

The Select Board met on Tuesday, August 03, 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

Discussion & Possible Vote on Fall Town Meeting Date, Time and Location

Town Moderator Dan Bruce, Counsel Lauren Goldberg, Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey and Health Director Melissa Ranieri were present for the discussion. Lauren outlined to the Board that under State Law the Select Board has the ability to delay Town Meeting and the Moderator still has the ability to recess under public safety. The Board discussed the positive feedback that has been received in regards to holding town meeting outside and on a Saturday morning. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted that in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.39, §9 the Select Board vote to delay the date of the Fall Town Meeting until Saturday October 23, 2021. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint candidate Bradley Harrison to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic

Chief Bailey and candidate Bradley Harrison were present. The Chief introduced candidate Harrison to the Board and gave some information on his experience and background. The Board thanked Bradley for being here tonight. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Bradley Harrison to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint John Lightbody to the position of Emergency Management Director

John Lightbody was present. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint John Lightbody to the position of Emergency Management Director. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Walpole Veterans Service Committee – Discussion and Possible Vote on Implementation of the Hometown Hero's Banner Program on the Town Common

Committee Members Rita Mienscow and David Ferrara were present. Rita provided an overview to the Board of the program and what they would like to introduce at the Town Common. The Board thanked the members for putting a lot of research into this program and bringing it forward. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve Walpole Veterans Services Committee request to implement the Hometown Hero's Banner program. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to establish a gift account for the Walpole Veterans Service Committee for donations to support the Hometown Hero program. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Patriot Tavern Inc. for Change of Manager to Emmett Donovan and Change of DBA Name to Cedar House

Attorney Pasquale Straccia, Michael Robertson and Emmett Donovan were present. Attorney Straccia provided an overview of what the Patriot Tavern Inc. is requesting from the Select Board tonight. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the request of Patriot Tavern Inc. for change of manager to Emmett Donovan and change of DBA name to Cedar House. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Suzanne Jackowski, Keep Walpole Beautiful – Discussion and Vote on Memorial Pond Improvements

Suzanne Jackowski, Alicia Anchukaitis and Lisa Donovan were present. Suzanne outlined to the Board what the project would entail and the vision they have for the area. The Board thanked the group for the work they have been doing around Walpole. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Keep Walpole Beautiful to coordinate the Memorial Pond improvements which includes the demolition of the brick wall after sign off from the Historical Commission and under the guidance of Conservation, Building Department and DPW. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present

New Business

Stadium Event Parking Lot License Requests:

Building Commissioner Michael Yanovitch was present. Michael provided an overview of the limited site plan reviews that were conducted at each of the properties. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted approve Stadium Event Parking Lot Licenses at 26 Water Street with 23 spaces, at 1886 Washington Street with 65 spaces, at 40 Water Street with 29 spaces and at 55 Water Street with 30 spaces. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Economic Development Commission Main Street Live Requests for September 17, 2021:

Director of Community & Economic Development Patrick Deschenes was present. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request to use the Town Common for Main Street Live Event and close Elm St between West & Main and approve request for a One Day Entertainment Permit for the event. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Destination Downtown Walpole Porchfest Requests for August 15, 2021:

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Destination Downtown to use the Town Common on August 15, 2021 from 10am-9pm and approve request for a One Day Entertainment Permit as part of the Walpole Porchfest Event. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Walpole Porchfest 2021 Planning Team for a One Day Entertainment Permit for August 15, 2021 at various properties in Walpole from 10am-9pm as part of Walpole Porchfest

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Walpole Porchfest 2021 Planning Team for a One Day Entertainment Permit on August 15, 2021 from 10am-9pm at several properties in the downtown area. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract No.2021-28 for Crack Sealing by Fiber Reinforced Method in the amount of \$39,915 to Indus

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-28 for Crack Sealing by Fiber Reinforced Method in the amount of \$39,915 to Indus. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint Animal Control Officers:

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Henry Cerqueira, Jacqueline Michalowski and William Maloney as Animal Control Officers for the Town of Walpole. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint Democratic Town Committee and Republican Town Committee Election Workers

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted per MGL Chapter 54 §12 to appoint the Democratic Town Committee and Republican Town Committee lists of Election Officers as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Nancy Niles to use the Town Forest Pond on August 10, 2021 from 10:30am-12:30pm for a fishing fundraiser

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Nancy Niles to use the Town Forest Pond on August 10, 2021 from 10:30am-12:30pm for a fishing fundraiser. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Jalapenos Grill for a One Day Entertainment Permit for Live Music on Friday, August 27, 2021 from 7pm-11pm

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Jalapenos Grill for a One Day Entertainment Permit for Live Music on August 27, 2021 from 7-11pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Andrew Bell to hold a Block Party on August 29, 2021 from 2-7pm on Brown Drive and Oak Hill Road

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Andrew Bell to hold a block party on August 29, 2021 from 2-7pm on Brown Drive and Oak Hill Road. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Chris Pender, for a One Day All Alcohol License on August 21, 2021 from 2pm-10pm at North Walpole Fish & Game

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Chris Pender for a One Day All Alcohol License from 2-10pm at North Walpole Fish & Game for a fundraiser. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Walpole Sportsman's Association Requests for September 18, 2021:

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Michael Mawn, for a One Day All Alcohol License and One Day Entertainment Permit on September 18, 2021 from 12-5pm at Walpole Sportsman's Association. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations

Thomas & Debra Roy in memory of Fran Palmieri to COA Gifts	\$50
Barbara Koch in memory of Robert Moody to COA Gifts	\$75
Walpole Woman's Club to Library Gifts	\$100

Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve Minutes of July 13, 2021 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Capital Budget

Department Heads submitted their requests, Capital Budget is going to start to meet on August 24th and we should have our free cash number certified by then. They will likely review their recommendations with the Finance Committee in early September.

Master Plan

The Planning Board is moving forward with developing the Master Plan. They have instructed the consultant to interview members of the following Boards/Committees: Select Board, Planning Board, Library Trustees, Sewer & Water Commission, Housing Authority, School Committee, Conservation Commission and Board of Health. The Planning Board Chair has informed me that they will be selecting their Board representatives and discussing this matter further on August 19th. I do encourage all interested parties to attend the meeting.

Southwood Hospital Site

We haven't talked about this in a while but it's still on my radar. I spoke to the Norfolk Town Administrator today, she advised that the zoning currently will not allow a warehouse, but before they even get to that point, they are analyzing all the environmental issues. Cleanup and remediation of the site needs to be done before any project is considered. The project owner had the idea of a warehouse but this has been met with some push back from neighbors. They will need special legislation to lift the deed restriction that only allows the site to be used as a hospital. Sewer & Water Commissioners did ask from some monitoring wells to be placed on the field site just to monitor the water trend and Rick is currently working on the best locations to place the wells.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:07pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).