

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, November 3, 2015 beginning at 5:30pm in Room 108 of the Town Hall and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room at 7:00pm. The following members were present.

Clifton Snuffer, Chairman
James Stanton, Vice Chairman
David Salvatore, Clerk
Mark Gallivan
Eric Kraus (arrived at 7:00pm)

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

Mr. Snuffer called the meeting to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Chairman Declaration:

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21A(a)(10) that the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss trade secrets and confidential or proprietary information
- that a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session
- That the Board shall return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to enter into executive session , under G.L. c30A Section 21(a)(10) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Board's Chairman and the Board will return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED by roll call, Mr. Stanton-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Snuffer-Aye

The Board had moved out of Executive session and into the workshop portion of the meeting.

Budget Discussion Debt

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Snuffer talked about putting one million dollars in a saving account for the Fire Dept. He wants to move forward with the Fire facility in 3-5 years.

The \$815,000 is what we are projecting from FY2016 and transfer from debt budget to WFD building account. If we did nothing with that it would close to free cash. The prison Mitigation and old Workers comp account \$238,348 that gives around 3 million. At FTM 2016 appropriate 7.9 million borrowing, and take \$50,000 for the next three years from the ambulance acct.

Mr. Gallivan noted that it shows us that the prison mitigation is very important. Mr. Johnson reported the school is coming forward with a plan with MSBA, the plan cost is 1 million dollars. How do we budget for that? Maybe prison mitigation.

Personnel Board is meeting tonight to talk about salary. I am recommending they go with 2% COLA for Nonunion staff. Would like to see a reduction in Gas. Mr. Gallivan noted if they underspent in that account it will go to free cash. Mr. Johnson is concerned if he reduces gas budget, then it spikes up, there could be a problem.

FY2017 Budget Process

Mr. Johnson had sent out information to all departments regarding their budget. He asked the members if there is anything you are looking for with the budget.

The Board moved from Room 108 to the Main Meeting Room at 7:04pm reopened the meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

WCTV Inc. election will be held on 11/5 at the HS media center at 6pm.

The Veterans Day 11/11/11 will be at the High School and then will revert back to the common. The Alumni have put together a stone which will reflect those that attended WHS and served.

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Carmichael, Quarterly Update

Chief Carmichael reviewed the calls of service with the members. We are not comparing it to anything as of yet. Developing a base line. Longview Farm quarterly update. The total calls for service is 68 which is down from last year. Will be meeting with the Director. He talked about the Drug situation in Walpole. Current situation of overdoses 24 overdoses since January and there have been two fatalities. The average age 30 and as young is 11. Met with Governor Baker last week a lot of good things within the bill. The bill proposes having the ability to section someone as an emergency. Give us the ability to file an emergency detainment order. Hold them up to 72 hours to try to get them into a treatment center.

Personnel issues, Chief Stillman is doing well in Bridgton Maine, signed off on a transfer for Officer Eaton to Wrentham. This past month, first non civil service over 200 candidates, strong list of candidates. Using our candidate pool, 92 and above 40-50 people. Have the Board requisition the list to back fill Officer Eaton going to Wrentham. Did the promotion for Deputy Chief, Zanghetti and Kilroy. You see the new organizational chart. They may be moved around more. This is a foundation. Community policing, positive ticket program Great opportunity to have Scoops to give us over 1,000 tickets. Looking over the police station. We have kits in every car, command kits as well schematics of school, if we have to go in and enter they know where to go. Working with Aggie. So they can develop new maps. Keys to get in schools. Try to get that installed at Aggie.

They have used the Taser in order to gain compliance. They are used at different levels of stuns. This year so far 11 times we have used it in some degree. They have become effective.

Mr. Kraus questioned what the chief's perspective on the battle of opioids? Where are we today from last report, are we making progress. The Chief does not believe they have yet. A lot of focus is safe prescribing. Generating laws on opioid pills. The US uses 90% and we overprescribe. I think it will get worse before it gets better. Until the education of prescribing less, we will not see a down turn.

Mr. Stanton noted the breaking and entering in E. Walpole was to get drugs. It was explained the same time we were having home breaks we were having car breaks. Most of the crime we do see in town. Most of the thefts are associated with drugs. The issue with kids and pills, several years ago, we noticed a question asked to kids and their thoughts on using heroin, vs prescription medications. The kids were telling us there was less harm using opioid pills.

The Chief explained in schools most of the younger kids is stranger danger, health and safety. In 7th and 8th grade they talk about cigarettes, alcohol, pills and marijuana. Who loses out is the High School; one thing we will start is student police advisory council. Goal to establish trust and communication and talk back and forth about problems are in Town. How we can fix some of these things.

