of health. She has a background in mental health and has been employed as a licensed mental health counselor, licensed alcohol and drug counselor and school Psychologist.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to appoint Jane Mitchell to Board of Health as associate member, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

3-14 Bid Award, Rehabilitation of E.J. Delaney WTP

MOTION moved by Mr. Sullivan to award Contract no. 2010-22 Phase 1 to D&C Construction Co., Inc., Rockland, MA for \$579,776.00 seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-15 Bid Award, Rehabilitation of E.J. Delaney WTP, Phase II

MOTION moved by Mr. Sullivan to award Contract no. 2010-25 Phase 2 Rehabilitation of E.J. Delaney WTP to waterline Services, LLC for an amount of \$35,557 seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-7 Cultural Council, Resignation

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we accept the resignation of Joe Donnelly from Cultural Council with thanks, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

He is asking to stay on as an ex officio member and that does not require the Board's approval as he is only assisting and will not participate in any votes.

3-8 Acceptance of Gift, Bird Fountain

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to accept with gratitude funds from Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bacevich for the Bird Fountain, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-9 Acceptance of Gift, Walpole Day

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to accept the gift with gratitude from the Walpole cooperative Bank, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-10 Acceptance of Gift, Walpole Day

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to accept the gift with gratitude from Dedham Savings, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-11 Acceptance of Gift, Tree Gift account

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to accept the gift from Linn and Marsh Hartman for the purchase of trees, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

9:00 Public Hearing, British Beer

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to open the hearing, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Mike Fallmon, British Beer Company, explained they have proposed to build a deck in the front of the pub. Many places have outdoor dining and seating. They will have outdoor deck with plantings, lighting. They needed a variance, which they obtained from the ZBA.

Mr. Timson noted restrictions of hours of operation, no music outdoors, outdoor service at tables only. The deck in the front keeps it away from neighbors.

Mr. DeNapoli questioned if there were any speakers outside. Mike Fallmon replied, No. Is there someone outside to make sure that drinks are not taken off the deck to the parking lot? Mr. Fallmon stated there will be a hostess out there all night.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the request of British Beer Co for expansion of outside dining, with conditions set forth by the ZBA, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-4 Public hearing, 204 Washington Street

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to continue the hearing until March 23, 2010 as requested by the applicant, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-12 Banner Request, Friends of the Council on Aging

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the request to hang a banner to announce the annual fundraising reception, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

3-13 Hardship application , Fire Department

This is for an ambulance bill.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve the hardship application for run number 165114 , seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

3-16 Allied Recycling, Extension request

The Board had given Allied Recycling a 60 day window for to provide information for the storm water management plan as discussed during the renewal of the Class II and III licenses and they are in the process with AG's office and they are requesting a 45 day extension.

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli that we approve the 45 day extension, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-0

OPEN FORUM

Bill Norwood, own Dick and Janes general store. Heard the town wanted to have a farmer's market and he encourage this. He feels it will help bring people to the downtown. He and his wife have been involved with markets in CA for many years. Had some set up in the streets in designated areas. He would like to propose to hold the market in the public parking lot during the summer months. During Winter months, Blackburn Hall would be a nice place to hold a market. You have to have the local farmers come in, participation of business people of the community, provide family entertainment. Suggest having it two days a week.

Mr. Sullivan sees there could be a problem with using Blackburn Hall. Mr. Timson asked if he has talked to Stephanie. Mr. Norwood said she told him that it was the original idea to block of streets.

Mr. Norwood then talked about parking meters. He is opposed to meters on the streets, one problem was enforcement. He talked about increasing the cost of a ticket. Mr. Timson explained the program will start using seniors no parking meters.

Mr. DeNapoli thinks the Farmers market is a great idea and feels that it should be more visible. He is more open to suggesting the bandstand area. That was the original idea but there are safety concerns.

Ms. Mercandetti explained it would help in the establishment of the markets. Gave the Board a draft of the proposal and explained the ECDC nursery prevents a weekday market and on the weekends you have services, weddings, conflicting schedules. The municipal lot could actually work. .

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to Establish a farmers market Ad hoc committee consisting of 5 individuals including business owners, seconded by Mr. DeNapoli, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Bill Norwood to the Ad hoc committee and acting Chairman , seconded by Ms. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

3-5 Petition for non binding question

It is the determination of the Board of Selectmen as to whether it should go on the ballot. Board requested the petitioner be invited to the next meeting.

Parking Standards-Zoning Bylaws. Mr. Wildnauer feels the parking stalls are too large and that we should go to sizes that are in other towns. It makes sense and needs to be reviewed. Mr. Timson would like to hear from Planning and J. Mee. . Ask for input if we should proceed with this for Fall Town Meeting.,

TA Update

Regionalization meeting will be April 8 at Raffael's. There might be a few services that can be shared. We are trying to make the resources we have work for the Town.

Library Project-looking at a savings of \$175,000. Hoping to have bids ready by May and to maybe break ground by June.

Permit Holders property inspection program. We have an effort with the BOH, Building and Fire doing some added inspections. Will start in the section of Main Street from Cedar Street down.

Old Business

Regards to Stone Field and upgrade. Mr. Timson had a discussion with Pop Warner and they are trying to work towards a solution to allow them to use enough space but leaving enough room for the carnival.

We should recognize that our delegation did send a letter regarding health insurance plan design.

Minutes

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the executive session minutes of February 9, 2010, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to approve the minutes of January 27, 2010, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Ms. Mackenzie abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. DeNapoli to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and litigation and to come out of Executive Session to approve a settlement, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0 by roll call vote; Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. DeNapoli-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Sullivan-Aye, Ms. Mackenzie-Aye

Pine Brook Settlement

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve and sign the settlement with Gary Warden, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

Non Union Staff Health Insurance

The Board has agreed to change the current health insurance for non union town and school employees including retirees. These changes will save the town approximately \$309,111.60. The employees will have larger co payments for doctor's visits and pharmaceuticals. Some staff is at 80/20% and new staff is at 70/30%. They will remain at their current contribution level. With the Cost of living not going into effect until January 1, 2011 the town will save an additional \$67,670.

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to change the current health insurance plans to Rate Saver Insurance Plans for all non union town and school employees, retirees, and any Department Head staff with contracts keeping their current contribution percentage either 80/20 or 70/30 and to postpone the Cost of Living increase of 3% until January 1, 2011 and to introduce the flex spending plan, VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Sullivan opposed as he feels they are not being fair to non union staff as they have no representation and are being singled out)

Motion to adjourn at 1155