

The Board of Selectmen met remotely on May 26, 2020 at 7:pm. The following members were Present.

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

Also Present:
Town Administrator, James Johnson

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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chairman 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.

Mr. O'Neil called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. O'Neil so obviously we're still operating in remote mode here and allowed to do that under The executive order on remote participation that went into effect when the Governor back in March 12th when The Governor put into effect so everyone's participating remotely and as we have been doing for the last Several meeting we will have you know a disciplined approach to discussion and voting so all votes will be roll call votes and I'll just go around the group as we've been doing to get discussion and votes. So lets move to our first order of business, which is to vote and discuss the Mylod field lease agreement. So this has been on our agenda the last several meetings and we've handled a number of questions. We've discussed the possibility of certain other options. We currently don't have any other options in front of us. But the thing that's in front of us is the lease agreement itself. As I mentioned a couple of weeks ago I wanted to have the full board here to vote on this particular item because I thought it was an important vote for our board to take. So we've got all five members here today so we'll do that. Before we do that though I want to just go around the horn one more time and see if there's any further discussion before we entertain a motion.

Mr. O'Neil Ben I will start with you any comments or questions or discussion.

Vote and Discussion on Mylod Field Agreement

Ben I think just you know briefly since I know that we've covered this a little bit before. You know the view of this as a sweetheart deal or a private entity here in town is exceptionally narrow and when you step back and look at all the things that we talked about. When you review all the information that's at hand. You can see that there's a myriad of positives that have come out of this not just for the Walpole Youth Soccer but also for the town for residents and probably most measurably for the kids that play youth soccer and everybody's come out of it stronger. So rather than trying to cast this in a negative light and really say there we're going to shut this down. I think it's something that the board and other private entities in town should look into doing more often. If there's other private entities out there that have the town's best interest at heart that has some ideas and for people that want to make a difference and I'd encourage them to engage with the Board engage with the town and see what they can do. So I'M certainly in favor of extending this for another five years and I thank Walpole Youth Soccer for all the volunteer work for the facilities that they provide under

This agreement and hopefully you know we can continue expanding it and making a great deal for the town and the residents and Walpole Youth Soccer.

Nancy I don't have any question especially in light of the budget having somebody else take care of our fields is great. You know they've been good caretakers of the property and we've never had any issues. They've done nothing but improve it over the years. I'm definitely more so than other years glad that they're going to continue to make it a part of their budget.

David there are a few things as I am reviewing this. I noticed that the original lease was granted by authority of town meeting. That town meeting gave the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into a 20 lease. Presumably the lease was in return for capital investments and I believe that those investments were made and the property was improved but the deal was for 20-year lease. It has been extended at least one time and perhaps two times. So at minimum I think we ought to be telling the authority to do this from town Meeting. It is not clear to me that we have the authority. Does someone else want to talk? So I'm concerned about the exclusive use by one organization without other organizations having an opportunity to make a pitch for what they might want to do with the land and that opportunity has not been granted. You know other organizations pitch in and help maintain some of our properties and they're not receiving similar opportunities to avoid the Peace. Athletic organization in town baseball, lacrosse field hockey football. People who want to play cricket that might want to make use of these fields and haven't been given an opportunity to use them. I still would have further questions about the cost versus what the town would have to incur and whether or not there would be some accommodation made if the organization itself wanted to pitch in and do some of the maintenance. But those discussions will probably not take place. It's interesting that during the discussion of the fields on 1A there was a discussion about all the fees generated look with assistance in the maintenance of the property and that you know it would generate significant fees and in this particular case the fees aren't just there. So that's why I'll be voting against the further continuation of the five-year lease agreement for one dollar of the Mylod fields.

Nancy Could I just add something as a point of order David Walpole Youth football for about four of five years actually did have a lease agreement with the town for the field behind town hall and then it just didn't work out for them anymore and they moved on from that. I wanted to clarify that and then I do know at one point. Lacrosse had an agreement with the trustees and they there were doing a rental thing with that field. That the soccer players also use. So I think it has benefited different groups at different times for what they want to use and what their leadership decides to do. So it's not special to Youth Soccer. This is Ellis Field. Ellis had an agreement and then we also did an agreement with baseball behind the Aggie school. Didn't they have one a few years ago?

