

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Murphy room located at the Walpole cooperative bank south street center, Walpole Mass. 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

## APPOINTMENTS

### 5-1 Public Shade Tree Hearing, South Street

Robert LeBlanc, Tree Warden I received a call from a resident that had concern about a tree. I took a look at tree, and noted several deficiencies with the tree. It is a 52' white oak 75' tall. The surrounding trunk has been compromised. When they constructed the exit entrance to the condo complex. They put granite curbing. That is 18 feet from the tree and the backside of the tree there is significant rot. Enough outward signs that I have concerns about. I had a tree hearing on April 11, 2019. Had a good turnout. We talked about the trees issues. We had one objection at the end of the meeting if there is in objection in writing it has to come to the Board. My recommendation is removal. Mr. Salvatore was there some failure? Mr. LeBlanc yes there was a branch that was leaning up against the trunk of the tree. The canopy is dying. Last few weeks another branch came down.

Mr. Gallivan does anyone want to speak? Nancy Myers I called the tree warden one of my niece's cars was heavily damaged. Her car was totaled. That brought back our concern of the oak tree. It has been losing bark from the upper tree limbs. I am concerned about public safety. A lot of walkers, moms with children, adults with pets, serious safety concern. I would like to see the town address. It is not a healthy tree. Been hit by vehicles, not budding. There is nothing coming out on that tree. I think it is a danger.

Mr. Gallivan I did go out and look at the tree. It has a lot of problems. I am leery of some of those old trees. I would side with you.

Ben Sacco I went and looked at it, one large branch that looks dead, most of the branches are budding. I do not think we should cut down something that is 200 years old.

Mr. Salvatore, I know that sometimes trees that are rotted in the inside. Mr. LeBlanc yes they can leave out and be hollow in the center. It is probably 70-80 years old and in a state of decline. I think it is time to be proactive. Mr. Salvatore, I did have a case where a tree that was fully leaved and look beautiful but was hollow inside. Some of the signs on the exterior already are cause of concern. The loss of the bark at the base of the tree. Mr. LeBlanc that is where all the nutrients come from. There is decay on the backside of the tree. The decay is in an advance state.

Mr. O'Neil two of them look like they are hanging over, one looks like it could take a pole out. The one going over the driveway is dead, there is some budding, but I think it is done. I think it is a hazard.

Mrs. Mackenzie what do you do when you take out trees; there is a street tree account. Mr. LeBlanc I would offer a tree back, but we want the tree in the right place. Nancy would you want a tree? Mrs. Myers a Bush would be good. I would pay for anything. Mr. LeBlanc just took two down in front of Blessed Sacrament church. Mrs. Mackenzie are you discussing with these people if they do want a new tree. We do have a tree account and street trees can be offered.

Ann Fitzpatrick 145 South St, I have been there 6 1/2 years going out it is a safety hazard. We have a ton more traffic because of the Police Station and South Street center.

James Sacco, I have an emotional attachment to the tree. As for the large branch failure, it was not the oak tree it was another tree. I understand that it is probably cheaper to take it down than prune it. I see you could get some years out of it. It does not sound hollow. I am an arborist as well. It is budding now. You see oak trees in the woods and a lot of times they last another 40 years.

Mr. Salvatore what do you think about the loss of the bark at the tree? Mr. Sacco it looked spongy, facing the sidewalk. I don't know how significant that can be. More decay sets in as time goes on. With how long the tree has stood there. It is amazing. Mr. Salvatore there is a report from Eversource that the mulch could have done this.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to support the decision of Robert LeBlanc Tree Warden to remove the tree as it is a potential Hazard, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

#### 5-2 Conservation Commission Appointment

Douglas Burchesky I am retired and would like to come back and contribute. I have taken environmental studies, been involved in water purification. Hold a license wastewater treatment. Committed to helping conservation.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Douglas Burchesky to the Conservation Commission as a Regular member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan Voted 4-0-0

#### 5-3 Two appointments to School Building Committee

Mr. Gallivan explained it is going to be a 5-year process two times a week. Walpole was approved by MSBA to look at BMS. The committee will start working in June, if you are not appointed you can still go to the meetings.

Katia- I have lived in Town for 16yrs, I have one at Fisher and Johnson I wanted to be involved with community. I have more time to be involved. I feel this is an interesting project. I was involved in a study for poor houses. See how that project worked. I think this will combine safety for children.

Boris 10 year resident of Walpole, live on common Street, interested in paying my dues to the town, provide any service I can to the town. Was on the Executive Board for 6 years in my company serving as the main person for budgetary projections.

**\*\*Mr. Gallivan wanted to hold off on the appointments to see if the other two candidates will show up. Ms. Berube informed board that she had spoken with Ms. Roberts and she is ill. Mr. Johnson texted them.**

**5-4     Town Forest appointment**

Tom Schneider resident since 1996, couple of kids, involved in the community. Director of Village fair and founder for break bread. I like being involved in a lot of different things in the community. I love the T Forest, I volunteered with the boardwalk. We are lucky to have so much space.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Thomas Schneider to the Town Forest Committee as an associate member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5-5     Appoint Selectmen to School Bldg. COM**

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to appoint David Salvatore as the Selectmen's representative on the School Bldg. Com seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 3-0-1(Mr. Salvatore abstained)

**5-6     Use of A. Farm for Multisport event**

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the use of A. Farm on October 27<sup>th</sup> for a trail running race, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

**5-7     Use of A. Farm for Artisan market**

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the use of A. Farm on September 28 and 29 from 9-5 for artisans market, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 4-0-0

**5-8     Use of Parking Lot across from Police Station**

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to use the parking lot across from the police station for a Truck pull on July 27<sup>th</sup> from 10am to noon. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

Paula we get first responders including the firefighters and police. We are going to bring people here. Local first responders from the fire depts. They compete against each other in groups. Rebel the dog will be there.

