

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 beginning at 7:00 pm. in the Main meeting Room of the Town Hall . Mrs. Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present.

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

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Kraus read the congratulations to Landis Hershey for receiving MACC Advanced certificate, the proclamation for Eagle Scout Cameron Benoit and Proclamations by Gene Lavanchy, the Friends of St. Patrick Man of the Year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to endorse the proclamation for Eagle Scout Cameron Benoit, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to endorse the proclamation for Gene Lavanchy, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Kraus took a moment and updated the residents on the train and the Casinos. In keeping with our promise to update the Community on developments related to Casinos and Trains, I am pleased to be able to report some positive news at this time. As residents will recall, several months ago, the Board of Selectmen wrote to Governor Patrick and MBTA Leadership to express our disapproval of a proposed expansion and extension of the Commuter Rail system through Walpole to Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. We stressed the negative impacts that this would create for Walpole residents, our environment, and on the overall financial system of our community as well as the MBTA. Last week, our Board received a response from MBTA General Manager Jonathan Davis informing us that the T "has no commitment to move forward with the project". We welcome this news and appreciate the cooperation of the Governor Patrick and the MBTA in their decision to not move forward with this ill-conceived plan. A copy of this letter is on the Town web site for residents to view.

On a somewhat related topic, this Board recently sent a request to the CSX railroad company asking that automatic gates be installed at the Summer Street grade crossing. Within two weeks, CSX dispatched a representative to Walpole to meet with the Town Administrator to discuss the matter. CSX reported to us that it is the responsibility of the Commonwealth to request these type of gates, and that after an engineered plan is approved by the State, CSX would perform the approved work. As such, we have reached

out to Senator Timilty who has taken the lead and filed a written request for the installation of gates through Transportation Secretary Richard Davey. We are most grateful to the Senator for his assistance, and we will work with him to keep the Community apprised of any developments that may occur.

### **SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Chief Stillman, Quarterly update**

Chief Stillman updated the board on accidents, citations, and crimes against persons. Working with coalition with student activities. A group of officers worked with youngsters. Starting coffee with cops. Times every month, first one at the library. Move them around town and different times. Web page has been updated and is significantly better looking than it was. Talk about regionalizing centers. We met with Foxboro on the Country Fest and continuing to work on that. Training, we have two student officers in the MBTA academy. We have applied for cops grant, for two additional officers. Not optimistic. Our highway safety money, underage drinking grants have doubled. The deputy will be back in two weeks.

Deputy Chief Carmichael has been at the FBI academy; it is very intense, around the clock type activities. He has been very busy keeping up with homework.

Mr. Timson wanted to know the work you are doing with coalition, give a brief of the philosophy. In school activities that are going on. The Chief explained reducing the incidents of Drug and Alcohol abuse. We see more and more drug activity around the area. Addiction to heroin, reach out to younger kids to educate them in activities and let them know there are consequences to their actions. Focusing more on middle school. We are trying to get the police to interact with the kids. By the time, they get to the High School they have engaged with them. We are working on getting officers into the schools with the help of teachers. Working with health, police dept to engage these kids to let them see there is something else than D&A.

Mr. Kraus wanted an update on The Home for Little Wanderers, is it better worse, same. The Chief explained it was better for a while. There are problems and they know the issue. The Neighborhood said there is more than what we know going on. There were issues when they should have called us. When Edie was away during one of them. I understand, they do not want to give up on the kids. I understand, but when the same one is being arrested. If it is the same one repeatedly, they need to say enough.

Mr. Timson would like him to put together a financial analysis as to what this is costing the town.

Mr. Gallivan would like to know what is the impact on the schools. The Chief stated it is his understanding it is a big impact on the schools but funded by the state.

### **Chief Bailey, Quarterly Update**

In November 3,096 calls last year, 1900 inspections. Since first of year we are off a little than last year. Ambulance income since July 1, 2011 is \$ 488,455. Grants waiting to hear on AVG grant, communication grant. SAFA grant, we received that to enable our team to teach the young kids fire safety.

Details are up for the Fire department, because of the Mall, Longview, and Aggie. All job descriptions were all reviewed and updated. EMS is done in house. Our web page has been redone and Captain Kehoe has made changes and made user friendly. Working on Street numbering. We have two members still out on long-term injury. They have filed one has heard back and the other member must go back with further information.

