

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 remotely at 7:00 pm. The following Board members were present:

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chair
Mark Gallivan, Clerk joined at 7:05pm
James O'Neil
David Salvatore

Also participating
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

Executive Order on Remote Participation

Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments

7:00pm – Jack Wiley, Discussion and Vote on Adams Farm Fees for Photographers

Jack Wiley from the Adams Farm Committee was present for this appointment. Jim Johnson provided background to the Board on this matter. Jack Wiley informed the Board that the Adams Farm Committee has voted favorably on charging a nominal fee for photographers to use Adams Farm as a backdrop.

On motion of Chair Barrett, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve new Adams Farm Fee schedule for photographers. On roll call voted of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

7:15pm – Vote to approve request of Rebecca Joyce, to launch the Keep Walpole Beautiful Mural Box Project

Rebecca Joyce was present for this appointment, Ms. Joyce informed the Board that members of the Cultural Council and Keep Walpole Beautiful would make the decision on what artwork goes where but would look to get final approval from someone at Town Hall. The Board expressed their support for this wonderful idea and think it will liven up some of the intersections in Town. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the request of Rebecca Joyce to launch the Keep Walpole Beautiful Mural Box Project. On roll call voted of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

New Business

Discussion of Wall Street Development Corp letter, dated December 8, 2020, pertaining to Chapter 40B Comprehensive Permit – Project Peer Review, Residence of Burns Avenue and Possible Vote

Attorney George Pucci, KP Law was present. Jim Johnson provided background on the letter received from Wall Street Development Corp. George gave the Board an overview of the peer review phase of a 40B project, and the how the state statute provides for an administrative appeal to a Town's Board of Selectmen on a permitting boards selection of a peer review consultant. The Board deliberated and discussed the request from Mr. Petrozzi. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted that the request has not

met the burden to show a significant conflict of interest or that Tera Tech are an unqualified consultant and moved to deny the appeal. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Glenn Maffei, Walpole Trails Committee to use Adams Farm on January 01, 2021 from 9am-2pm for Annual First Day Hike

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to approve request of Glenn Maffei, Walpole Trails Committee to use Adams Farm on January 01, 2021 from 9am – 2pm for Annual First Day Hike subject to them complying with any COVID19 protocols that are in place at the time of the event. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to update the Charge for the 300 Anniversary Committee and Vote to appoint Committee Members

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to amend the number of the 300th Anniversary Committee members from 7 Walpole residents to 11. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to appoint Tim Hoegler, Michael Power and Lisa Van Der Linden to the 300th Anniversary Committee. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). The Board discussed funding for the Committee and perhaps the Committee putting in a capital budget request.

Vote to approve the Senate redraft Bill S.2807

Attorney Lauren Goldberg, KP Law was present. Attorney Goldberg and Jim Johnson explained to the Board that majority of the changes are gender-based pronouns and nothing that is substantial in nature, the intent of town meeting is still being upheld. The Board wished to thank Sarah Khatib for bringing this warrant article forward to Town Meeting originally. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve Senate redraft as set forth in S2807 under Home Rule Petition and forward this vote to the Senate from the Board of Selectmen with our endorsement. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of ecoATM LLC for a Junk Collector license located at 550 Providence Highway

The Board discussed the request and decided to table this item until the next meeting to gather additional information and perhaps have a representative from ecoATM LLC attend.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude

1. Helen Hourihan to COA Gifts \$100
2. In memory of William Backoff to Ambulance Gift Account \$75

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

799 total confirmed cases with 119 active cases.

Darwin Lane

The Town was approached last week by Lou Petrozzi of Wall Street Development Corp, and asked for a meeting with department heads to develop a parcel off Darwin lane. They are proposing a 28 unit 40B project on site, he asked if the Town would consider a 5 unit standard sub-division. The catch is if the Planning Board denies the standard sub-division, he wants the Town to agree to waive the one-year moratorium to file a comprehensive 40B application. Unfortunately, there is no mechanism in place for the Town to preemptively

waive the safe harbor provision; I will be informing Mr. Petrozzi via letter that we cannot waive it through this Board.

Norfolk County

The County Commissioners and the County Agricultural School Board of Trustees are holding a joint meeting on Tuesday December 29 at 12pm via Zoom. Boards will be receiving an update on the proposed solar project and wanted to make this Board aware of the meeting. The agenda and zoom link will be posted on our website.

Christmas & New Years

I wanted to take this opportunity to wish our residents and town employees a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2020 has not been an easy year for many people but I'm looking forward to fresh start in 2021. I am hopeful that the vaccine will be distributed and everyone that wants to get it will be able to get it in a timely manner and there has to be better days ahead of us.

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of November 24, 2020 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Vice Chair Mackenzie, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:25pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).