He talked about meeting with Longview Farm next week. The issue with statistics they are reported incidents. It could be they are not calling us, we don't know that is why we are meeting with them. Abuse or neglect gets reported with DCF. We have had sexual assaults we were not notified. They are not required to let us know.

Longview wants to expand their occupancy from 8 to 12. The chief is aware of it. Mr. Snuffer, when you release an individual to a hospital, how do they secure to be sure there is safety on the

ward? The Chief had situations of a lock zone and within an hour they walk out. They come out and overdose. If the bill goes thru and we can bring them to a facility and they can keep them.

We can backfill Chief Stallman's position and pending authorization to fill off Eaton opening is concerned. The Board will interview the top candidates for the two openings.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to requisition a non civil service list, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Chief Bailey Quarterly Update

Started new program and they are up 240 calls from a year ago. They performed 1,729 inspections, issued 437 permits. Does involve a lot of labor on our end. Major incidents two major gas leaks, one on Main Street at Bristol Square, two garage fires. Kept them to a minimal. There is a \$883,254 ambulance account balance which is up \$25,000 from last year. We do have a potential short falls. Working with Town Administrator with some issues, unexpected retirement, filled his position and long term. Another retirement pending April 1. Another long term sick leave, surgery, out for extended amount of time. Can not fill for over sixty days. Fire inspections were completed with Schools and there are several projects going on in town. Fire prevention, and attended Spectra Energy meeting. Participated in MIIA safety meeting. Involved in the OPEM process for fire station. Ladder truck has to be tested, yearly test that needs to be done. Ambulance 3 is in the Town of Sharon, their new ambulance is not working and they hope to have it back Friday. We have used it as our spare. Worked out very well. Senior safe day was held in September and was very successful. The school portion was done by our SAFE team during fire prevention week. Both were done on grant funding. October 10 was open house, a lot of people come thru. They have been holding the driver training class on 4 different days, Next week Hazmat refresher course. Station 3 we staff on major events the stadium pays for that. Three new hires are on board. The other 2 candidates on started yesterday and on next week. He does not have academy dates, they are not as backed up as they use to be. New one in Springfield will help. Hope to get them in the next month or two. His number one need is people.

11-3 Residential Factor Hearing

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Take testimony from petitioner and then from the Board and then the audience.

Mr. Flis, Town Assessor reviewed the documentation presented to the Board which reviews the History tax rates. He handed them a synopsis as to why we are here, provide input to decide the residential factor which determines the tax rate for the different classes of property in town. The town has the ability to shift the tax burden. 1.275% is the current shift, shifts from residents to commercial.

Assessments are based on sales from 2014. They analyze the sales. They do not visit every property every year. Apply to the existing information we have, send in DOL services, they certify, The town will raise 64 million 84 thousand. That total can go up no more than 2 ½ %. Even if your assessments go up or down, we are still only going to collect the 64 million. The average assessment went up \$20,470. This is what the assessments went up by. As far as taxes go based on current shift. Looking at an increase of \$263.00 or 3.93% increase those are based on the current shift.

The question is do you want to keep the same or shift the burden. He showed how if you increased the shift to Commercial and Residential. Showed the impact if the Selectmen were to lower the shift. Focus which direction you wish to go in. The Board of Assessors will make a recommendation. We have had a preliminary recommendation. Mr. O'Connor, when they met their plan was to leave the shift where it was.

Mr. Gallivan agrees and suggests keeping the shift where it is now. It was fair. Mr. Stanton found the information educational and it was interesting to compare Walpole to other towns. In Walpole 82% comes from Residential and 15% is from commercial. Mr. Flis noted they shift

because of the commercial base they have. You have to have extensive commercial base to utilize the shift. Mr. Salvatore noted you cannot have too much of a shift the rates would be too high and would not draw enough commercial business here.

Mr. Snuffer opened the hearing up to those in attendance. Mr. Bill Hamilton noted the reason the town went to shift as commercial properties were falling behind. How that was corrected. Mr. Flis explained the original shift 1990/91 but they do not have comparable information, seek outside technical assistance.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to close the public hearing seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adopt a Shift of 1.275 % with a Residential Factor of 95.7079 for Fiscal year 2016, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Hamilton talked about Spectra Energy, and their plan to install a new pipeline. There would be a 8 foot trench. The town's water level is low. Our aquifer is recharged by snowmelt. We had 10 feet and it did not recharge our aquifer, Spectra is talking about going under the Aquifer but there are some risks with that. Although they said they can take property by eminent domain. He feel the Selectmen have the ability to deal with this project and they can not do this project without your support. Seeking help for grant money for a pumping station and back up system with the MWRA. If this earthen dam gets worse and causes much more bottleneck, we may have a problem. Ask how they can help us to have the Army Corps of Engineers help us to get water to our wells. Get help from the state, governor and state legislators.