Mr. Johnson I believe little league might have done some type of an agreement back then. This was some years ago.

Mr. O'Neil Mark I believe you'll be abstaining from this vote given the fact you're on the board. Mark Yes I'm going to abstain from any discussion and vote on this item

Mr. O'Neil just to say from y perspective I've been pretty well on record as supporting this as a great example of a very successful public/private partnership. I appreciate all the good work Walpole Youth Soccer has done and the enormous good that it's done for the town and saved the town a tone of money in the process so I'll be voting for it.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Mylod Field Lease Agreement with Walpole Youth Soccer for another 5 years seconded by Mr. Barrett by Roll call Vote Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-No, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Abstained, Mr. O'Neil-Aye, Vote is 3-1-1 (Mr. Salvatore opposed, Mr. Gallivan abstained)

Vote Request for funding for \$4,675.35 for Fiber Network repair

Mr. Johnson back on the week of April 27th the IT Director Mike Donovan was notified that a section of the town's fiber network had detached from the telephone pole near the High School as a result of the high winds that week. So Mike had to go out and get a company he worked with John Hamilton and the Fire Department to get a company that's worked with us before New wave communications and total cost to that repair was \$4,675.34. So I what I'd ask for the board to authorize us to use the cable funds it's directly related to cable to repair this fiber connection

Discussion:

Nancy- No discussion

Ben-No discussion

Mark I'm good makes sense

David sounds good

Jim I'm good as well.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of Michael Donovan for \$4,675.34 for repair of the Town's Fiber Network that detached from the Telephone pole near the High School from the cable fund seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote approval to hold Camy 5K Run & David 5K Walk

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to hold the annual Camy 5K Run and David 5K walk on November 14, 2020 starting at 9:30 am seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mr. O'Neil-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Salvatore-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote request of Barbara Lightizer to serve on Trails Committee

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Barbara Lightizer to serve on the Trails Committee as a regular member seconded by Mr. Gallivan vote by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, and Mr. Salvatore –Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote and sign insurance mitigation agreement with various employee groups

Mr. Johnson kind of a brief overview of this one. This had come before your board almost a year and half ago. This is part of the insurance agreement. Will change the insurance a bit for the employees just over a year and a half ago. Part of the agreement was the select Board wouldn't explore the GIC if we reduced our rates and implemented a cost-sharing plan and there the employee groups will receive 10% of the savings that the town realized. The employees initially wanted to start their own savings account and distribute the savings how they deemed appropriate. After realizing the logistics involved with that they came back to me and said we'd just like to do it the way we did it back in 2015. So were to go back to 2015 and the way that was done was basically the town takes the savings and reduces it for everybody across the board so everybody gets equal savings with the employees. So pretty straight forward and they were comfortable with it. They realized that what a nightmare it was going to be administratively to set up a back account with all the various employee groups sitting on a board for to mitigate this money. Any questions?

Nancy no questions. Ben no questions. Mark no questions. Mr. O'Neil no questions.

David curious as to how much did we save and how much of it are they looking? Mr. Johnson In line one the total actual amount of savings realized in the first year was two hundred three thousand four hundred fifty nine. Based on the agreement that they agreed to their portions are equal to twenty thousand three hundred forty five ninety-one.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Insurance mitigation agreement with various employee groups seconded by Mr. Gallivan vote by Roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Salvatore –aye, Mr. O'Neil-aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote to award Contract No. 2020-25 Old Post Road School office/Lobby renovation

