

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 remotely at 7:00pm. Vice Chair Nancy Mackenzie was absent. The following Board members were present:

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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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

#### Appointments

##### 7:10pm – Public Hearing and Vote request of Eversource for Grant of Location to install approx. 80+/-ft of conduit on Main Street and 40+/-ft of conduit on Glenwood Ave for service to 979 Main Street

Christine Crosby, Eversource and Carl Balduf Town Engineer were present for the hearing. On motion of Chair Barrett, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to open the public hearing for Eversource for Grant of Location to install approx. 80+/-ft of conduit on Main Street and 40+/-ft of conduit on Glenwood Ave for service to 979 Main Street. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0). Jim Johnson and Carl Balduf gave an overview of the scope of the project. Seeing no communication from the public and on roll call vote of the Board voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the request of Eversource to install approx. 80+/-ft of conduit on Main Street and 40+/-ft of conduit on Glenwood Ave for service to 979 Main Street subject to them complying with any conditions set out by the Town Engineer. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

##### 7:20pm – Marilyn Thompson, Finance Director

Marilyn Thompson was present for the appointment. The Board thanked her for her years for service to the Town and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

Jim Johnson gave brief overview of what the remaining balances consisted of. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to re-appropriate the balances from completed borrowing articles as outlined by the Finance Director and use the funds to pay down debt payments. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to re-appropriate the balance from the Eastland Circle Article of \$34,717.63 approved at the FATM 2000 and use to pay the debt service payment for the MWRA Projects for the FATM 2019. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Jim Johnson explained the purpose behind approving an OPEB Policy. The Board discussed the merits of having an OPEB Policy in place. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to approve OPEB Policy and add to the Town of Walpole policies and procedures manual. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### 7:30pm – Discussion with Walpole Police Department

##### ➤ Update on Home for Little Wanderers coordination and recent activities

Chief Carmichael, Deputy Chief Kelleher, Officer Van Ness and Officer Byrd were present for this appointment. Chief Carmichael provided an update to the Board on the situation at the Home for Little Wanderers. The safety of the children there is ultimately the police department's responsibility. Statistically the department has received less call in 2020. The main issue comes down to the safety of the neighborhood, kids and the staff. The Chief outlined how much time can be spent on calls to the Home, for example, one individual was a resident for 6 months and the police department received 31 calls for that resident alone. The Board discussed the need for action, in order to solve the issues and stronger support needed from the State. Board members decided that a letter needed to be sent directly from the Board with the input from the Chief to the Governor about the situation.

##### ➤ Reverse 911 System being utilized by the Police Department

Chief Carmichael gave a brief overview of the system and how it is being utilized in Walpole. Walpole uses Swift Reach system which is an opt in system. You must go on and register for the system. Links to Swift911 are on the Town and Police websites. The Board stressed that they need to get people to sign up, get people to opt in as long as the system is accurate.

#### 7:45pm – Metropolitan Area Planning Council interview and vote for appointment

Glenn Maffei introduced himself to the Board and gave a brief overview of why he would like to be appointed to the MAPC.

Paul Connelly provided an introduction and brief background to the Board. The Board thanked both individuals for coming forward and willing to volunteer.

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to appoint Paul Connelly as Walpole's representative to MAPC for a three year term and appoint Ashley Clark as the MAPC alternate with the understanding that Glen will work with Paul along the way. On roll call vote of Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### New Business

#### Vote request of Ashley Clark, Community Development Director to hold Small Business Saturday on the Town Common November 28, 2020 and approve the closure of a portion of Elm Street

Ashley Clark was present for this item. The Board expressed their support for the event. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Ashley Clark to hold Small Business Saturday on the Town Common on November 28, 2020 and approve the closure of a portion of Elm Street from the morning of November 28 and reopening on or before Sunday November 29. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote award of bid contract No. 2021-08, Joint Salt Bid to Eastern Minerals, Inc. for various salt treatments  
On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Chair Barrett, voted to award bid contract 2021-08 to Eastern Minerals, Inc. for various salt treatments. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Crisp for a Weekday/Sunday Entertainment License

Building Commissioner Michael Yanovitch and applicant, Robert Carnes were present. Building Commissioner Yanovitch explained the process of the limited site plan recommendation that was conducted in order provide a recommendation to the Select Board for approval. The Committee proposed favorable action on the entertainment license application for Crisp. He explained how this was a direct result of the recent Town Meeting Vote. The Board requested that when the establishment is having entertainment that they coordinate with the Church next door. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Crisp for a weekday and Sunday entertainment license. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to sign the following Contract Agreements; Town Hall Clerical Employees, Public Safety Dispatchers, Local 115 Police, Library Employees, Fire Fighters Association, Department of Public Works

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to sign the contract agreements for Town Hall Clerical Employees, Public Safety Dispatchers, Local 115 Police, Library Employees, Fire Fighters Association, and Department of Public Works for the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to appoint Matt Lundsten to the Town Forest Committee as an associate member

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted appoint Matt Lundsten to the Town Forest Committee as an associate member. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Barbara Davis to use Adams Farm on Saturday, December 05, 2020 from 11am to 5pm for a family holiday gathering

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve request of Barbara Davis to use Adams Farm on Saturday, December 05, 2020 from 11am to 5pm for a family holiday gathering subject to them complying with all COVID19 guidelines that are in place at the time of the event and use of the fire pit is subject to final approval from the Fire Department closer to the event. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

357 confirmed positive cases, 14 current cases and closely monitoring Walpole's status with the State. There is no real cluster of cases it is a scattered pattern and are working closely with the School Department to make sure we can keep the schools open for as long as possible.

### Town Meeting

This past Town Meeting went really well, pleased with the attendance and the manner in which people conducted themselves. All of the Town Departments did a great job. We are prepared in the Spring to run another one outside if necessary. Already started the budget process for Spring 2021 Town Meeting. Started the draft warrant with 14 articles, possibly opening in November and close mid to late January.

### Executive Session

Chair Barrett stated the Board's intention to enter into Executive Session for Purpose 2: To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel:

1. To negotiate with non-union personnel Chief John Carmichael, Jodi Cuneo and Elizabeth Gaffey.

On motion of Chair Barrett, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to enter into executive session for the purpose stated, with the Board returning to open session at the conclusion. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:44pm.

### Additional New Business

#### Vote on Contracts discussed in Executive Session

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve and sign the contract for Police Chief John Carmichael. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve and sign the contract for Jodi Cuneo as Finance Director. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve and sign the contract for Elizabeth Gaffey as Town Clerk. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:46pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).