

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Christopher Timson, Vice Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk (8:50)
Clifton Snuffer
James Stanton (arrived at 7:20)

Also present:
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Gallivan called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:10pm. Mrs. Mackenzie is attending a meeting and will join the Board later in the evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

3-12 Street Acceptance, Legacy Lane

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson and seconded by Mrs. Snuffer to open the public hearing, VOTED 3-0-0

** The Residents of the Street were notified of the hearing. Ms. Walker explained that this is a small street off McKinley Ave which is off Fisher Street. The Bond was released by the Planning Board. This is the next step prior to Town Meeting vote.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adopt the order of Layout for Legacy Lane, seconded Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the Street Layout Documents and Plans, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to have the written layout document and plan for Legacy Lane on file at the Town Clerk's office not less than 7 days prior to Town Meeting. , seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article #27 of the STM, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

Spring Town Meeting Article 28

Article 28 Mr. Johnson explained it is a site easement. Ms. Walker noted that Shaefer Street that has the Next Generation day care and this is site distance issue on 109

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article #28, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

3-13& 3-14 MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant

Ms. Walker back in 2009 MAPC did a regional plan and our plan expired and we applied last fall. We got the grant to have that plan updated. You have to have this plan in place and adopted or you can not apply for future grants. We received notification from MEMA for \$12,000. We will contract with MAPC. This contract the one you have are all the places that have to be signed and executed.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to authorize the Chairman to sign and execute the contract for this MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to authorize James Johnson as the Authorized signatory for the contract, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to have Mr. Johnson sign the Unified Hazard Mitigation terms and conditions and the Transparency Act Compliance form, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to designate Margret Walker as the Project manager, seconded by Mr. Snuffer Voted 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract between the Town and MAPC, Seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 3-0-0

Mr. Timson announced that he attended the coalition for alcohol and drug contest. There were sixty-six participants in the event. Grown each year, the kids did a great job. Go on to the website and you can watch the videos I think you will be proud of the kids and parents.

3-15 Reappointments to Boards/Committees

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to reappoint those members requesting reappointment to the Committee/Board they Currently serve as set forth in the list provided to us

Jack Wiley, Louis Hoegler, Regular (Adams Farm Com)
Elizabeth McFee, Associate (Adams Farm Com)
Richard Beauregard , Regular (Board of Health)
Jack Wiley, Roger Turner, Regular (Conservation Com)
Mona Bissany, Regular (Com for Alcohol & Drug Awareness)
Donald Weber, (Constable)
Amy Angllin, Regular (Cultural Council)
Chris Walker, Michael McGrath , Regular (EDC)
Sam Obar, Regular (Historical)
Robert McCarthy, Regular (Insurance Advisory)

Jack Conroy, Regular (Permanent Bldg Com)
Bill Connors, Regular (Pond Management Com)
Lorraine Dundon, Michael McGrath , Associate (Recreation)
Joseph Bickford, Associate (Town Forest)
Donna Summers, Regular (Veterans Service Com)
Mary Jane Coffey, Regular (ZBA)
Timothy Foley, Associate (ZBA)

seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-0

Mr. Stanton arrived at the meeting at 7:20pm

The following are not seeking reappointment

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept with regret the resignation of

Kristen Seastrand, Com for Alcohol and Drug Awareness
Helen Connor, Cultural Council
David Lehto, Historical Commission

Seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

The following are asking to change their membership classification

Roy Noepel currently an Associate wants to fill the Regular Seat Vacancy on Historical

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Mr. Noepel as a Regular member of the Historical Commission, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Robert Taglienti currently a Regular member wants to fill the Associate Seat on Recreation

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Mr. Taglienti as an Associate member of the Recreation Com, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Joseph Grant currently an Associate member wants to fill the Regular seat on Recreation

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Mr. Grant as a Regular member of the Recreation Com, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7:30 **OPEN FORUM**

The owner of Dr. Detail, Eric Goodman appeared before the Board as he is concerned with the traffic lights at the entrance of Wal-Mart. In late 2010 the Board of Selectmen past a set of lights at Wal-Mart right at the exit of his carwash. I never received a notice from BOS or Planning Board. By installing the lights it will impact the business directly. The way the stop line is and lights are people would not be able to get out. For 14 years I have never had to hire a police detail. Never had a problem. On weekends I will have to hire a policeman. There is no havoc there now. It polices itself very well. There are zero accidents. Not a safety issue at all. I am not going to be able to get people out.

Mr. Stanton do we have any idea. Looking at the Planning Board decision. What was the idea behind the condition? Was this a Wal-Mart or the Planning Board members? Ms. Walker believes it was brought up at that hearing. Mr. Stanton questioned if there were people that requested this.

Gail Disperi, property owner next door to the establishment. It would be a shame. You need to see how close it is going to be to the lights on Route One.

Mr. Gallivan noted the Board does not have information to deal with this. Mr. Johnson suggested Mr. Goodman give the Planning Board something in writing.

Mr. Snuffer questioned if these traffic lights are able to be set to flashing green or flashing red. Ms. Walker stated they probably could be but they are proposed to be regular lights. Mr. Snuffer explained this took hundreds of thousands of dollars and years. We can pull the file. We can also be sensitive to your situation. Mr. Timson explained that no one is looking to cause a problem with your business. The cart is way down the road and we need to see if we can turn it around. I do not know why they wanted that light.

Mr. Goodman stated you cannot improve on there currently being no accidents. If these lights were pushed further back to the Sharon line, would that be more acceptable to you? I know it is late in the game.