Mr. Johnson I want of kind of just first before we get into Old Post road I want to just preface things a little bit trying to give the board an overview as to how I got here. Obviously these four items is expending a substantial amount of money and I want to just do it a little differently to get it out there as to why we're doing it this way. Over the last three months we've obviously frozen a lot of expenses, new hires and everything else in a way to maintain our financial flexibility as much as possible. We put off bidding and awarding these contracts in March and April because we were just so focused on Covid and the emergency at hand. Don came to me in mid April or so and asked he'd like to proceed with some of these projects now to take advantage of the summer months and address an issue he has at Blackburn Hall as far as structural issues with the columns on the front of the building there. So what you're considering tonight I just would like to run you through each one. Old Post Road that's a lobby renovation. How are we funding that project? That's being funded through a borrowing item. Originally this item was bargained for 1.95 million dollars. We have three hundred and fifty eight thousand dollars remaining Town Meeting in the fall of 2019. Appropriated an additional money for this one. Two hundred and twenty five from Free Cash. So we're not spending the free money in this article. It's just the borrowing money so this will leave 225 in free cash for that item and a little bit left over in borrowing and we'll still be able to award and get it done. So any questions on Old Post Road? We bid this out and it's for the office lobby renovation in the front of the school there. Where the administration secretaries are stationed.

Mr. O'Neil Jim what if we didn't do it what would happen? Mr. Johnson the project wouldn't get done you'd be put off another year and the funds have already been borrowed so would impact our borrowing though.

Nancy in general I guess. So do you want to discuss them individually or just this one. Mr. Johnson lets go one at a time.

Nancy so I know you've done a great job freezing the budgets and staying on top of this but also part of the economy recovering is having people work and getting things done and you know I think it's very important that we get work done and also help keep the cycle of the economy. So you know I'm for this.

David so what's the renovation contemplated what's happening there? Mr. Johnson I don't know how recently you've been in front of that school but it is completely dated there. Some issues with leaking within the last year or so. I was out there with Don it was raining the countertops are all deteriorated out there. It does consist of some window replacement that's alternate one in the front portion of the building and just really bringing that front part back and making it more functional.

David are you putting extra security doors or anything like that? Mr. Johnson I don't know off the top of my head if Don is doing that. What we've already done in that building is we've already done a boiler, windows and a roof on that building. That's what was left over from the original 1.95.

Ben I would echo what Nancy just said about keeping people at work and keeping the economy moving or getting it going again. I think that needs to be part of the cost-benefit analysis. I would do these things with with local contractors and getting people back to work. At the same time I think we need to be very conservative in our spending and I know that we've talked a little bit about the budgets for fiscal year twenty-twenty and twenty-twenty-one and I'm sure we'll get into those more later in meetings to come but I think it's important that we be as conservative as possible because of the unknowns that are coming forward so to see that all of the monies that have been put into this account have been appropriated by Town Meeting. I don't know that we as the Select Board should just be unilaterally picking and choosing what Town Meeting has appropriated to be done and what hasn't and at the same time I'm heartened to hear that there's money remaining particularly what Jim said with the almost quarter million and free cash. It's not like we're spending all the way to the limits on any of these projects they're very much needed as Jim just spelled out and we're leaving some in reserves for this project or for other needs if it should arise. So for those reasons I think that the overall financial planning for this has been really well thought out and is conservative enough to leave us with money if we need it in the months to come.

Mr. Johnson and just to follow up on Ben's point there if you award all four of these contracts as stipulated in your packet we'll still have five hundred and sixty five thousand dollars in flexibility that was appropriated through free cash. So these projects are going to be just about done except for the alternate at Blackburn. We'll still have half a million plus and flexibility if we need to deal with it at all.

Mark I'm in favor of this project. I mean it's something we've known about for a long time. You know fixing up the lobby the entranceway where is all those kind of things I think it's good to continue this project. I agree with what Ben and Nancy were saying. It is also good to keep people and I think now is the time to do it.

Mr. O'Neil echo's those comments as well.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award bid contract No. 2020-25 to Northern Contracting Corp. in the amount of \$254,300.00 seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote to award Contract 2020-30 Boyden School Brick Restoration

Mr. Johnson just a couple of items to point out on that one. That was an original request dating back to 2013 to replace the Boyden Roof design. Replaced broken Boyden roof and anything associated with that. This currently 119 thousand dollars left in that account the roofs been done it was designed obviously and Don advised that he'll take the remaining 18 thousand here repoint replace bricks on one of the chimneys and he many need to have this to other chimney he pointed out to me that may need to be looked at once they're up there.

