

The Select Board met on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 remotely via ZOOM at 7:00pm. Board member Mackenzie was absent. The following Board members were present:

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

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

Remote Participation

Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, this meeting will be conducted via remote means. Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

Appointments

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gallivan called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing and Vote request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for Grant of Location to install one new pole within the town layout of Robbins Road

Eversource Energy representative, Christine Crosby and Town Engineer Carl Balduf were present. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Chair Gallivan, voted to open the public hearing for NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for Grant of Location to install one new pole within the town layout of Robbins Road. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). With no communication on this matter from the public, on motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to close the public hearing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0), Chair Gallivan absent. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to approve the request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for Grant of Location to install one new pole within the town layout of Robbins Road. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0), Chair Gallivan absent.

Vote to appoint candidate Christopher Molloy to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic

Chief Bailey and candidate Christopher Molloy were present. Chief Bailey introduced candidate Molloy to the Board and provided some information on his background and career to date. Candidate Molloy expanded on his experience and thanked the Board for this opportunity. The Board welcomed and congratulated Christopher Molloy on his position within the Town. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to appoint Christopher Molloy to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Historical Commission and Historical Society, Discussion and Possible Vote on Historical Sign Project

Historical Society member Betsey Dyer was present. Betsey provided an explanation to the Board on the historical sign project that would begin with fourteen signs around the Town and the involvement needed from the Department of Public Works and the Building Department. The Board thanked Betsey and the others involved for bring this project forward and are very supportive of the project. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to support the Historical Sign Project and approve request to work in conjunction with the DPW to install the

signs once the locations have been approved by the Building Department. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Council on Aging Interviews and Vote for appointment (One Regular and One Associate Position)

Candidates Sandhya Malur and Linda Coletti were present along with Council on Aging Chair Josette Burke and Council on Aging Director Kerri McManama, candidate Marcia St. Louis was unable to attend. Chair Burke outlined to the Board the recommendations made by the Council on Aging Executive Board. On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to promote Sandhya Malur to a regular member of the Council on Aging. 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 to appoint Marcia St. Louis as an associate member of the Council on Aging. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Action Together Walpole, Discussion on The Freedom Team Program

Action Together Walpole members Kristen Kohlmeyer, Nancy Dayian, Carissa Kane and Laurie Fitzgibbons along with Police Chief Kelleher were present. Kristen gave a short presentation to the Board about The Freedom Team what the make-up of the team would be, their mission and what role they would have in the community. The Board thanked the group for coming forward and bringing this idea to the Town. Chief Kelleher spoke about how this program has been beneficial in other surrounding communities. The Board expressed an interest in being involved with the process in a liaison capacity to The Freedom Team.

New Business

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to accept the resignation of Kari Denitzio from the Walpole Cultural Council with regrets. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

New Pond Village Residents Association to Library Gift Account	\$500
Eugene & Joan Reilly to COA Gift Account	\$50
Louis & Helene Bier to COA Gift Account	\$50
Gloria Denneen to COA Gift Account	\$100
Anonymous to COA Gift Account	\$5,000
Walpole Co-operative Bank to COA Gift Account	\$42,000

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve the Minutes of January 11 and 18, 2022 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator’s Update

Snow and Ice

We have had a pretty good winter so far, that could change this weekend. Rick, Drew and I will be closing monitoring that. We will make sure we have everything lined up and Drew has already assured me he will have everything ready to go with the highway guys if and when it comes.

FY 23 Budget

I expect that the Governor's budget numbers will be released tomorrow, he is giving his State of the Commonwealth now. The insurance numbers, I've been told by MIIA that they will be provided to me by the start of February. If all goes well I won't need that extension that I requested last week and I will be able to deliver the budget message on or before February 7th.

ARPA Projects

Jodi has gone forward and started the process of entering the project requests into the County's portal. Once she has her submittals in, I have to go in and approve them. Bottom line we are moving forward with Walpole's submittals and hopefully we will hear back from the County soon.

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).