3-16 One Day, N. Walpole Fish and Game

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the one day liquor license for N. Walpole Fish and Game, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-17 (2) One Day, Knights of Columbus

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Two One day liquor licenses for Knights of Columbus, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

3-18 Entertainment, Weekday, Old Country Buffet, Wal-Mart

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for 1 electronic game entertainment license at Old Country Buffet, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for 3 electronic games entertainment license at Walmart, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-19 Use of A. Farm, Norfolk Hunt club

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant permission to conduct a drag hunt at A. Farm on April 14, 2015 and September 12, 2015 subject to approval of the A. Farm com, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-20 Use of A. Farm , Pot Luck

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant permission to use A. Farm for Pot Luck , opening day and closing day of the community garden as requested, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-21 Use of A. Farm, Easter Celebration

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant permission to use A. Farm for Easter Celebration by Grace Community Boston subject to approval of the A. Farm Com, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-22 Use of A. Farm, Camp Field Trip

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant permission to use A. Farm for camp field trip subject to approval of the A. Farm com, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

3-23 Use of Old Fisher Ballfield

Mr. Timson noted the Agricultural school asks to use this field every year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the use of the Old Fisher Ballfield for Graduation night at the Norfolk Agricultural School, June 3, 2015 with a rain date of June 4, 2015, Seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

3-24 OPR, Fun Run

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to hold the OPR Fun Run road race on May 31, 2015 , seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-25 Annual Village Fair

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the annual request of the Epiphany parish to hold the Village Fair and to conduct the fair and various game booths. To conduct the road race beginning at 8:45 a.m. for Kids and at 9:00a.m. for the traditional 5k. To use the Common directly in front of the Epiphany Church, including the use of the Bandstand and to exclude traffic on those streets directly bounding the church and to allow the Fair the use of Front Street, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

3-26 5K Trail Race, Town Forest

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Road race subject to the submittal of the Liability, seconded by Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-27 Concerts on the Common

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Concerts on the Common as requested, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

3-28 Walpole Little league

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Walpole Little League on April 19, 2015, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

3-32 Letter to Longview Farm

This is something the Board talked about. It has been seen by 4-5 of us. If no one has any comments by Noon we will go with it.

3-31 Spring Town Meeting Articles

#25 and 26

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 25, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable Action on Article 26, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Johnson explained that based on what the Superintendent told the Fin Com he has a \$500,000 shortage. He is hoping to reduce that number down. They are meeting tomorrow to discuss. It was noted by Mr. Snuffer that it is bad practice to use one time money to balance the budget. Mr. Timson felt you cannot budget for Snow and Ice and children with special needs coming in. They should allow you to deficit spend on that part of the school budget. It was suggested that we suggest the Representatives direct the efforts in that direction. We should be sitting with them and having dialogue. There are some state mandates around special ed. The federal government said they would reimburse 40% but they are only reimbursing 15%. We continue to talk about underfunded mandates. How do we balance the budget when those extreme issues occur? Congressman Steven Lynch would give Walpole full attention. Mr. Gallivan stated there is a letter being drafted thanking our Representatives and Senators.

Article #9 MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend no action on Article 9, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

Article #10 MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to make recommendation at Town Meeting on Article 10, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

Article #12 MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend no action on Article 12, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

Discussion regarding the town funding snow and ice. Several towns did not. The State is going to allow towns pay over two years.

Article #16 Mr. Snuffer reminded the Board they made some people some very big promises on Hitching Post, we need to take a look at how we are going to do it. There is about \$29,000 left in that budget. It was stopped for some reason but we can not recall why. Not as many potholes. Mr. Timson would like an estimate to patch everything that is there.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend Favorable action on Article 16, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

Article #17 MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to recommend no action on Article 17, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

Boy Scout in audience.

David was sitting in the audience and is there for citizens in the community badge. To get a badge he needs to attend a town meeting and choose a topic. He thinks he is going to do the 15% sped. Mr. Gallivan is glad he is here and learning more about civil government.

Town Administrator Report

Spectra Energy-Informational session. Mr. Snuffer and Mr. Johnson will be attending. It is federally regulated. It is to build a parallel pipe line. I do not think we have any say so. No permits from us. It really is an informational session. They do need to discuss easements. The town does own property. Going to have to give us some mitigation.

Winter Recovery money- The town should be receiving \$115,000. These funds have to be spent by June 30th. We will bid the Roads out in early April. Mr. Timson spoke of Cedar Street, past Carl Road, amazed how that is heaved and broken up. Not asking for anything to be done with that. It was done within the last five years. We have to hit the roads that are mostly traveled.

Work Session/Off week session so the Board can meet to vote Articles. April 14, 2015 Work session at 7pm.

Sewer and Water Commission Meeting- Hoping to attend the April 13 meeting so we can talk about Jarvis Farm Committee. Talk about long term capital needs. Mr. Snuffer if we have any desire to lease out for camping etc. Mr. Johnson met with Mr. Hershman and he is willing to come on as a consultant to help out with the property. Mr. Gallivan does not want us to try to do more than we can. Like to see it being used. Lots of groups that would like to get there.

Since our last meeting, the garage at Turner's Pond caved in. Will get insurance money on it about \$20,000.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of February 4 and February 10, 2015, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

**Mrs. Mackenzie had been attending another meeting and arrived at 8:50pm during Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Chairman Declaration:

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21A(a)(3) that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss To conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel, James Johnson That a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session and that the Board will return to open session

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to enter Executive session for the purposes as stated by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED roll call vote Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Stanton-Aye

Nancy arrived at meeting at 8:50pm.

Mrs. Mackenzie arrived and participated in the vote and discussion.

The Board returned to open session. Mr. Gallivan explained the Board had met with James Johnson and have reached an agreement for him to serve as Walpole's Town Administrator.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the terms and conditions of employment with Town of Walpole and James Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30pm, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0