

The Select Board met on Tuesday, April 06, 2021 remotely at 7:00pm. The following Board members were present:

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chair
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
James O'Neil
David Salvatore

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

Executive Order on Remote Participation

Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments

Sarah Khatib, Destination Downtown – Presentation on Local Rapid Recovery Planning Program Grant

Sarah Khatib, Destination Downtown and Patrick Deschenes, Community & Economic Development Director were both present. Sarah provided some background to the Board on Destination Downtown and recent events they have coordinated. Patrick presented on the Rapid Recovery Planning Grant including background, project status and short & medium/long term goals. The Board discussed the importance of helping the downtown businesses and thanked Sarah and Pat for their presentation tonight.

Vote request for Change of Manager for 7-Eleven to Walaa Megally

Walaa Megally appeared before the Board to discuss his request. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request for change of manager for 7-Eleven to Walaa Megally. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

New Business

Discussion on left-hand turn lane at South Walpole Community Athletic Complex

DPW Director Rick Mattson and Town Engineer Carl Balduf were present for the discussion. Jim Johnson provided some information on this item. Rick outlined that this would be a Town project under the guidance of MassDOT and perhaps the first step would be a meeting with the Highway Division and find out exactly what they would be looking for in terms of design. The Board talked about the steps involved and view this as a long term project. The Board expressed interest in pursuing this matter further and asked to reach out to MassDOT. The possibility of adding a sign to the road indicating there is an entrance or left hand turn ahead was talked about in particular moving the mobile sign up there for at least the spring.

Discussion and Vote to sign letter to Mass Housing regarding the proposed Residences at Darwin Common 40B Project

Patrick Deschenes provided some context to Board on this possible project and outlined the content of the letter to Mass Housing. The Board discussed the issues raised in the letter concerning the 40B project application. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted with clerical correction to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to Mass Housing regarding the proposed Residences at Darwin Common 40B Project. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

Discussion and Vote to sign License to Enter and Use Real Property for 123 Washington Street with Hollingsworth & Vose

Attorney Phillip Macchi was present, Jim Johnson gave some background on this request. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to authorize the Chair to sign the license to enter and use real property for 123 Washington Street with Hollingsworth & Vose. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to authorize Town Administrator Jim Johnson to sign on behalf of the Town the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation package at the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to authorize Town Administrator Jim Johnson to sign on behalf of the Town the Notice of Activity and Use Limitation package at the Blackburn & Union Privileges Superfund Site. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote to sign Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Norwood to share Animal Control Officer Services

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to sign the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Norwood to share Animal Control Officer Services. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request for Change of Officers/Directors for Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request for change of officers/directors for Texas Roadhouse Holdings LLC. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Unfinished Business

Continued Discussion and Vote on remaining Spring 2021 Town Meeting Articles

Jim Johnson informed the Board the following articles are yet to be voted on by the Select Board. Article 5 – FY22 Budget Adjustments, Article 7- FY21 Water Enterprise Fund Transfer, Article 9 – FY21 Sewer Enterprise Fund Transfer, Article 11 – FY21 Snow & Ice Deficit, and the Citizen Petitions Article 17 – Zoning By-law Stadium Parking, Article 18 – Zoning By-law Solar Overlay, Article 19 – Solar PILOT Agreement and Article 20 – Transfer funds out of Norfolk County Retirement.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted favorable action on Article 5. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted no action on Article 7. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0)

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted favorable action on Article 9. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted no action on Article 11. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted favorable action on Article 18. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted favorable action on Article 19. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted no action on Article 20. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations

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| 1. Laura & Erik Macs for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$100 |
| 2. Hector Hernandez for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$100 |
| 3. Joanne Landers for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$200 |
| 4. Leonard Monson for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$25 |
| 5. Linda Ponticelli for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$50 |
| 6. Pina Reda for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$10 |
| 7. Jeanne Thomas for Paul Pelletier to COA Gifts | \$25 |

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

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations

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| 8. Various Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance | \$69 |
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On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude the following donation

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| 9. Walpole Co-operative Bank to Recreation Community Events Account | \$500 |
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On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

1,905 total confirmed cases, with 54 active cases.

Town Meeting

We are in the process of getting ready for Town Meeting, I just drafted the motions today and sent them to counsel. We are set to go on May 1, 10am on Turco Field at the Walpole high school.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is set to hold their public hearing via ZOOM on Tuesday April 27 at 6pm.

Route 1A Construction

Route 1A southbound side, starting at Napper Tandy's and going towards Cumberland Farms: I received a couple of inquires about this stretch of sidewalks. I've reached out to the State Delegation and Rick reached out to MassDOT to ask if we can have some improvements there. They got back to Rick and let him know that their maintenance division took a look and decided to move forward with repairing portions of the existing sidewalks and adding curb ramps at the intersections that currently don't have them. Right now they don't have the funding in place for the sidewalks on both sides but they are going to try to get something in place. Representative Rogers and Senator Feeney have been really helpful in moving this forward.

Route 1A from Conrad's into Norwood: there was some talk recently on social media about this work, as you may recall this work started back in 1997, when the town initiated a transportation improvement program. This work involves new drainage pipes, road base paving, sidewalks, traffic signals, replacement of the bridge

at North. Eversource has been out there performing the necessary utility work along the corridor. We have been told the work is going to start on April 12, however that is likely going to change. We are working on developing a section of our website where residents can go to, one central place where people can get information and it will be up pretty soon. And we will continue to grow it as the project moves forward.

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve Minutes of March 23, 2021 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

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