

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 in the Walpole Police Station Community room located at 50 South Street at 7:00pm. The following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chairman
James O'Neil, Clerk
David Salvatore
Ann Ragosta

Also present:
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Ragosta read the proclamation for Eagle Scout.

(4-1) MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Proclamation for Eagle Scout Alexander Portanova seconded by Mr. Gallivan voted 5-0-0

(4-2, 4-3) APPOINTMENTS

Chief Stillman we have two officers we would like to recommend. Tomorrow is the first year celebration of the new Station. We are grateful for the wonderful facility. Bill Madden has retired, moved to Vermont, working with homeland security. We thank him for his service to the Town. Andrew Kiewilcz will fill in that space. The two officers before you the command has interviewed. The first candidate we were very impressed from Haiti to United States. She was a track star in High School. She went to Northeastern University and received Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. The school was so impressed brought her into the cadet program. She is currently an active police officer for Northeastern University. She comes very highly recommended and very well balanced. Very personable, likes working with kids, we think she will make a great officer. She speaks 3 languages.

Nicole thank you Chief for that introduction. I am 24 years old, born in Haiti. I went to Somerville High School starting track and field. I fell in love with Northeastern and had a scholarship, graduated with criminal justice degree. I am thankful for the opportunity. Very happy and thank you for having me. Walpole, I hear nothing but amazing things, cant wait to work with the High School, Middle School and Elementary children.

Mr. Gallivan it is a high honor for you to be selected by them.

Mrs. Mackenzie can't wait to introduce her to the track coach. Mr. O'Neil it is amazing what you have accomplished, captain of a number of teams, look forward to having you

here. Ms. Ragosta was struck by her nice demeanor personality. Mr. Salvatore the chief is great of giving praise. Good luck.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Nicole Genard as a Walpole Police Officer starting on April 8, 2019 at Step 2, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

We had an officer that was in the MBTA struggled and left us with a void. Justin, when he sent his cover letter he wanted to give back to town. He is a Walpole resident and graduated from Walpole High in 2014. On March 25th he graduated from MBTA 42nd Transit Police Academy. He participated in that academy training class as a Self-sponsor which means that he attended and completed with little to no financial support from any police agency. For someone to self-sponsor himself, they pay the tuition, don't get paid. This requires someone with great determination, motivation and desire to serve as a police officer. He had support from his family. Chief Brooks knew he would be a good candidate. We were very impressed with Justin and think he will be a great fit, he speaks 2 languages as well.

Justin stated he has lived in Walpole most of my life, played sports in Town, got a bachelors degree, very interested in sports. He coached Walpole wrestling for a while. Always wanted to be a Police officer. He has tremendous support from my family.

Mr. O'Neil welcome you are another terrific candidate and your leadership stands out, welcome to the team.

Ms. Ragosta self sponsored to the academy, you were willing to take a risk, and you were not guaranteed a spot.

Mr. Salvatore thinks it is great for you and us.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Justin Rouhana as a Walpole Police Officer starting on April 8, 2019 at Step 1, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-4) Seeking membership to Historical Commission

Robert Doane, lived here for 3 years in Walpole. Has worked in history museums for over fifteen years and is currently the curator of the Naval War College Museum in Newport RI. He advocates for the preservation of historic buildings belonging to the U.S. Navy. Has worked with Mass State Historic preservation office to nominate a property for the National Register of Historic Places. I do think local history is important.

Ms. Ragosta loves the idea you are a history major. Thank you for volunteering.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Robert Doane, as Associate member to Historical Commission, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-5) Kathleen Cleary, seeking membership to MBTA Advisory Board

Kathleen Cleary moved here 20 years ago, looking for a small town, wanted to get involved in politics. Got involved in Washington Street. There is now a sidewalk on Washington St. I am applying for the MBTA Advisory Board, very patient about the train situation. Talked about the speed of the train in S. Walpole.

Mr. Salvatore keep us informed while you are at these meetings. Mr. Johnson explained the meetings are in Boston. They are usually Thursday mornings at 11 am. Mrs. Mackenzie when you are there, hope you remember you are consistence with the Boards, police and school stance.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Kathleen Cleary as the Towns representative on the MBTA Advisory Board seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-6) Article #22- Philip Czachorowski

Thank you, Article #22 is a resolution that is non-binding for Walpole to adopt a goal of 100% renewable energy by 2050. It calls for town officials how we get to this goal. The town has done a lot of good things. The gas pipeline, past resolutions, better solutions than a gas pipeline, Walpole has done a lot of things, the solar district, the certified lead library.

