

Approved November 2, 2010

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mr. Kraus was absent. The following member were present.

Nancy Mackenzie, Chairman
Michael Berry, Clerk
Clifton Snuffer
Christopher Timson

Announcements

Mr. Boynton announced they completed Fall Town Meeting last night.

10-40 Read a notice from the Walpole Lions' Club, they would like an A-Frame to announce their fundraiser event. Texas Holdem tournament.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to approve the Request to place an A-Frame on the common to announce the Texas Holdem tournament, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 3-0-0

Open Forum

Mr. William Hamilton read the following into the record during Open Forum:
Twenty years ago I asked an expert at the MWRA what it would require to hook up to the MWRA water system. He said it would not be easy getting the "OK" from the MWRA, but if we get the "OK" we would have to pay the 10 million dollar-entrance fee, and pay about 10 million dollars to enlarge the water pipes from the Walpole Norwood town line to an MWRA distribution point in Dedham.

Then we need to purchase enough property near the Walpole Norwood town line near the MWRA connection point to build a substantial pumping plant with layers of backup. Then we must build a high-pressure water line to transport the water to the highest water tank in South Walpole costing about 20 million dollars.

We are still not done we must build the infer structure to deliver the water to our other distribution points costing about 10 million dollars.

We are still not done, because now we will have to pay the MWRA for every drop of water the MWRA meter measures entering Walpole. We will be paying **real money** from the Town budget for every water leak, hydrant flush, and fire fought. All water use at municipal and school buildings will be **real money** coming out of the Town Budget. This initial cost and future strain on our budget is enough incentive for the BOS to urge the Planning Board to deny the request for special permits in Area 2 and Area 3 in the WROPD next Thursday. We do not need another Snow and Ice type budget buster. Protection of our Aquifer is the most cost effective solution for our drinking water supply.

Sponsored Agenda Items

Mr. Timson arrived

10-27 Eric Skogseth, Ponds Committee

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to approve the appointment of Eric Skogseth on the ponds committee as an associate member, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 4-0-0

10-28 Settlement and Release Agreement, Pinebrook Estates

The Agreement has been finalized with Mr. Werden on the Pinebrook Estates subdivision. The planning Board signed off and need the Board to sign to access account.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the Settlement and Release Agreement and agreement for disposition of Bank Passbook account number 01-00-016508 for the Pinebrook Estates subdivision and to authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

10-29 Panda Express, Common Victualler's

Neil, will be the manager of the Panda Express which is located at the Walpole Mall on the pad next to Five Guys. They are looking forward to being in Walpole. Will have a soft opening on November 8, 2010 and free food day on November 10, 2010. They offer cook to order fast food. They will have a more attractive layout.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to grant a Common Victualler's License for Panda Express #1906 located at 106 Providence Highway pending issuance of food permit and building inspector occupancy permit seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

10-32 Coney Street, Bond Release

There are still items on the punch list to be completed but the Board may release and they will hold on to the bond until such time all work has been completed.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to release the bond in its entirety for Coney Street Roadway and traffic signal improvements to Macchi and Macchi, LLP subject to the punch list items listed in the memo from the Town Engineer dated October 14, 2010 being completed to the satisfaction of the Town Engineer, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 3-1-0 (Mr. Snuffer opposed)

10-30 Bay State Gas, Street Opening Permit High St

Mr. Boynton explained this is being done for safety. We do not like newly paved roads excavated. As a public utility they have to maintain safety on the roadway.

John Joseph, Engineering Tech from Bay State Gas explained they want a road cut, to reconnect the test station, once that is done we will be able to back fill.

Mrs. Walker explained there are regular standards, but she did generate a memo, the biggest thing is what did not happen on Union St. Bay State Gas is require to let engineering know 72 hours in advance. She found out while she was driving down the street they were doing work. We need someone to inspect the work .

Mr. Snuffer had originally expressed concern over the Union St project. Was the work done w/o inspection? Mrs. Walker stated we were not notified in the beginning. They sent the drill under the road and got stuck, the next day they came back and we knew they were coming back. There was a chain of emails, but I was not included.

