

The Select Board met on Tuesday February 7, 2023 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. Chair O'Neil was absent. The following members were present:

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

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

Introduction and Vote to appoint Melissa Bingham to the position of Veteran's Agent & Director of Veteran's Services.

Melissa Bingham was present. Melissa introduced herself to the Board, her time in the service, her current position in the VA and the different things she is hoping to introduce to the veterans of the town. The Board thanked Melissa for her service and welcomed her to the Town. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to appoint Melissa Bingham to the position of Veteran's Agent & Director of Veteran's Services effective February 27, 2023. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Discussion & Vote on the Tree Warden's denial of the removal of trees on Holly Road after receiving a written objection

Attorney Thomas Brady was present representing Pater and Barbara Lasky who requested a hearing before the Select Board pursuant to the determination of the Tree Warden to deny the request to have the trees removed. Attorney Brady informed the Board that this request was being made in order to make an entrance to the property off of Holly Road instead of East Street, the original home is to be knocked and a new house to be built in its place. A curb cut has already been applied for and granted by the Town Engineer but the driveway goes in the location where those three trees are located. Public comment was provided by neighbors Patrick Lane, Robert Bartucca, George McMahon, and Brittany Burg, who all spoke in defense of leaving the trees where they are. Building Commissioner Jim Crowley spoke to confirm that the property in question has legal frontage on Holly Road. The Board discussed the matter at length and were of the understanding that this was a sensitive matter for all concerned. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to overturn the determination of the Tree Warden and approve the removal of three trees as requested at the end of Holly Road. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey, Vote on apportionment of RTM

Town Clerk Elizabeth Gaffey was present to provide the RTM apportionment as outlined by the Walpole Town Charter. Liz informed the Board that by using the formula provided by the Charter she is recommending an apportionment change in Precincts 2, 3, 5 and 8 as follows: Precinct 3 and 8 would go up 1 RTM and Precincts 2 and 5 would go down by 1 RTM. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to support the recommendation of the Town Clerk to change the present apportionment of RTMs with an increase of one RTM in Precincts 3 and 8 and a reduction of one RTM in Precincts 2 and 5. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Philip Czachorowski, Master Plan Update

Philip Czachorowski was present to provide a Master Plan update to the Board. Phil recognized the members of the committee and thanked Pat Deschenes and consultant Judy Barrett for all their hard work. Phil also informed the Board that they are almost at the end of the process, reviewing and improving drafts of the Master Plan and recommendations.

Once the Committee has the final draft, they will have a final vote on each of the recommendations and present them to the Planning Board to approve. The Board thanked Phil for his leadership and for providing them with an update and look forward to him coming before them again with the final recommendations.

Open Forum – Jeff Hockman, President Walpole Youth Lacrosse was present and discussed his proposal for the construction of a lacrosse wall at the Route 1A fields. Jim Johnson informed the Board that this idea has been reviewed with Department Heads and are comfortable with the site location. The Board had no objection to the project moving forward.

New Business

Vote to award Bid/Contract #2023-14 DPW Roadway, Sidewalk & Parking Lot Resurfacing at Various Locations to Bannon Paving LLC

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to award Bid/Contract #2023-14 DPW Roadway, Sidewalk & Parking Lot Resurfacing at Various Locations to Bannon Paving LLC. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Board/Committee Updates:

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to accept the resignation of Cameron Daley from the Permanent Building Committee. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to accept the resignation of Rita Mienscow from the Veterans Service Committee. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Shantae Holmes to use the Town Common and close off sections of Elm and Front Street on Monday, June 19, 2023 with Live Entertainment from 12pm-3pm for Walpole’s 4th Juneteenth Celebration

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to approve request of Shantae Holmes to use the Town Common and close off sections of Elm and Front Street on Monday, June 19, 2023 with Live Entertainment from 12-3pm for Walpole’s 4th Juneteenth Celebration. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Frank Mosher for One Day All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses at 137 Stone Street on February 24, 2023 from 6:30-10pm and March 11, 2023 from 6-10pm

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to approve request of Frank Mosher for One Day All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses at 137 Stone Street on February 24, 2023 from 6:30-10pm and March 11, 2023 from 6-10pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

Frances Rubini in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$10
Nancy & Leo Delaney in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$25
Eleanor Nolfi in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$40
Carole Vernazzarro in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$50
Gloria Denneen in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$50
All Points Media LLC to COA Gifts	\$100
Joseph & JoAnne Mulligan to Walpole Trails Gift Account	\$100
COA Pool Players to COA Gifts	\$100
Suellen & Hugo Leon in memory of Ronald Trenouth to COA Gifts	\$150
Natalie Fleet Orfalea Rev Trust in memory of Madeline Taylor to COA Gifts	\$500
Motion Passed (4-0-0).	

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to approve the Minutes of January 10 and 24, 2023 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Budget Update

Budget message has been delivered, Finance Committee will start deliberations on Monday night.

On motion of Board member Gallivan, seconded by Board member Barrett, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:50pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).