

The Select Board met on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 beginning at 6:00pm in the Auditorium of the Eleanor N. Johnson Middle School, 111 Robbins Road. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chair
Benjamin Barrett, Vice Chair
Glenn Maffei, Clerk
Nancy Mackenzie, remotely via telephone, left meeting at 6:30pm
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 6pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Gallivan announced that Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted in person with Board member Nancy Mackenzie participating remotely during this meeting and all votes taken today will be roll call votes.

New Business

Vote intention for street layout for Emerald Way (Portion) and Olmsted Lane and holding the Hearings on October 12, 2021 beginning at 7:20pm

Carl Balduf Town Engineer was present. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted that the Select Board intends to layout the following roads as public ways: Emerald Way from its beginning at the sideline of Fisher St at STA 0+00+/- to STA 8+78.73+/- and Olmsted Lane from its beginning at the sideline of Emerald Way at STA 0+21.23+/- to its end at STA 4+36+/- and to hold the public hearings on October 12, 2021 beginning at 7:20pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Stadium Event Parking Lot License Requests

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Board member Mackenzie, voted to table request of 33 Water Street Unit B for a stadium event parking lot license until the next meeting on October 12, 2021. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Board member Mackenzie, voted to approve Stadium Event Parking Lot Licenses at 1887 Washington Street with 45 spaces, 36 Water Street with 22 spaces and 1 Willow Street with 19 Spaces. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote to sign Solid Waste and Recycling Services Contract #2022-05 with Boston Carting Services, LLC

Board of Health Director Melissa Ranieri, was present. Melissa provided some information on the contract in particular the added aspects of the recycling program including the educating of residents. The Board thanks Melissa and Jim for a job well done in negotiating this contract. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Select Board a 5 year contract with Boston Carting Services, LLC for solid waste and recycling collection services commencing on July 01, 2022. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Police Chief Screening Committee

Jim Johnson provided some background on this item and how this is coming before the Board at the request of Committee member Phil Macchi. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to designate members Megan Rees Ahigian, Jim Brady, Audrey Grace and Paul Millette as Special Town Municipal Employees. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

A discussion took place among the Board members on the granting of the waiver and if it was deemed necessary the Board could amend this vote at a future date at the state ethics direction. On motion of Vice Chair Barrett, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to accept the disclosure of appearance of a conflict of interest submitted by Phil Macchi in reference to his participation on the police chief screening committee. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Barrett, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to designate Phil Macchi as a special municipal employee for the purpose of the police chief screening committee. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote on Fall 2021 Town Meeting Articles

Jim Johnson provided some information on each of the Articles on the Fall 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 2 fiscal year 2022 supplemental budget. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 3 OPEB. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 4 stabilization fund. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 5 capital stabilization fund. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 6 capital infrastructure. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 7 capital equipment. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 8 capital street improvements. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 9 capital infrastructure and equipment borrowing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 10 capital – water retained earnings. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 11 capital – sewer retained earnings. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 12 capital – water borrowing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 13 school department transfers. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 14 middle school debt exclusion. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted favorable action on Article 15 street acceptance. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to make a recommendation at Town Meeting on Article 16 planning board zone change – PSRC. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board Member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted favorable action on Article 17 citizen petition – additional package store. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-1-0). Clerk Maffei opposed.

Vote request of Denise Habermehl to hold a block party with live entertainment on October 3, 2021 from 12pm-4pm on Thornell Avenue

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of Denise Habermehl to hold a block party with live entertainment on October 3, 2021 from 12pm-4pm on Thornell Avenue. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of 99 West, LLC dba 99 Restaurant for Change of Officers/Directors

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve the request of 99 West LLC, dba 99 Restaurant for change of Officers/Directors. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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| 1. Alice Susan Lawson to Walpole Cultural Council | \$20 |
| 2. Elizabeth McAfee to Walpole Cultural Council | \$20 |
| 3. Cheryl Campbell to Walpole Cultural Council | \$70 |
| 4. Multiple Donors to Walpole Trails Committee Gift Account | \$90 |
| 5. Walpole Co-Operative Bank to Recreation Community Events Account | \$2,500 |

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

Minutes

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2021 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Police Chief Search

The screening committee is going to start meeting this week.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee has voted on all of the articles and they are ready for Fall Town meeting. The public hearing is set to be held on Tuesday October 19.

Harvest Fest

The Recreation department will be holding the Harvest fest this weekend in back of town hall. The event will kick off at 11am and wrap up at 2pm, no parade this year.

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 6:55pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).