Met with Capital budget to discuss the Fire trucks that need to be replaced. Met with the Finance Committee. Open burring is in full swing. Do not wait until the last two weeks in April. Use wet weather to your benefit.

### **Budget Discussion on Public Safety**

Mr. Boynton reviewed the public safety budgets. There is a notable update, which would be the restoration of one police officer, upgrade of emergency management program, full funding on Fireside. He is trying to realistic. Mr. Timson is glad to see the restoration of a police officer as it is very important.

Mr. Boynton spoke of the analysis he is preparing for the Finance Committee. The Bldg dept is still down. Even with restoration of the ½-time inspector, there are many requirements. There are more than just inspections. A lot of work that goes on in there, we do not want to miss anything. It is as important a public safety role as any departments here.

Mr. Gallivan wanted to know how big an impact will the Aggie have on inspectional services.

Mr. Mee stated it would be a substantial project. Will be a lot of oversight by my inspectors, I do have the plans in my office. Just in house work is significant. Mr. Timson also noted residents sometimes want the building inspector to tell them what they in need in terms of zoning.

### **3-4 Historical Commission, Seeking Appointment**

Jackie Huckle has lived in Walpole her whole life and wants to serve on the Historical Commission. She would like to preserve the historical character of the town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Jackie Huckle to the Historical Commission as a Regular Member with a term to expire on April 1, 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan,  
VOTED 4-0-0

**3-11 Use of A. Farm ,Plant Swap**

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the use of Adams Farm for a Plant Swap, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

**3-12 A-Frame Signs, Lion's Club**

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the A-Frame signs, at the pocket park, E. Walpole, S. Walpole common and town common seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

**3-13 to 3-21 Acceptance of Gifts**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Walpole Day gifts, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the Concerts on the Common gifts, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gift for the Glass Half Full, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gift for Teens/Middle School, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

**3-22 Bid Contract 2012-20**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to award bid contract no. 2012-20 to Boston Electric and Telephone Corp for the amount of \$94,500, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Timson wanted to know what that leaves for funds in the library. Mr. Boynton stated it is in the several hundred thousands range. We will regroup with PBC. Mr. Boynton noted there will be things that may pop up over the next few months. Mr. Good is talking to bond counsel as to what we do with remaining balance. It will come back to the Selectmen for recommendation

**3-23 Job Descriptions**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the revised job descriptions as presented, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

**3-24 Pinebrook Estates**

These funds will not cover all the costs, but a majority. The roads have not been accepted as public ways. It puts us in a stronger position

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to record the Grant of Easement for Old Town Road, Starlight Drive and Crosswoods Path , seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

8:00 p.m. OPEN FORUM  
No One present

**3-6, 3-7 Norfolk County Mosquito Control**

Norfolk County Mosquito control is seeking permission from the Town to use the Old Lincoln Road landfill as a landing site for the helicopter. They have fourteen sites around the district and they have asked for a few additional sites to help with the costs. Dave Lawson explained this looks like it would meet their needs. The whole application only takes three days.

Board discussed the safety setup they go thru. There was concern, as people may be interested in looking at the helicopter. It was explained there is a gate that remains locked at the entrance. There are also the Little League fields across the street and concerned with the children's safety.

Mr. Lawson is hoping it will happen school vacation week. He will give the Board a ballpark date as to when they would be using the site. The Board wants an insurance binder for any damage to the turf and the landings must cease by noontime. He went on to discuss a new policy in place regarding the budget. One is that they want us to submit our budget request to every town in the district, asking you to say thumbs up or thumbs down

It was noted when you look at one million do to the entire county, the work they do on behalf of the towns by clearing out known clogged areas. They provide incredible service to the town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to designate Michael Boynton to sign the declaration supporting the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Budget Seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry To approve the use of the old town dump at Lincoln Rd and West Street by the helicopter contractor for the Norfolk County Mosquito subject to receiving insurance certificates, and they will cover any damage cause, security, gate be close while landing and all landings be completed before noon, town being notified at least seven days seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

**3-9 Dick Adams, Appointment to Trails Committee**

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Dick Adams to the Walpole Trails Committee as an associate member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

3-10 **Jane Mitchell, Resignation**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept with regret the resignation of Jane Mitchell from the Board of Health , seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 4-0-0

8:15 p.m. **Trash Collection**

Mr. Kraus read a statement into the record. This evening the Board will continue the discussion of trash collection options for our new contract that will begin in July. To date, the Board has reviewed options and collection methods with our Health Director and Town Administrator. It is clear that a tremendous amount of work has gone into these negotiations on the part of Robin Chapell, and as a Board, we are most appreciative. Tonight, we look to hear from any resident who wishes to speak on the topic. Each of us has received several comments from residents over the past two weeks, both pro and con, on the subject of automated collection and single stream recycling. We will clearly weigh all of those in as we continue our deliberations.

