

The Select Board met on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. Vice Chair Benjamin Barrett and Board member Nancy Mackenzie were absent. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chair
Glenn Maffei, Clerk
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.

Vote request to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Abramovitz to the rank of Lieutenant

Fire Chief Bailey and Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Abramovitz were present. Chief Bailey introduced Christopher to the Board as candidate to be promoted to Lieutenant and position of Fire Prevention Officer. Christopher introduced himself to the Board and thanked them for this opportunity and expressed his excited to hold this new position. The Board congratulated Christopher and look forward to working with him in the future. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to promote Firefighter/Paramedic Christopher Abramovitz to the rank of Lieutenant. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Zoning Board of Appeals:

The Board thanked Susanne for all her work and wish her the best. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to accept the resignation of Susanne Murphy. Motion Passed (3-0-0). David Anderson was present. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to promote David Anderson to a regular member of the ZBA to fill a vacancy. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Jack Wiley, Adams Farm Committee – Discussion and Vote on adding a Fee for Classes (For Profit)

Jack Wiley was present. Jack outlined to the Board the reason behind this request and how the Farm did not currently have a fee for this type of events. He informed the Board that it would be a price of \$50 to teach up to three separate times and/or dates. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the new fee schedule for taught classes at Adams Far that are for profit. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Open Forum

Bill Hamilton provided comment on the change of the ZBA membership and any effect this might have on litigation strategy regarding the 55SSLLC v. Walpole ZBA, and how residents need to know what is happening in these matters even if this is occurring in executive session. The Board thanked Mr. Hamilton for his comments.

New Business

Stadium Event Parking Lot License Requests:

Building Commissioner Michael Yanovitch was present. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve Stadium Event Parking Lot Licenses at 1928 Washington St with 29 spaces, 32 Water

Street with 25 spaces, 30 Water Street with 25 spaces, 70 Shufelt Road with 28 spaces, 10 Willow Street with 27 spaces and 5 Willow Street with 20 spaces. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote to close the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant

Jim Johnson outlined to the Board, they are ready to close and would like Town Counsel to review and possibly have the Board signing the Warrant at the next meeting in September. On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to close the 2021 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote to appoint Jim Johnson as authorized designee on the MBTA Advisory Board

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Jim Johnson as the authorized designee on the MBTA Advisory Board. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Recreation Director Brendan Croak to use Stone Field and vicinity to hold Harvest Fest on Saturday October 02, 2021

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Recreation Director Brendan Croak to use Stone Field and the surrounding vicinity to hold Harvest Fest on Saturday October 02, 2021. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Marc Romeo for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License on September 17, 2021 from 5pm-11pm as part of Main Street Live

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Marc Romeo for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License on September 17, 2021 from 5pm-11pm as part of Main Street Live. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Request of Main St. Mobil, 750 Main Street for a KENO monitor for existing KENO TO GO, a vote is only necessary if the Board does not approve

Jim Johnson outlined to the Board that the Mobil already has KENO TO GO service and this request is to add a monitor and the Board is only required to take a vote if they object to the request.

Vote request of Julie Boynton, Montrose School to use Adams Farm from 3:30pm to 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in September, October and the first week of November for cross-country practice and on October 29th beginning at 4:15pm for a 5k race

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Julie Boynton, Montrose School to use Adams Farm from 3:30pm to 5pm on Mondays and Wednesdays in September, October and the first week of November for cross-country practice and on October 29th at 4:15pm for a 5k race. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Bike to the Beach for Autism to use town roads on Saturday, September 18, 2021 for a charity cycling event

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Bike to the Beach for Autism to use town roads on Saturday, September 18, 2021 for a charity cycling event. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on Sunday, October 03, 2021

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on Sunday, October 03, 2021 for parking during their Open House. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Union Congregational Church to hold their Annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 18, 2021 and to make Rhodes Avenue a one-way street from 9am-4pm

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Union Congregational Church to hold their Annual Harvest Fair on Saturday, September 18, 2021 and to make Rhodes Avenue a one-way street from 9am-4pm. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote request of Kevin Medeiros to hold a Block Party on August 28, 2021 from 2-7pm on Hutchinson Road

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Kevin Medeiros to hold a Block Part on August 28, 2021 from 2-7pm on Hutchinson Road. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to accept with gratitude all donations as listed on the consent agenda and would like to note the following:

Multiple Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance; Constance & Ronald Masinda in memory of Nancy Hurd to COA Gifts; Lori Favreau in memory of Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts; Donations in memory of Robert Moody to COA Gifts from the following families: Noyes, Wiik and Moody; Donations in memory of Anna Silvi to COA Gifts from the following families: Carpentieri, Platukis, Ciannavei, Freedlender, Berghelli, Furey, Maguire, Donovan, Grugnale, Cox, Cappuccino and Sayers. Motion Passed (3-0-0). On motion of Chair Gallivan, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to accept with gratitude a donation from the Friends of St. Patrick to Veterans Gift Account. Motion Passed (2-0-1), Board member O'Neil abstained.

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the Minutes of August 03, 2021 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Police Chief Search

The Police Chief search is ongoing we are going to have a community forum on September 7th, we will be putting something out on social media and advertising on the town website. Residents will be able to share their thoughts on the experience, skills, and characteristics they would like for the next Chief of Police. Looking to put together a screening group to narrow down the candidates. I'd like to ask the Board to bring me a name of a person they would like on that group, I've also identified a few department heads to work with the consultant to narrow down the list for the assessment center and then final interviews with this Board in the fall. The screening group will possibly consist of 11 members and the consultant.

Capital Budget Committee

The Committee starting meeting tonight to review all the requests, pretty substantial list. I met with Ed Forsberg today and reviewed everything. They are looking to get before the Finance Committee on September 7th so they do have an aggressive schedule.

Finance Committee

With the Warrant now closed I expect that the Finance Committee will likely start to meet next week to review each article and provide recommendations and we are on track to hold Town Meeting at 10am on October 23rd at the High School.

Norfolk County Infrastructure Funds

They have hired a firm to work with each city and town, they are taking a cut off the top of 3% to pay for their expenses. The firm will work with the communities to see what requests are appropriate. They are likely to come out with a program in September, where we can begin to get requests submitted.

East and High Plain Intersection

The goal with the adjustments is to slow everyone down however the problem is it creates a little bit of traffic by slowing people down. There was an issue with turning radiuses of trucks, we worked with the developer Pulte; who provided the funds to improve the intersection, they moved back some of the curbing on each side and made some other changes that will remove the challenges the trucks are having. Plan is to get everything complete before the cold weather moves in.

On motion of Clerk Maffei, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45pm. Motion Passed (3-0-0).