

The Select Board met on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm in the Finance Committee Meeting Room of Town Hall. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chair  
Benjamin Barrett, Vice Chair  
Glenn Maffei, Clerk  
Nancy Mackenzie  
James O'Neil

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

### Appointments

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gallivan called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held in memory of Emergency Management Administrator Roger Turner who passed away on June 2, 2021.

#### Bernard Lynch, Community Paradigm Associates, LLC – Discussion on Police Chief Search and Selection Proposal

Bernard Lynch, Community Paradigm Associates, was present. Bernard introduced himself to the Board, gave some background on his company and outlined the approach they would take in conducting the police chief search; which would include identifying people that might be interested in the position, post the position and build a pool of candidates. They would manage the process all the way through to narrowing the field down, manage the candidates through the assessment center and bring forward finalists to the Select Board. The Board discussed the approach and outlined how they look forward to beginning the process and touched on the importance of outreach to department heads to give them an opportunity for input.

#### Fire Chief Bailey Quarterly Update

Present was Chief Bailey to provide the Fire Department quarterly report. The Chief informed the Board that since the first of the year there has been 1,868 calls which is 312 over this time last year, averaging 21.7 calls per day. The ambulance current balance is \$2,565,397 and fire prevention is still very busy. The Chief updated the Board on the recently awarded grants including the safe and senior safe grants, the cares relief fund, the CFS grant and fire safety grant. The AFG grant for the engine and safer grant for the eight firefighters has been submitted and awards will be coming out starting at the end of June and going through the summer. He informed the Board that the department is looking forward to getting back to in person training, but are continuing to do smaller group trainings. Chief Bailey also gave the Board an update on the personnel front including the retirement of John Hamilton after thirty four years of service and one person on the injury list. Chief Bailey reiterated to the Board that the night before the 4<sup>th</sup> is still off for this year due to the decision needing to be made in March and at that time the pandemic was still active. The Board discussed the East Walpole fire station, how it provides a great service to the town and are supportive of keeping the station open as long as the Chief and Administration are keeping an eye on the costs.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to declare the utility box truck as surplus and authorize the Town Administrator to dispose of the surplus equipment. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint Lieutenant Joe Zanghetti as a Constable for non-civil matters

Interim Police Chief Kelleher and Lieutenant Zanghetti were present. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Lt. Joe Zanghetti as a Constable for non-civil matters. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request for Change of Manager for Walpole Country Club to Bryan LaBlue

Applicant Bryan LaBlue was present and introduced himself to the Board. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request for change of manager for the Walpole Country Club to Bryan LaBlue. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Walpole Country Club to add Live Music to its Annual Entertainment License. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Council on Aging Interviews and Vote for appointment: (Two Regular & Two Associate Positions)

Present were candidates Linda Colletti, Joanne DiPietro, Sandhya Malur, Meagan Priest, Janet Fasanella and Julia Cesareo as well as Council on Aging Board Chair Richard McCarthy and Vice Chair Josette Burke.

Chair Gallivan, gave each candidate a few minutes to introduce themselves to the Board, speak on why they would like to join the COA and how they would assist the COA Director and the other Board members. The Board thanked everyone for being willing to volunteer and hoped that even if not appointed they will continue to find other ways to assist the Council. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to promote Mrs. Fasanella as a regular member to the Council on Aging. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Joanne DiPietro as a regular member to the Council on Aging. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Sandhya Malur as an associate member on the Council on Aging. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Meagan Priest as an associate member on the Council on Aging. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present

New Business

Vote to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-21 Blackburn Hall Phase II Façade Restoration in the amount of \$167,000 to Aegean Builders LLC

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan voted to award bid/contract no. 2021-21 Blackburn Hall Phase II Façade Restoration in the amount of \$167,000 to Aegean Builders LLC and to note this project was identified in the first master plan. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-22 Pavement Markings at Various Locations in the amount of \$34,390 to K5 Corporation

