

The Board of Selectmen met on Monday, May 6, 2019 beginning at 6:00pm in Room 2125 at the Walpole High School. Ms. Ragosta was absent. The following members were present.

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

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

Mr. Gallivan called the meeting to order.

Article #20 and Article #21

Mr. Johnson noted that Mr. Salvatore had a few questions about these articles.

Mr. Salvatore stated his concern was the time period in which to hold a public hearing by the Planning Board. He believes there is a 65 day window in which to hold the public hearing. Has that been complied with?

Attorney Eichman explained the Selectmen sent the letter regarding the articles to the planning board within the 14 days. However, the initial Ad from the Planning Board went beyond the 65 days and had Fall Town Meeting 2017 instead of Spring Town Meeting 2019. He further explained that the Planning Board was advised to send a second letter to the Selectmen's office and a new letter was sent back to them within the 14days as required.

Mr. Salvatore so you can restart the time clock.

Attorney Eichman explained that the Attorney general doesn't really care about the time as much as it was advertised and sent to the required agencies. The AG's office does not enforce the 65 day period. The reason to do this is to prompt the Planning Board to hold the hearing.

Mr. Hasenjaeger the Planning board had the hearing on May 2, 2019. That is not the way to do zoning. These AQV are a cash cow to our town. Reduces the zones and are not a lot of new properties and by putting in affordable housing we are going to lose the tax base. There is no one in favor of this.

Mr. Salvatore, so the time period is meaningless. I think what Town Counsel is proposing is wrong. No way is this ready for town meeting. He asked about the dates. He was told the dates for the first time they were sent to Planning Board and the second set of dates they were sent.

Mr. O'Neil from Counsels point of view we are compliant.

Attorney Eichman explained the Planning board advertised correctly the second time.

Mr. Hasenjaeger did not feel the public had time to learn about these articles.

Mr. O'Neil the Finance Committee talked about it. The Planning Board talked about it.  
The planning board was a 4-1 vote.

Mr. Hansenjaeger stated the EDC voted to refer back to committee. He said he spoke to John the Planner and he said it was not sent out certified to the agencies. Mr. Johnson was told that they were by Mrs. Delaney.

Mr. Hanenjaeger feels the Housing Authority should do a program for senior housing.

Mr. O'Neil, we have a Housing Production Plan that was approved by the Board of Selectmen and the state which includes affordable housing and senior housing.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article #20, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article #21, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 6:30 pm. seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0