David I think that's great and if I remember correctly this is a project that Mr. Anderson took over that instead of going through the state and having to pay for the project manager. We saved a lot of money and he did a good job with the roof and it clearly even was able to save a little extra to take care of the bricks. I trust his opinions and his viewpoints on the maintenance of these buildings.

Mark I'm in favor of this I think especially pointing up all the brickwork on the chimneys is needed and important and taking a look at the other chimneys up there as well.

Ben nothing further to add.

Nancy I'm all set.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award bid contract No. 2020-30 to East Coast Developments in the amount of \$18,975.00 seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan -Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. O'Neil-Aye

Vote to award Contract 2020-26 Blackburn Hall Renovations

Mr. Johnson the base bid came in at Ninety three thousand and change and that was for the front columns and the woodwork above there that's rotted out the alternate was for the back columns. When I asked on what's the difference between the front and back columns. To him the front are the ones facing the Fire station. The one facing the library we're not going to fund at this time obviously because it came in over what the bid was at. So I'm just looking for the base bid at this time.

Nancy I'm very excited that this is moving forward. It was first originally identified in the original master plan which was 20 years ago that we really needed to get on top of maintaining the building and preserving the building and the columns were an issue that you know I know we're not liking this but again it will get people working and it's a gift that I just think you know it's our responsibility to maintain it.

David all set.

Ben all set

Mark all set

MOTION to award bid contract 2020-26 to Your Space Construction in the amount of \$183,128.00 seconded by Mr. O'Neil vote by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye. VOTED 5-0-0

Vote to award Contract 2020-28 high School Partial Roof Replacement

Mr. Johnson so we're using two sources of funding at the time of this request originally back in 2013 the town appropriated seven hundred and five thousand via borrowing for the roof HVAC and waterproofing. We have two hundred and six thousand dollars remaining from that account. So what I'm recommending here is that the board allow us to award a contract for \$153,400.00 this will replace the original front section of the roof that's facing Common Street that Wasn't done during the renovation back almost 20 years ago. So this will leave fifty three thousand in the borrowing account and \$250,000 in the free cash appropriation that was done at the last fall town meeting.

Mark I think it's a good idea to stay on top of this especially roofing issues. I know I've worked on there over the years. You know at some point in the fall it would be good to take a look at all of our building and sort of review the list of what work is on the capital budget list and going forward especially rooms and we talked earlier with Boyden and the chimneys important to stay on top of everything up on top of the building so we don't create lots of problems inside the buildings. I'm in favor of it.

Ben I agree with all the points that mark just put forward. I'd also like to thank Jim for putting all this information together. I know that I had some questions for him but all this information all sources of funding this pans out for the future is such great information for all of us to have making the decision obviously but all the residents as well so it's a little bit of a primary really in capital expenditures with all these different projects we've been looking at so thank you.

David All Set.

Nancy All Set.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award bid contract 2020-28 to Capeway roofing systems in the amount of \$153,400.00 seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-aye VOTED 5-0-0

Vote to promote Andrew Delaney as a regular member on the ZBA

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to promote Andrew Delaney from an associate member to a Regular member on the Zoning Board of Appeals seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, and Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Review and Vote to sign the Town Election Warrant