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded Board member O'Neil, voted to award bid/contract no. 2021-22 for Pavement Markings at various locations in the amount of \$34,390 to K5 Corporation. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-24 Old Post Road School Partial Window Replacement in the amount of \$205,900 to Modern Glass & Aluminum Inc.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan voted to award bid/contract no. 2021-24 for Old Post Road School Partial Window Replacement in the amount of \$205,900 to Modern Glass & Aluminum Inc., and to note also identified in the school facilities studies that came off of the first master plan. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-25 Walpole High School Partial Roof Replacement in the amount of \$146,293 to Corolla Contracting Inc.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan voted to award bid/contract no. 2021-25 for Walpole High School Partial Roof Replacement in the amount of \$146,293 to Corolla Contracting Inc. and again came from the same study. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to open the Fall 2021 Town Meeting Warrant

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to open the Fall 2021 Town Meeting Warrant and close it on August 24, 2021. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint Select Board Representative on the School Building Committee

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member Mackenzie, voted to appoint Ben Barrett as the Select Board Representative on the School Building Committee. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to sign Ground Lease and Notice of Lease with W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. and Covidien LP for the Superfund Site

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to sign the ground lease and notice of lease with W.R. Grace & Co.-Conn. and Covidien LP for the Superfund Site. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote on Sign Policy at Town owned Athletic Fields

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the sign policy at Town owned athletic fields. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of the Recreation Department to use the Town Common to hold the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Concerts on the Common series

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of the Recreation Department to use the Town Common for the Annual Concerts on the Common series as outlined in the memo dated June 07, 2021. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request for two One Day Wine & Malt Licenses for Avi Shemtov - TAPPED Beer Truck on June 19 & 20, 2021 at Bird Park

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan voted to approve request of Avi Shemtov - TAPPED Beer Truck for two one day wine & malt licenses at Bird Park on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 5pm – 8pm and Sunday June 20, 2021 from 12pm-3pm subject to them meeting the conditions outlined by WPD that there be one police officer detail at the event 30mins before alcohol service begins until 30mins after alcohol service ends and alcohol to remain in the designated area. Motion Passed (4-0-1) Clerk Maffei abstained.

Vote request of Donna Murphy for a one day entertainment permit at 40 Front Street for live music from 4pm-11pm on June 26, 2021 with a rain date of July 03, 2021.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve request of Donna Murphy for a one day entertainment permit at 40 Front Street for live music from 4pm-11pm on June 26, 2021 with a rain date of July 03, 2021 with the applicant informing WPD of the exact date closer to the event. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to accept with extreme gratitude all donations as listed on the consent agenda and would like to note the following:

Jr. Women's Club of Walpole to Positive Tickets in Chief Carmichael's name & to the Veterans Gift Account, Multiple Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance, Henry Scanzio to COA Gifts, Philip Sanford

to COA Gifts and many donations in memory of Frances Palmieri to COA Gifts, from the following families and organizations: St. Louis, Palmieri, Habeski, Todaro, Galligan, Fairneny, Kee, Kiessling, Farris, Cochanek, Molica, Lundergan, Jackson, Zawistowski and Colon Families, Boyden Sunshine and Norwood Art Association. Motion Passed (5-0-0)

### Minutes

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the minutes of May 25 and June 07, 2021 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (4-0-1) Clerk Maffei abstained.

### Town Administrator's Update

#### COVID

Today is the last day of the State of Emergency in terms of open meeting laws. I want to thank the entire Board of Health department, they have done a great job over the last fifteen months. We have zero active cases in Walpole which is good news. There is still a lot of discussion about changes to the open meeting laws and alcohol service.

#### Town Election

I want to thank Liz and her team, they did a great job. She is already getting ready for the November 2 election. They had close to 20% voter turnout.

#### Capital budget

Directives went out a few weeks ago, requests due back into my office on June 25. If the Select Board has something they want me to include after the list comes in please let me know.

#### Pools

Recreation will be opening the pools this weekend.

#### Memorial Day Observance

Mark Bryson and the Veteran Services Committee did great job with the service, we are lucky to have Mark on board.

#### Route 1A

Roadwork continues slowly. MDR continue to work on Hoover Rd., not close to being ready to get out onto Route 1A as far as actual work. Eversource continue to transfer the wires and set the new poles, sometime in June they will probably be completed. Paving and milling has started down in East Walpole.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to end the first of many in person meetings for the Select Board of Walpole and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:20pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).