Walpole has gotten an approval to participate in the grant. Walpole as well as others is feeling the change in climate. The temperature could raise 7degrees, in 2001 to reduce a green gas emission 25% by 2020. If we don't reduce are carbon emissions we may reach a point were we could stop. This will start a conversation in the town. This is not mandating anything. What can we do as a town? Talked about a master plan for the town to take steps, it is non-binding the town is going to have to decide what are we going to do. We are not recommending any action. A lot of towns are appointing a committee that can work with departments and committees on how to be greener. Higher a sustainability coordinator renewable energy coordinator or committee. We are not recommending a certain thing. Creating a Master Plan, it is gong to take enormous resources. It puts you in a position for grants that you can apply for. Easy thing you can do is the Green communities act. Projected the town would get back money. There are other criteria that would need to be met. The state has made great progress in electrical use. LED usage has helped. There is a lot of research going on. Walpole doesn't have to do it, it will be global act. There is a bill to make that 100%. All we will be doing is getting to a place. We ask for your support of this Article. Mr. Gallivan does like the idea, do I agree with everything on this page. No, the technology you are talking about are not here yet. I see a lot of change over 30 years. I am supportive of the concept.

Mr. Salvatore what about municipal energy usage. Mr. Czachorowski the town is already doing some with solar. Mr. Salvatore it would cost a lot more money. We could do it for electricity. Mr. Czachorowski depending on who your supplier is, the state is looking at Wind.

Ms. Ragosta read the resolution, I don't necessarily agree with everything you have here. I support individuals with those that don't. It is a dichotomy. You use the words that it is nonbinding. She feels it is a policy for the town. You want to create a policy and than binding decisions. Ms. Ragosta operationally it is establishing policy. Mr. Czachorowski

I disagree, it would only happen if the BOS and TM went forward. Ms. Ragosta this troubles me. The part of the resolution that bothers me when you are talking about the residents and businesses and institutions. Mr. Czachorowski if the town just did the power choice initiative if it was available. Ms. Ragosta the stated goal is to get the residents, town and businesses to get to 100 percent renewable energy. This could be a burden to businesses or homes. I am never comfortable when there is no room for moderation. This will limit personal choice. I will not support this resolution.

Mrs. Mackenzie talked about Southbridge farm. So much in that building that keeps his cost down. He did it all on his own. It cost a lot to do it. It is the upfront cost that makes it not affordable. Hopefully it will come down. When it comes to green communities.

Mr. O'Neil I see this as aspirational, I am sure technology will improve. I understand there is language that people will be concerned. I will support it.

Mr. Gallivan stated he has heard from contractors that the building code has changed that it is so difficult.

Mr. Salvatore from the 1st day of law school. At this point in time I feel like it is not in our purview. We are doing net metering. Zone appropriate. This as you said brings the issue that we will go over what the state and federal government do. They will have long hearings on these. Still a lot of open questions on this. It is just a resolution, giving me something to decide.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable Action on Article #22 of the Spring Town Meeting, seconded Mr. Gallivan Voted 3-1-1 (Ms. Ragosta opposed, Mr. Salvatore abstained)

7:45 pm OPEN FORUM- No one present

(4-7) MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to open the Hearing for Eversource to install 40+/- conduit at 95 West Street for the Commons at Walpole Station seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Petition to provide new service underground for the new building. Mr. Johnson we had this come up and we tabled it and we had an issue with Street lights and Glenwood Ave, they are in the design it is taking some time but it is progressing. I don't think we should hold them up.

Ms. Ragosta this petition is independent of the Glenwood issue. Mr. Johnson yes.