Also tonight, we are joined by several guests who will provide input and answer any questions that may arise. Unfortunately, Robin is unable to be here due to illness, however Board of Health Chairman Bill Morris will represent his Board and present us with their recommendation. In addition, Kevin Douglas of Russell Disposal, our current vendor is here, as are Kathy Mirza of the DEP and Norwood DPW Director Mark Ryan who will help with some of the technical points. As most are aware, Norwood is now operating with automated collection.

I will welcome all points tonight, and ask that the simple rule of courtesy be observed at all times. I recognize that this can be a charged topic, but we will keep it professional. In addition, to the greatest degree possible, we ask that repetitive comments be held to a minimum to allow everyone who wishes to speak the opportunity to do so.

With that, I will ask Mr. Boynton to update us on any changes since the last meeting.

Bill Morris, Kevin Douglas from Russell and DEP and Mark Ryan from Norwood DPW were present.

At the previous meeting, several questions were brought up regarding the challenges seniors or residents with disabilities would have with the carts. Through Robin's efforts, working with the vendor there could be a waiver of the system to assist these residents.

The Town could remain with the current system. The single stream is more expensive in the beginning, but depending on increase in recycling, the tipping fee could be reduced. The hope is to have people recycle more.

Bill Morris spoke to the idea of single stream recycling, coming up a few years ago. What can we do to be environmentally responsible? It makes it better for the homeowner. We are looking at automated, is that the current system, you get a different type of containers out there. Allow homeowners to recycle. The tipping fee costs the difference in costs is 15% -20%.

Mark Ryan from Norwood DPW started in Oct 2008 and everyone finds it easier. As far as ascetics, we use to have all kinds of trash out there. The 64 Gallon cart forces you to recycle. So much neater, and saves money. It has been accepted and easier for people. During the holiday season, they have a 30yard container at the DPW yard for recycling. It was emptied six times. They also provide additional carts to residents for recycling at no cost for the first three years.

Mr. Berry appreciates his comments but is skeptical there were no difficulties.

Mr. Ryan stated people did not understand that you could not put the bag to the side. The drivers will only pick up the cart. It was not perfect right away; we still have to educate people. We send out non-compliance letters. It is constant education. He did note on issue has been the bulky items.

The Board wanted to know what if someone tries to put a trash bag in recycling. They were told there are cameras on the trucks to see what is going in.

Ms. Mercier from DEP thinks it works well in towns that do this.

Kevin Douglas of Russell stated one town that changed is Dedham in 2009, and the results were incredible. The program works.

Robert O'Leary-Washington St, the tonnage of trash I feel that is inaccurate. The first year would see a savings because you cut out illegal trash. The winner is the trash company. You will see a change in recyclables. I do not see the saving overall.

Discussion on where you put the carts when there is snow came up and Mr. Douglas noted that last year with all the snowfall people made it work.

Joe Moraski feels this should be discussed in full. You were given a two page memo. Just on price alone. When you are talking about an override, I think you need to look at the costs. Allied was cheaper. We would not have to change our method of pick up. Even if you take Robin's costs for tipping fee, Allied is still cheaper.

Robin wants to change the rules for trash collection large items. Residents moving in or out of town for extra large pickup. We do nothing to enforce our current limitations. The recommendation before you wants to limit the amount of trash and recyclables. We can hold some trash back in our garage, or residents can be charged for bulky items. This is talking Trash Fees. DPH 410-602 requires homeowners clean from garbage, one

of the conditions accumulation of rubbish, any recommendation of holding back trash can be against the rules.

Who will be policing the 96-gallon carts? Even though they said there was a camera, I can not believe they will look at that all the time. Given restrictions, we are imposing.

Recycling, why are we doing less? We will continue to see more technical advantages in glass plastic, etc. Almost 25% of Walpole households are one person. In Norwood 33% is one person. Does not generate a 64 gallon trash or recycle 96 gallon. If you are thinking about fully automated. I think the fully automated system would not be the way to go. Adults with disabilities can hold a lot of trash. Even though you were urged to vote, I applaud you for not doing so.