11-4 Approval of BAN

Marilyn Thompson presented the Board with the Bond Anticipation note. She put together the outstanding projects they have been working on and the total is \$2,151,088. Mr. Johnson noted this is part of the short and long term borrowing. This is our short term borrowing, way to borrow in the short term and satisfy the debt in total. The bid was awarded to Century Bank @ .5475%.

Mr. Salvatore stated the following: I the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Walpole, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held November 3,2015, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of a \$2,151,088 0.85 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note (the "Note") of the Town dated November 13,2015, and payable November 10,2016, to Century Bank at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$6,453.26.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 14,2015, and a final Official Statement dated October 22,2015, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures in such form as the Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of title Notes.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Note were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. C.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the motion as read, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

11-5 Transfer of All Alcoholic License and new Common Victuallers From The Crease to True Flavors Inc., LLC.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to open the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Ken and Yvonne, own an establishment in Mansfield, Tony Lorusso asked me to bring my food over to Walpole. We want to transfer the license from the Crease. Mr. Kraus asked what will be your product menu. They will have small plates, fresh pasta, nothing boxed or frozen. Homemade martinis. They did have a tap system in there and they plan to keep it. They will have great craft beers. Seafood, buy the seafood will be from the seafood district, we have a passion for what we do. The concept will be a little different. This will be a softer décor. Have been doing cosmetic work. We took out the deep fryer and pizza oven.

Elizabeth Lenton, spoke in support of their application. Their restaurant in Mansfield is our favorite place to go. Benefit to the town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to close the public hearing MG 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the transfer of the all alcoholic Common Victuallers license from Stewart F. Grossman Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee of Rebel Town Inc. To True Flavors, LLC for property located at 944-946 Main St and to name Yvonne DeFazio as manager, seconded by Mr. Stanton VOTED 5-0-0

11-6 Holiday Display

The Board received an application to place a manager scene on the common from the Chamber as required under their policy.

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to approve the request to place the manager scene on the common from 11/21/2015 to 1/9/2016 by the Chamber of Commerce, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

11-7 Gingerbread Festival/Horse Drawn Carriage rides

The Board received a request from the OPR PAC to allow horse-drawn carriage through streets in town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request to have a horse-drawn carriage on December 5, 2015 from 9am to noon with the route provided subject to the approval of the

Walpole Police Dept. and the owner providing certificate of insurance to the town , seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Stanton abstained)

11-8 Gift Acceptance

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from 7-Eleven in the amount of \$50 for the Positive Ticket program seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 5-0-0

11-9 Bid Contract No. 2016-06, Traffic Controller cabinets

Ms. Walker explained this contract will be the final piece for the boxes. Mr. Johnson recommends award to low bidder Coviello Electric and General contracting.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to award contract No. 2016-06 to Coviello Electric and General Contracting Co., Inc., Woburn MA for a sum of \$47,865.00, seconded Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

11-10 Bid Contract No. 2016-11, Joint salt bid

The town has done this for the past several years.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to award contract 2016-11 to Eastern Minerals, Inc., Salt Division at \$65.80 a ton Alternative will be Mid American Salt pick up at vendor's plant @ \$64.00 a ton, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

11-11 HESSCO Road Race

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the HESSCO 5K road race route on March 19, 2016 starting at 9am , seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

11-12 Walpole Coalition for Alcohol and Drug Awareness

A memo was received by the Coalition asking if the Board could change their quorum. Return the committee if additional members are necessary then make that request. Pay attention to the bylaws. Both sections of the Bylaws would need to be changed.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the Selectmen's meeting calendar of 2016, seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Admin Update

Town Clerk- They received 15 resumes for the position . He hopes to narrow down to 3 candidates. This is your appointment. Hopeful we can have someone by the end of November.

Budget Directives- the budget is due in system by 12/4

Veterans Day- 11 am at the High School and will return to the common the following year.

WFD Design specs-meet on Thursday night with PBC at 6pm and narrow down the firms.

Neponset River Watershed- Planning a workshop on November 10th at 6pm at Town Hall.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the minutes of September 17, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the minutes of September 22, 2015, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the minutes of October 19, 2015, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the minutes of October 20, 2015, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 9:10pm seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0