Discussion on the town election postponement. I know we've got Liz Gaffey the town clerk and of course Jim. Do you want to start and then have Liz jump in as needed? I just wanted to let the board know we had this item on before we received the court order which we received the court order late this afternoon from allowing us to have the town election on June 27th. I'm please to report that back to board that we've been able to do that unfortunately the legislative actions that we were pursuing really didn't go anywhere and we took this action midweek last week and relatively quick turnaround given the holiday weekend. Liz did I miss anything? No I think that we have that's exactly right we tried the three prong approach and It seems that we had to do number three to get to where we needed to be to postpone the election. So the notice has been posted on the town clerk's website and a couple of people have reached out and asked about it already. We've already forward to them and the whole board has a copy of it so no action at this time on the postponement I just want to let you know it's been acted upon. Just one other thing I was when I was reading the order I do need a vote from the Board. Number 3 the Board of Selectmen shall follow in consultation with the town clerk board of registrar's and town manager as to logistics and feasibility vote to reschedule the annual town Election and post on the official town website a copy of this order which is done. The vote of the Board which I will need and a sample ballot, which is, also up there no later than 20 days prior to the date of postponed election. So if you wanted to take care of that vote tonight that would be appreciated.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to postpone and reschedule the Town Election to June 27th, 2020 seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Mr. O'Neil any discussion?

David I'm glad that we now have the authority to move the election. I wish it wasn't so late in the game. I wish that the legislature had acted. It would have saved us legal fees. Little disappointed in local legislative delegation that they didn't get the done for us. But it's good to see that we've got this done now.

Ben No comment

Mark I think it's goo we got the court order and can move forward and Liz can move forward with all or any other planning finished up.

Nancy I agree I'm glad that we've moved it. It think people will feel a little bit more comfortable. A little more time passed and I think that will get us better voter numbers anyway and that's what's important for everyone to feel safe when they're voting and you know there's a lot of wishes throughout all of this and you know we all wish this didn't happen. So I mean we have to do what we have to do and deal with what we have to deal with. I think this is the safest for the Town of Walpole and thank you to everyone who has done that.

Jim O'Neil- I agree to what you said.

Vote by Roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0

Liz I don't see any hours in there and I believe the warrant will request require some hours I don't see any hours in the order so did you know what you wanted to do for the election hours. Jim I see it saying the hours will be 8am to 5pm. David I do not agree with those hours I think the starting hours if you just want to do an 8hour shift it changes the starting hours. I don't think you change the closing hours.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Town Election Warrant for June 27th 2020 seconded by Mr. Gallivan Vote by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-NO, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

Town Administrators Update

Just a few items here.

Covid-19 update at this time there are 240 total confirmed positive cases in Walpole. 213 cases have been completed there monitoring and closed out that leaves us with 27 current cases undergoing monitoring which is for our situation here a pretty low number compared to what we were dealing with.

Fincom they are meeting they met last week and are meeting again this week. Their recommendations are going to be finalized by the end of this week with enough time to put the booklets together and mail them out to the residents in time as stipulated in the Charter. So that's good news. I want to get as much information out to the people as possible.

Town Meeting we continue to prepare for town meeting to be held on the High School football fields on Saturday June 20th at noon. Just the three articles will be addressed that includes the general operating budget, sewer budget, water budgets and we are working on preparing plan we're going to have plenty of water available ambulance on standby, plenty of disinfectant, plenty of face cards for our check-in workers will have masks to hand if town meeting members don't show up with masks everybody's going to be spread out 15 feet apart so plenty of space there and it's a work in progress but I think we have a pretty good plan in place.

I did get a request from Jalapenos actually over the weekend he and I went back and forth. He'd like to do some outdoor dining just off the back of his restaurant. The Board discussed this about a year or two ago and just really didn't go anywhere and decided not to pursue it but giving everything that's been happening he put together a plan and I'm going to walk it with the Building Commissioner and Ashley later on this week but I'd like to kind of get a sense from the Board. Would you be okay with something like this if we came back to you in two weeks and said here's the plan we have in place this is what Ricardo's proposing this is what is acceptable. In the past we talked a simple license agreement just to address him you know because it is technical town property out back there where his parking is but I just want to get a sense before we put a lot of work into it over the next two weeks. To get it in place for him. Are you okay with this?