The Board discussed the depression that is left in the street after excavation but the engineering department requires them to come back for compaction if required. The utility companies are sent a list of what roadways are going to be paved in the upcoming year. .

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to grant the Street Opening Permit to Bay State Gas at 320 High Street to install a test station subject to the conditions set forth by the Town Engineer in a memo dated October 13, 2010 seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

10-31 MPIC membership

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Bruce Norwell-Member of Housing Partnership and previous member of School Committee is seeking appointment to the MPIC as the Housing Partnership representative.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Bruce Norwell of the Walpole Housing Partnership to the MPIC as their representative, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

10-35 Junior Woman's Club Signs

Unwritten policy that signs are not placed in the commons other than the Town Common.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of the Junior Woman's Club to post sign advertising the holiday spree at the S. Walpole Common, E. Walpole Common, near Chestnut Street, Town Center Common near Gazebo and High School, noting this is not a precedent setting at the High School seconded by Mr. Berry

10-36 Selectmen Schedule for 2011

Table for next meeting.

10-37, 10-38 Gifts Donation for Ponds

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept with gratitude a cash donation gift to the Ponds Committee from Mary Ann Collins and cash donation, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 4-0-0

10-39 Footbridge, School meadow brook, Naming

Mr. Boynton explained the efforts of our engineering department doing the work in house has gotten us to 75% status. Sidewalk had been built already. We were able to complete that with in house labor. One is between the water treatment plant as well as section on Washington St. The unique part of the project is to tie into the culvert repair. The DPW all built a foot bridge across the school meadow brook culvert. Bob O'Brien came up with a suggestion to honor Justine Trainor. The town has benefited through the generosity of her father Bob, did landscaping around the fountain. Justine was killed when she was hit by an NSTAR truck along RT 1-A. Seems to be a fitting honor for her. Hope to get the signage up soon and honor her. The ceremony will be held on this Saturday or next.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the naming of the School Meadow Brook Footbridge after Justine E. Trainor, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Town Administrator's Update

Energy efficiency project- we are looking to improve energy efficiency. We are going to work with NSTAR.

Police Vacancy-one of the appointments you recently made has resigned, as such you will need to make another appointment. Not sure when that is. I think the Board had some favorable reviews for the next candidate.

Mr. Berry asked what is the process for that, does that list have to go out again. Mr. Boynton believes the chief is going to make the request that we use the same list.

Ambulance Hardship application- the new form will have verification on income. We want to be sure the applicant is true hardship.

Adopt a field- given you three draft polices, we have talked about the first two and Bob O'Brien and Bob Leblanc suggested when the fields should not be used. These are in draft form, not for action tonight. They are in the format of your policies and procedures

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New Pond 20th anniversary tomorrow at 10 a.m. and Mr. Boynton will attend.

Election Day- State Election is November 2nd.

New Business

Mr. Timson was contacted by Youth Football regarding the naming of Stone Field. They have talked to Ralph White and he is still interested in donating money. Would the Board be interested in calling it Legion Park at Stone Field. It warrants consideration and would help defray costs to youth football. I would not mind seeing a flagpole.

Mrs. Mackenzie recalls the previous board supported the donation. Mr. Snuffer would like to see this as an agenda item. I know Mr. Conrad was approached by an individual, in memory of an individual. Ralph White had said \$10,000 with \$5,000 more for a flagpole. It was suggested they should coordinate with MPIC.

New subject: Mr. Timson we need to put weights on signs that advertise. Maybe we need weights on them.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and will return for the purposes of completing the agenda, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTEED roll call vote Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Berry-Aye and Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye

The Board returned to open session.

Labor Counsel

Mr. Boynton recommended to the Board based upon Executive Session discussion you can appoint Kevin Feeley as Interim labor Counsel effective October 23, 2010 until November 16, 2010 with the full topic being placed on the next agenda, VOTED 4-0-0

Minutes

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of July 27, 2010, and September 7, 2010, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the executive session minutes of September 7, 2010, session one but not release, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 9:45p.m., seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted

Michael Berry, Clerk