**5-9     Change of Officers Walpole Country club**

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change of Officers for the Walpole Country club, Seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 4-0-0

**5-10   Change of Officers for Texas Roadhouse Holding LLC**

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the change of officers for Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-11 Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request in document 5-11 for the Night Before the 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-12 Memorial Day use of Town Common

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to use the Town common for Memorial Day observance on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 2pm and to block of Elm St between the commons from 11am to 2pm seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-13 Main Street Live event

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to hold Main Street live. To allow restaurants to use the sidewalks every Friday and Saturday from May 31<sup>st</sup> to September 28<sup>th</sup> and to approve the request of the EDC to provide music on the common every other Friday on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 23rd and September 6<sup>th</sup>. And to hold the main event Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> until 11:30pm. No Beer or Wine may be served until such time that a one-day license has been submitted and approved by the Board. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-14 One Day entertainment, Bridal Shower

MOTION Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to have live entertainment on June 22, 2019 from 1-5pm for a bridal shower, Seconded Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

5-15 One day all alcoholic license, Knights of Columbus

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request for a one day all alcoholic license for May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7-11pm at the Knights of Columbus, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

5-16 One day all alcoholic license, Walpole Sportsman's Association

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of the Walpole Sportsman's Association for a one day all alcoholic license for June 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

5-23 Bid Award contract 2019-08 (NO VOTE)

Mr. Johnson asked the Board to take no action on this as they are waiting for some paperwork.

MOTION to award contract 2019-08 Old Post Road water main replacement to P.J. Hayes corp. in the amount of \$942,774.40

VI. CONSENT AGENDA Items

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept with gratitude the following gifts

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| 1. Middlesex savings bank, to recreation       | \$1,000.00 (5-17) |
| 2. Middlesex savings bank, to Trails committee | \$ 250.00 (5-18)  |
| 3. Kristina & Shawn Sullivan, COA Gift         | \$ 25.00 (5-19)   |
| 4. Margret Judges, COA gift                    | \$ 50.00 (5-20)   |
| 5. Ellen Grasso, COA gift                      | \$ 100.00 (5-21)  |
| 6. Barbara Markway, COA Gift                   | \$ 50.00 (5-22)   |

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

## Town Administrators Update

Paving- He stated that Lorusso corp started milling on Bullard St today from the Norwood town line to 1A. The plan is to follow with Coney St, North St, and High Street. After the milling is completed and the castings are adjusted the paving will be done. The basketball court will start after the streets are milled and the tennis courts after Recreation's last session, which ends on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The Center poll parking lot will be done after the pool closes for the season.

Spring town meeting- as you know the meeting is complete and the budgets are set for FY 20. He received a good amount of positive feedback on the electronic voting,

Mr. Gallivan talked about the electronic voting. Several people told me they like the electronic voting.

Mr. Salvatore thinks that we did well, if we look at sharing it with the town. Mr. Gallivan we can rent or buy it. Mr. Johnson stated that Mike Donovan thinks it could be on your phone with an app. Mr. O'Neil heard nothing but positive feedback on it. I didn't have anyone tell me they didn't like it.

Mr. Gallivan talked about the light outage in the center of town. Wanted to know if the town owned it. It is being fixed.

Fall Town meeting- Have already started thinking about Fall Town Meeting and calendar leading up to October 21<sup>st</sup>. We expect that will be asking the Board to open the warrant in June and close in August.

Ms. Berube stated she has it scheduled for June 11 and closing on August 20.

### Back to discussion on appointments to School Building Committee.

Mrs. Mackenzie spoke of Andrea Roberts and that she was ill. She would like to support her and spoke highly of Andrea Roberts. Would like the Board to consider appointing her to the Committee.

Document 5-3 and 5-5 continued, Appointments to School Building Committee  
MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Andrea Roberts and Boris Senic

Mr. O'Neil would like wait before making a decision.  
Mr. Salvatore I am going to abstain

Mr. O'Neil I feel that the people that did show up here. It is unfortunate. I have a very hard time not supporting the people that got here.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Boris Scenic to the School Building Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to appoint Kartia Santiago-Taylor to the School Building Committee, seconded by Mr. O'Neil VOTED 2-1-1 (Mrs. Mackenzie opposed and Mr. Salvatore abstained)

MOTION moved by Nancy Mackenzie Per the MSBA requirements it is moved that the Board of Selectmen appoint the following individuals to the School Building Committee

1. MCPPO certified official – School Business Manager **Mike Friscia** (1)
2. Chief Executive Officer – BOS member – **David Salvatore** (2)
3. Town Administrator **Jim Johnson** as a non-voting member
4. School Committee Members – 1 **Nancy Gallivan, Mark Breen, Jen Geosits**
5. Superintendent of Schools – **Bridget Gough** (6)
6. Building Maintenance Superintendent– **Don Anderson** (7)
7. Representative of office authorized to construct schools and has Architecture background – 3  
Members of PBC – **Jack Conroy, Jack Fisher, Jeff Fisher** (10)
8. School Principal –BMS Principal **Edward Connor** (11)
9. Member with Knowledge of Edu Mission - **Bill Hahn** (12)
10. Budget Official or Fin Com Member –Finance Committee Member **Susan Lawson** (13)
11. Other-2 at large members of the community **Boris Senic and Katia Santiago-Taylor**(15)

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm, seconded by Mr. O'Neil  
VOTED 4-0-0