Mr. O'Neil from my point of view as long as we're able to do it you know within the rules of the Town bylaws and with whatever state rules might apply. I think it's a really good idea frankly I think we're going to be needing to do a lot of these kinds of things to help businesses as we quote reopen the state and if getting outside dining in place helps you know Jalapenos or others I think you know I'd certainly be all for it. We've had a few conversations and Ben I'm sure you can add to this. I've spoken with Mark Romero who's the chair of the EDC and I know he was reaching out to Donelle Murphy who is also on EDC and I think Sarah Kahtib is involved with the work they're doing in the downtown destinations. So what I think would be really helpful here. Is do the Jalapenos thing on it's own track because Ricardo requested is so let's do that but I think we ought to be asking the broader question about how do we move forward with letting all of the downtown restaurants again assuming that it's safe to do so. Set them up so that you know all the restaurants downtown could take advantage of something similar. It just seems to me that is something we ought to be doing. Ben I know you've had some discussions on this maybe they give it over to you and see what you would add to that. Jim Johnson Ashley's been in discussions and reached out to all the restaurants in town and some have really expressed and interest to pursue this some haven't really haven't gotten back to her but whichever ones have said yes I want to pursue it she is facilitating it as much as possible and making it happen this is just the first one that's really come up. Ben I'm in agreement and I've talked to Ashley about this a little bit with this as well and she's done absolutely phenomenal work on this so far she's kind of a one person band. So to the extent that we can get her some assistance through other committees or organizations business organizations around town and I know you mentioned destination downtown it's looking at pitching in and helping there as well so the more hands will make light work and it really is two different scenarios. One is now getting restaurants out there as Jalapenos requested and find a way for them to temporarily and safely getting people outside and eating in their establishments so they can open in that manner but then also and this is kind of further down but looking at how can the town formerly through this board and others have a dialogue with the business owners and maybe some of the other business organizations in town to set up a permanent procedure for this how can businesses do this on a regular basis? Not just when trying to recover from this current situation so I'm fully in favor of it and I actually think as I said we could put more resources towards them maybe now that the town level but certainly having the EDC or else that can jump in. It's a fantastic idea.

David I am certainly into easing the rules and hopefully the ABCC alcohol beverage control commission will allow these establishments to extend their premises in a timely manner so that months don't go by before they approve it. Certainly the sale of alcohol for those premises that have alcohol licenses we certainly help them get back on track financially. Which they badly need so as far as a temporary you know I'm All in favor of giving some temporary relief obviously as long as there's protections for the people in the restaurants from automobiles and cordon off the area and things like that and even using town land where appropriate as the temporary at least for this year. We certainly can discuss it about for instance giving Jalapenos a license for future years but for this year I think you know whatever we can do to expedite the use of town land and encouraging you know other places and other businesses to be able to you know have a little relief from their parking or other restrictions that will allow them to use parking lots or other spaces and be fairly creative about the use of location calling on all of that.

Nancy I agree with David

Mark I agree with what has been said and anything we can do to help out the restaurants and businesses in town I think would be a great thing. I think once we do something with help he knows that we'll get some of the other restaurants thinking and I'm all in favor. I think David Mentioned using parking spaces to help

people with patios to create a patio anything we can do to help them through the year I think is the great thing. I do agree that we should be making this commitment for this year and I like Ben's idea of having a group sort of work through the issues though. What do we want to do long term but let's help them get through the year and I think that would be a great thing.

Mr. O'Neil I would just echo the commentary the others fully supportive deal with Ricardo and whomever else we have to deal with and then let's get the longer term plan though through. I think there's a lot of opportunity here. We just have to as a board get our minds behind it and go do it.

Mr. Johnson I'll report back in two weeks and I may have an agreement hopefully in place at least with Ricardo and I'll have a general maybe next update will include something with Ashley and give you an overall update as to where we stand with everything downtown.

Last item is we got another 40B application in for Pinnacle Point that's forty units over in east Walpole off of East Street that was submitted by Wall Street construction they don't own the property but they're pursuing an application at this point. It hasn't even gone to the state because I was wondering why we didn't receive an official letter from the state. The packet was just dropped off so that's going to be something that your board will have to weigh in on the future at a future meeting once we get some official notification on that one. That will be dealing with.

