

The Select Board met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main 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.

#### Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey & Town Engineer Carl Balduf – Discussion and Vote on proposed Re-Precincting

Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey and Town Engineer Carl Balduf were present. Elizabeth gave a brief introduction on the census information and why the re-precincting is in front of the Board tonight. Elizabeth gave an overview of the new precinct map with approximately 15 streets that will be moving. The 2022 January census will include an insert informing residents of the changes and this change will be in place before the June 2022 election. The Board thanked Liz for the explanation and noted that all RTMs will be running in June except for Precinct 6 which will not have the entire complement of RTMs running.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the draft precinct map, legal description and block listing of the Precincts in Walpole as presented by the Town Clerk and instruct the Town Clerk to take all steps necessary to complete the re-precincting process. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Public Hearing for Street Acceptance of Emerald Way and Olmsted Lane:

Town Engineer Carl Balduf was present. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to open the public hearing for order of layout and street layout for Emerald Way (portion) and Olmsted Lane. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Emerald Way

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adopt the order of layout for Emerald Way from its beginning at the sideline of Fisher St at STA 0+00+/- to STA 8+78.73+/- . Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to sign the order of layout documents and plans for Emerald Way. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to have written layout documents and plans on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Olmsted Lane

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adopt the order of layout from Olmsted Lane from its beginning at the sideline of Emerald Way at STA 0+21.23+/- to its end at STA 4+36+/- . Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to sign the order of layout documents and plans for Olmsted Lane. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to have written layout documents and plans on file in the Town Clerk's Office. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Amy Kwesell, KP Law – Discussion on proposed Friendly 40B Project at 1015 East Street

Amy Kwesell, KP Law was present. Jim Johnson provided some background on this item and why it is being presented to the Board tonight. Jim gave an overview of the location and size of the project. The Board discussed the project and possible concerns from the community including additional traffic congestion but also noted the plan does have a lot of benefits including being able to provide input into the project. The Board noted that this project would still be in the hands of the Zoning Board of Appeals to work through their regular process.

Amy explained to the Board the different types of Safe Harbor but also how being in safe harbor doesn't mean you automatically deny every 40B application; there is a process that needs to be followed by the ZBA in order to invoke safe harbor. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to authorize the Town Counsel, Town Administrator, Select Board Chair &/or designee to negotiate an agreement with the developer and bring it back to the Select Board for consideration. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Vote to appoint the following candidates to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic:

Fire Chief Bailey and candidates Francesca Angelini, Jocelyn Jenks and Elizabeth Hunt were present. The Chief gave some background on Francesca. Francesca introduced herself to the Board. The Board thanked Francesca for her service. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Francesca Angelini to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department. Motion Passed (5-0-0). The Chief introduced Jocelyn to the Board. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Jocelyn Jenks to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department. Motion Passed (5-0-0). The Chief introduced the final candidate Elizabeth Hunt to the Board. Elizabeth gave some background on her experience and her interest in the Fire Department. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Elizabeth Hunt to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department. Motion Passed (5-0-0). The Board welcomed all the candidates.

#### Police Chief Kelleher – Discussion & Vote on proposed Traffic Rules & Orders Update

Police Chief Kelleher was present. The Chief gave some background on each of these items and the need for these amendments to the traffic rules and orders. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to amend the traffic rules & orders Article V Section 2 by posting no stopping signs on West Street – directly in front of 95 West Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to amend the traffic rules and orders Article VIII Section 8 by adding a stop sign on the eastern section of Hemlock Street at the intersection of Beech Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Veterans Service Committee – Discussion and Vote on Membership increase and reassigning of member Donna Summers to Veteran any service period

Committee member Rita Mienscow was present. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve request of the Veterans Service Committee to add one member to the Committee and reassign Donna Summers from a resident at larger member to a Veteran any service period member. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Open Forum

Bill Hamilton provided comment on the proposed re-precincting. The Board advised Mr. Hamilton to contact the Town Clerk's office and the Department of Corrections who might be better suited to answer his questions.

#### New Business

#### Fall Town Meeting Article 14 – Discussion regarding proposed Middle School Project

Superintendent Dr. Bridget Gough, Mike Friscia School Business Administrator, Mark Breen, Nancy Gallivan, and Jennifer Geosits School Committee Members and Bryan Jarvis from Compass were present. Jim Johnson provided some background to the Board on various questions that have come up during some of the recent meetings and forums including the financing of the project and the role of the Permanent Building Committee in this process. The Board discussed forming a group or committee after the November 2 vote to assess and determine potential uses for

the Johnson Middle School site. The Board discussed adding the question and answer information packet on Article 14 to the website for people to review prior to Town Meeting. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to authorize the use of the Construction Management at Rick alternative delivery method with respect to construction of the new Middle School building pursuant to the provisions of G.L c. 149A. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Stadium Event Parking Lot License Requests:

Building Commissioner Michael Yanovitch and resident Barry Hansen were present. Barry gave some information on the size of his lot and how feels he should have additional spaces on his lot as opposed to what was recommended by the Building Commissioner. Building Commissioner provided some reasoning on why they are only recommending three spots at this location. The Board discussed the request at length and reviewed the application documents. On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve four spaces plus one personal vehicle once the boat is removed from the property. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve stadium event parking lot licenses at 1896 Washington St with 15 spaces and 54 Water St with 63 spaces. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Michelle Fellini to hold a block party on October 30, 2021 with live entertainment from 4pm-7pm on Clapp Street

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve request of Michelle Fellini to hold a block party on October 30, 2021 with live entertainment from 4pm-7pm on Clapp Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Michael Maguire to hold a block party on October 16, 2021 from 2pm-6pm on Bubbling Brook Road

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve request of Michael Maguire to hold a block party on October 16, 2021 from 2pm-6pm on Bubbling Brook Road. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Megan Teixeira to use Adams Farm on October 16, 2021 from 3pm-5pm to host a Halloween party

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve request of Megan Teixeira to use Adams Farm on October 16, 2021 from 3pm-5pm to host a Halloween party. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on October 22, 23, 29 and 30, 2021

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on October 22, 23, 29 and 30, 2021 for parking during their annual Haunted Hayride. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

Multiple Donors to Walpole Cultural Council	\$75
Multiple Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance	\$107
Galligan Family in honor of the Armando & Frances Palmieri Family to Veterans Gift Account	\$1,000
Motion Passed (5-0-0).	

Minutes

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2021 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

## Town Administrator's Update

### Town Meeting

Town Meeting is set for Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10am at the Walpole High School rain or shine. If it does rain we will be prepared to move inside. We met briefly with the moderator today and he is comfortable with having a plan A and plan B for that day.

### Finance Committee

Finance Committee is holding their public hearing on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the Bird Middle School. We are holding it there so members can also attend the public outreach session later that evening.

### Redistricting

I spoke to Senator Feeney on Friday and he let me know that the proposal right now is to take Walpole out of his district and move it into Senator Rush's district, who represents the City of Boston neighborhoods of Forest Hills, Hyde Park, Readville, Roslindale, West Roxbury and the towns of Dedham, Dover, Needham, Norwood, and Westwood. The report came out today, it pretty much is what we were told it was going to be. There is a public input period and I would like to get a sense of the Board, if the Board would like to press this issue.

The Board discussed holding a workshop on November 16, to discuss with the Police and Fire Chiefs their vision for the departments going forward, staffing needs and also a discussion around ARPA funding.

On motion of Board member Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).