Mr. Boynton noted that option one does no increase recycling; we have no way to limit the trash. We do not have the trash police. Mr. Moraski suggested having the hauler mark whether someone has recyclables in trash and no recyclables.

Mr. Snuffer applauds voluntarily recycling, he does not favor mandates or excessive regulations, government regulations on Federal level, 150,000 pages of fine print, the cost to the people being regulated as 1,7 trillion a year. The proposed changes, I doubt if everyone was using the six bags would fit into the 64 gallon container. If you have yours full, you can hold on for a week or so. He does not want to see trash police force., you can get another barrel at a cost, so that is a trash fee, my problem is these devices, can have intrusive effect , collect data, platform for your privacy, monitor your habits, in my opinion they violate your fourth amendments rights. He noted this is taking place over this country, Cleveland Ohio.

Resident of 72 William Street asked if recycling would be every week or every other week. Why don't we consider every week? Mr. Boynton noted it would double the cost.

Mr. Gallivan appreciates everyone coming out. He understands change is hard; we need to make sure we can handle the exceptions. He would like to see us recycle more. At this time, he is leaning towards the automated system.

Mr. Kraus thanked everyone for attending. The Board is not going to vote on this proposal this evening. It was noted the lead-time for ordering trucks we are not going to vote on this tonight, valuable data, and appreciates everyone coming. Has to be some way to educate more on recycling. We have a lot to work on before putting this innovative to closure.

9:45 p.m..      **Outdoor dining using public sidewalks**

Ms. Mercandetti wanted to bring forward an opportunity for extending outdoor dining into the public way. The draft regulations have been forwarded to Town counsel for review. The issue is whether within the current Zoning Bylaws you can allow this or must there be a special permit. She has received requests from business owners to do



this. This would be a temporary license from April to October. She has met with the Chamber of Commerce and they recognized an interest in outdoor seating.

Mr. Timson expressed his concern for appearance. There should be regulations in place that would address that. Ms. Mercandetti is waiting to hear back from the Building Commissioner regarding the need for a special permit and will return to the Board when she has the regulations finalized.

### **Liquor License Survey**

Staff completed a survey of surrounding town's fees. The Board feels there is room for change and would like to consider amending their fees.

### **Non Binding Questions on Ballot**

Board may consider placing questions on the ballot. If anyone has any idea, they are to forward to the office.

### **Town Administrator's Update**

Traffic Lights- The traffic lights at Main & Stone are breaking down . They are being looked at.

Snow and Ice update- Mr. Boynton reviewed the remaining funds in the snow and ice budget. He would like to purchase a new truck to plow. Mr. Timson is hesitant to do that. When he sees a surplus and looking for an override, those funds should be placed in a rainy day fund. Mr. Boynton noted the truck costs about \$150,000. He knows come Fall Town meeting he will need the funds to replace the truck. Mr. Timson wishes to see photos and information on the vehicles.

St. Patrick's Day code enforcement- if the building is overcrowded the fines are substantial.

Building at Landfill- Mr. Boynton spoke of hat building at the landfill sitting there. One suggestion could be that building be utilized to house some of our emergency vehicles. We are going to take a look at it. We need to get approval from DEP.

Municipal fuel for gasoline. If this site became active, the next question to DEP, could we utilize that for fuel storage facility.

CERT and MRC-We have two groups' very active incredible help to us. CERT and MRC both have been very active; we have never formally appointed these folks. We have a list of committee members, charges for the committees under emergency management. We should recognize the folks.

Library- Albert Giadamenico, interested in purchasing the old library on Common Street/Lewis Ave for office. The right thing to do is to sit down with him and a few members of the Board.

Mr. Berry thinks this is another option to look at. We did not give commercial use a lot of thought. I think it is worth investigating. Board members will meet with him soon.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Board would like to hold a meeting at the new library and the Old Post Road School.

Board members discussed the number of inactive committees and would like to look at them. Suggested having a workshop meeting.

### **MINUTES**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the Executive Session minutes November 1, 2011, but not release, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve Executive session minutes November 15, 2011 but not release, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to release the minutes of December 28, 2010, January 11, 2011, January 13, 2011, March 8, 2011, April 19, 2011 and December 7, 2011 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of January 24, 2012 and January 31, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to adjourn 10:55 p.m., seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0