Nancy who's the applicant Wall Street Development Corp they are the ones who are building Burns Ave and they're building on Dupee Street. The smaller unit on Dupee Street. Nancy doesn't the owner of the land have to put in the application though? Jim Johnson It was explained to me that there was a purchase and sale agreement in place. So he doesn't own the property but he's pursuing it. Nancy and where on Pinnacle? Jim Pinnacle point that's a in East Walpole over near the pond in back there. Near Jimmy's Pizzeria. Nancy I didn't realize there's enough room. Is it at the beginning? Jim not it's wedged in there between those townhouses. It's about four acres. Nancy who owns that now? Jim the Hasenjaeger's.

Ben I just had one question Jim about Spring Town Meeting and the plan and the procedures that you were talking about and I appreciate all that information and I think that there's a lot more questions than answers out there at this point not that you don't have the answers but a lot of people have questions about the procedures and our masks can be required and what's going to be set up so the sooner we can get that out to RTM's and residents the better. So people know what to expect. Jim as far as masks the chief and Melissa and I are kind of working through that. We just go some new regulations literally this afternoon that may impact those large type of outdoor gatherings basically saying if you keep the social distancing outside you're not required to wear the masks you can if you want at your preference but that was just some clarification they sent to cities and towns today. Much more to come.

David I'm sorry I don't want to interrupt Ben. Perhaps because some people will just want to have social distancing and not wear masks maybe you can establish an area where you can just sit socially distant without masks and those people who don't want to be around people without masks on can sit in a separate area and that way they might avoid any conflict. Jim Johnson Ok I like it.

Mr. O'Neil do you want to say anything else? Ben No I have gotten questions about electronic voting how is it going to be used how much input and discussion is going to be allowed. You know details questions so it's like you know. Mr. Johnson I can answer electronic voting. No that's not going to be used. I checked with Dan because we need to give a certain amount of time to the company that's based in Orlando that handles it. So no electronic voting. So that answers that question. What was the other question? Ben how are you going to facilitate discussion and people coming to the elector and a microphone what not for that debate or discussion point. Mr. Johnson we're going to we talked about this with Town Counsel and they raised the concern over not touching the microphones and keeping it sanitized and everything. We are going to have at least four Mic stands for people to come up. But we're also talking about a way to somehow facilitate basically if you're not comfortable coming to the front and standing. Can you somehow text me directly with the question and I'll relay it up on the stage. Logistics will still be set to be worked out of that one.

Mark I am interested in seeing all the final details but I know that's a working process at this point.

Nancy no questions it can be done just wipe it down we'll get through.

Mr. O'Neil Liz anything you want to add to this part of the conversation? Liz No I think Jim stated it all we did go over all the points that you guys are asking the questions of seating and the masks and the check-in there will be more information sent out to the RTM's especially from my office because we are deciding whether we are going to do a time to check in so we will finalize how we're going to do that and we will let all the RTM's be aware of how that whole process would be. We're just still working out all the kinks but we do have a plan.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of May 12, 2020 seconded by Mr. Gallivan Voted by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-aye VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Salvatore had a question for Jim Johnson regarding the order for the town election and the hours. He wanted to know if he could have an update over the next few days from the Town Administrator as to the authority to change the voting hours. Mr. Johnson So I think I can answer that. Because it's a local election the board can set the voting hours we talked about this at the last meeting. I think 10-4 was floated out there but it's the Select Board decides what the voting hours are. Liz am I correct on that one. Liz right the way I understand it the hours are not stated in the Charter and so I believe that is after speaking to Lauren I believe that the Board can set the hours. We can definitely check into that to reconfirm. David if you could just forward me that decision from Town Counsel. Jim I believe she stated it at the last meeting but I'll go back and I'll get confirmation from Lauren that the Board can set the hours.

Ben I want to thank Liz for the PSA that went on You Tube I thought it was fantastic I don't know how she managed and everyone managed to have that much information in three minutes but it's great. So the more people can spread that around and spread the word the better so thank you for doing that Liz and Jim and everybody putting that together.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn seconded by Mr. Gallivan voted by roll call Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Barrett-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye and Mr. O'Neil-Aye VOTED 5-0-0