Mr. O'Neil we say Glenwood Ave is progressing it is going to take some time, we could actually be hold up their construction. Mr. Johnson the Planning Board asked them to try to go underground. Mr. O'Neil that meeting was in December; it takes a long time the cost is over \$30,000 design. Does this create a problem for construction? Mr. Johnson if they can't do it they will have to go back to the Planning Board. Mr. Johnson we have heard one million dollars. Mr. O'Neil in terms of the work that is going to happen, how will the

work unfold. How long will this take? He explained they would only take on lane at a time. They keep traffic flowing. This should not stop traffic. Maybe 3 days of trenching. Mr. Gallivan I would advise that you avoid the early morning rush.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the hearing seconded by Mr. Gallivan,
VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of Eversource to install 40 +/- conduit at 95 West Street for the Commons at Walpole Station subject to them receiving at Street opening permit from the engineering department seconded by Mr. Gallivan,
VOTED 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

(4-8) Re-appointment of Board and Committee members

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to re-appointment the members whose terms expire April 1, 2019 as shown on Document 4-8 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-9) Renewal of Junk Dealer, Junk Collector

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the renewal of Junk Dealer/Junk Collector as listed on Document 4-9 and that the license for Game Stop and Westside Stamp & Coin will not be issued until such time they meet the requirements of the Fire department Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-10) Letter to Town Representative, Chapter 70

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the letter to the Town's Representatives regarding Chapter 70 funds from the Walpole Public Schools seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Gallivan explained what the School Dept. is looking for.

(4-11) Change of Officers Walpole Country club

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change in Officers for the Walpole Country Club, seconded by Mr. Salvatore VOTED 5-0-0

(4-12) Use of Parking Lot across from police station for yard sale

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of the Friends of Walpole Elders to hold yard sale on May 18th with rain date of May 19th in parking lot across the Police Station subject to the conditions by the police dept. that there be signs and barricades put up to put people on notice that they can't park in the Police lot and also ask that DPW leave barricades to cordon off the lot so people don't try pulling in to the area where the event is taking place seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-13) Spring Town Meeting Articles # 5,6,9,10,11,12,20,21,22

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend NO Action on Articles # 9,10 and 12, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable Action on Article 5 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-1 (Mrs. Mackenzie abstained)

Ms. Ragosta noted on article 9 that the Chief is willing to go regionalize if necessary. Sounds like a lot of change going on in the dispatcher area. Would like to have a conversation with the Board regarding this area. I am not advocating for or not, conversation with the chief.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend favorable Action on Article # 6, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-2-0 (Mr. Salvatore and Ms. Ragosta opposed)

Ms. Ragosta had questions about the school budget. Is there a capital budget items? Mr. Johnson said they will be done in the fall. Ms. Ragosta my concern a revenue increase of 4.5%. That is a big change over one year. I feel like what we are doing is at the end of the budget cycle to address our capital needs. Mr. Johnson there is only 200 remaining in free cash. Ms. Ragosta back on the same cycle and looking at ways to spend free cash. Mr. Ragosta the reallocation of the Budget.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable Action on Article # 11, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Ms. Ragosta we should have the finance committee design policy for stabilization. Mr. Gallivan they are advisory, we would have to create a policy.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend RATM on Article # 20, 21 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstained)

Mr. Salvatore does not think this is ready. This is not how we should be doing zoning. They don't have it together.

(4-16) Bid Award 2019-17

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to Award Bid 2019-17 Asphalt Rubber Surface Treatment to All State Asphalt \$274,025.00 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

(4-17) Award Bid 2019-16

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to Award Bid 2019-16 Type I Contract to Lorusso Corporation \$996,368.40 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

(4-18) Award Bid 2018-08A

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to Award Bid 2018-08A Coney Street Reconstruction to Walsh Contracting Corp. \$1,317,479.56 and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign said contract, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA Items: MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept with thanks the following gifts, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. O'Neil abstained)

- a. Friends of St Patrick, Recreation Program scholarships \$3,000.00 (4-14)
- b. Walpole cooperative Bank, Recreation Program scholarship \$3,000.00 (4-15)

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

School bldg. committee -The SBC who should be on the committee. I am asking if you agree with this and can we put an ad out. Mr. Salvatore where do the numbers, the state indicates the type of membership, for number 10 do they mandate two. Mr. Johnson no. Looking to have someone with her expertise. Two finance background. What does the state actually require? Ms. Ragosta when you already have a committee in place 1 or 2 can bring back to the Board. Appoint more from the public, as opposed. Mrs. Mackenzie would like to take it home and think about it. Mr. O'Neil when we think about the size, some may not be voting candidates. You want continuity. Mr. Gallivan feels the school committee is the lead group; they are to set the educational goals. This committee is going to be for 3 years or more. Mr. O'Neil agrees there should be more school people on it. Mr. Gallivan told members to read it over and get back to Jim. The Board's ok.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of March 5, 2019 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of March 19, 2019, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 8:50pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0