

The Select Board met on Tuesday June 07, 2022 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall.
The following members were present:

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

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

Appointments

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair O'Neil congratulated all the candidates that ran. Chair O'Neil welcomed back Ben and welcomed Allyson to the Board.

Vote request of 99 Restaurant for Change of Manager to Ryan Cappellano

Ryan Cappellano was present and introduced himself to the Board. On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to approve request of 99 Restaurant for Change of Manager to Ryan Cappellano. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Interview and Vote to appoint Marie Jeanlouis to the Norfolk County Advisory Board

Candidate Marie Jeanlouis was present. Marie introduced herself to the Board and expanded on why she is interested in serving on the Norfolk County Advisory Board. On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to appoint Marie Jeanlouis to the Norfolk County Advisory Board. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum

William Hamilton RTM Precinct 5 provided comment to the Board on a sewer connection up Route 1A.

Josette Burke RTM Precinct 4 provided comment to the Board on the possibility of changing the date of the annual town election to a weekday, due to the difficult in finding staff.

Dennis Crowley RTM Precinct 5 also provided comment to the Board on considering changing the election date.

ARPA Discussion

Jim Johnson presented an ARPA overview on what the Select Board are discussing tonight. Jim outlined that the Select Board will continue to meet over the coming months on this item as the ARPA funds are under the sole discretion of the Select Board and have a wide range of requests to consider. The Board heard from various Committees and individuals who have submitted requests for a portion of the ARPA funding. School Committee Chair Buckley, Sewer & Water Commissioner Bill Abbott and Sarah Khatib Destination Downtown all expanded on the requests they have made to the Select Board. Chair Buckley spoke about HVAC installation, Elm Street traffic signal and schematic design for an addition to WHS. Commissioner Abbott spoke about water requests including cleaning the raw water lines from the wells, redundant line to central pressure zone water tank, Willis Plant membrane replacement and water main replacements. Commissioner Abbott also spoke about the sewer requests including Industrial Road sewer and North Walpole sewer line expansion. Commissioner Abbott also informed the Select Board that the Rate Hearing is scheduled for June 13.

Sarah Khatib, Destination Downtown expanded on her four requests to the Select Board, small business technical assistance grant, comprehensive branding and wayfinding program for downtown, Town Common improved amenities including WIFI and sound system and old Town Hall culture house pop-up.

Public comment was also provided by Sewer & Water Commissioner Patrick Fasanello, Finance Committee Chair Mark Trudell, Finance Committee member & Precinct 8 RTM Lisa Van Der Linden, Finance Committee member & Precinct 3 RTM Mark Sullivan, Sewer & Water Commissioner John Hasenjaeger and Finance Committee member & Precinct 8 RTM Kathleen Foley Greulich on potential APRA funding uses.

New Business

NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY Grant of Location Requests

DPW Director Rick Mattson was present and outlined to the Board that this is of the request of the Town as new sidewalks are being installed in this area. On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to approve request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for Grant of Location to relocate one existing pole #74/60 within the town layout of West Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to approve request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for Grant of Location to relocate one existing pole #126/23 within the town layout of Norfolk Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Bid/Contract Awards

On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract 2022-12 Water Main Replacement at Various Locations & June Street Drainage to P.J. Hayes, Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract 2022-20 Walpole High School Woodshop Dust Collector to ROMCO Contractors, Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to open the Fall 2022 Town Meeting Warrant

On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to open the Fall 2022 Town Meeting Warrant and close it on August 23, 2022. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Alicia LeClaire to use Adams Farm on June 17, 2022 from 9am-1pm for a gardening seminar for high school students

On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to approve request of Alicia LeClaire to use Adams Farm on June 17, 2022 from 9am-1pm for a gardening seminar for high school students. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Multiple Donors to Night Before the Fourth Gift Account	\$460
Motion Passed (5-0-0).	

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of May 17, 2022 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (4-0-1). Clerk Hamilton abstained.

Town Administrator's Update

Capital Requests

Capital requests are due back to administration within the next few weeks, I plan on reviewing the requests and having a list together by late June or early July. I really want to take the ARPA requests and compare them side by side with the capital requests to see where we can fund these different items. I don't expect our free cash to be certified until mid to late August but will have some rough numbers to work off at that time.

Walpole Day

The parade is going to kick off on Saturday morning starting at 11am, Brendan is doing a great job getting everything together. The pools are just about ready to go and we may be able to open up a few days early this year.

On motion of Vice Chair Maffei, seconded by Board member Gallivan, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:35pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).