

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman  
Michael Berry, Vice Chairman  
Mark Gallivan, Clerk  
Christopher Timson  
Nancy Mackenzie

Also present:  
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator  
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Kraus thanked all town staff, and RTM members for all their participation in the Town meeting. Town Meeting was completed in one day and he appreciates the efforts of all involved.

#### **Eagle Scout Proclamations:**

The following proclamations for Eagle Scout were read into the record.

Nicholas Patrick Culhane  
James Russell Harukewicz  
Stephen Boudrow  
Bryan Paul Sicard

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to sign the Eagle Scout Proclamations, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

### **SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS**

7:10 p.m. MPIC update

Dick Powers informed the Board what the MPIC has been actively doing in the summer. Keeping focus on future for the town, reviewed Selectmen's Goals and Objectives. They were pleased to see an annual plan for a Master Plan. They will look at our work to make sure we reach our goals. Good facilities program, select and oversee a Facilities study group. The initial results should be within the next few weeks, factual basis for both year and long term plans.

Dick Nottbart has been the internal manager for the Spring Brook project and explained it is moving a lot nicely, longer than he thought a lot of coordinating with students. The

original bid was received a few weeks ago, we found technicalities, we will re bid. Worked with Stephanie and Jim to be sure language is right. At this stage, they are ready to make this happen, hope to have award in by the end of the month. With the students, once the Board is awarded, early November, should have an alumni donor who wants to do work for the town.

Mr. Timson arrived at 7:15 p.m.

At this stage, the hope is to have the bridge in place by Walpole Day next year. Dick is working with Downtown to look for donations for benches. May be some work done by public works, the last component is the conditions of the Con Com. Mr. Forsberg is working with Mr. Lee to have a botanical planting in the area, once we get into disturbing that area.

7:17 p.m.      School Committee, Budget Discussion

Nancy Gallivan and Supt. Lynch have a strategic plan and want to communicate with the Board. To make sure what is important to everyone. She introduced the other members of the School Committee. They want to be in regular contact with your board, it was helpful at Town meeting that things went smoothly. If there are things that come up we want to deal with it face to face.

Supt. Lynch recognizes the collaboration with other depts. In town, first the Police dept. Familiarity training, budget to draw down on. Thank the Fire dept of inspections of the buildings, we have good plans that students can understand for evacuation. Thanked Robert LeBlanc and Don Anderson for their work with the schools. Some buildings are aging and are looking well. New program with Don Anderson to go green. We started at the High School and are working with our green student group. The students went thru and found the time that toilets were running. He thanked the Administration for the work on Health Insurance.

Mrs. Mackenzie arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Schools opened smoothly, we were concerned that we would have to add a bus. Were able to rewrite all the routes to accommodate additional bus. There was a cost and they appreciate the Selectmen's support. Those savings help pay for the 5400 regular bus. These two vans for SPED help pay for the regular bus. The school nutrition dept was revamped. The cost of food, and labor was running account in to deficit. We worked with Attorney Dan Brown to enter collective bargaining, we are projecting we will finish in the Black. We have been able to create new menus that kids will eat. We have visited every school to talk to the kids and taste the foods.

The successful override, allowed them to hire 12 positions and keep 15 that were to be laid off. They never said they could address the overcrowding of classrooms. With the funding they have replaced textbooks. There is new core Mathematics. Dr. Keaney is

spearheading improvement in Math. Thank the community the parents appreciate the lack of doubling of fees. We were able to secure foreign language in the middle school.

Drug and alcohol stepping up communication with that. Working with suggestions to improve their efforts to combat drug and alcohol abuse. They are meeting on Oct 22 at night and meeting Oct 23 at 10 a.m. all residents are encouraged to attend. Come and participate.

They are waiting for the building study results. Require a town to prioritize the needs of the building, then can they only submit statements of interest. Spoke of the test results. Mr. Gallivan thanked him and the School Committee for looking for cost savings in the schools. Encourage them to look for savings.

Mr. Timson thanked them for their participation in the Coalition. Mrs. Gallivan praised the job Robin Chappell is doing. They are already seeing a big difference at the High School

Mrs. Mackenzie thanked them for the great job working with the consultants of the facilities study group

Mr. Boynton thanked them for the continued support on the budget-working group and their support on Article #3 of the Fall Town Meeting.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Jack Wiley spoke of a recent letter he and his neighbors received from the Post Office regarding the hours of the Post Office and maybe the closing. They sent a survey to S. Walpole residents. He is looking for the Board's support, as they are concerned they may close for good. This Post Office is handicap accessible.

The Board members and Administrator were not aware of this and it was suggested that letter be sent to the Post Office supporting the neighbors to not close the Post Office.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson that the Board of Selectmen have either our Town Administrator or our chairman sign the document necessary that we would like to keep S. Walpole post office open, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 5-0-0

### 10-29 Transfer of Beer and Wine Package Store, C&T Beer and Wine

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to open the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to waive the reading of the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Attorney Paul Kennedy appeared before the Board representing the applicants for J&E Beer, Wine & Deli Inc for the Transfer of the license. The new owners will operate the same as the previous owners. They have added a pizza shop.

Mr. Timson notices on the liability insurance certificate, there is an (&) that is between the names and on the application it is spelled out (and). They will fix it. Mr. Boynton questioned if all taxes current for the property owner are current. Attorney Kennedy explained Mr. Zarba pays the taxes and he will be sure to pay them.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to close the public hearing, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to transfer the Wine & Malt Package Store License from C&T Beer & Wine to J&E Beer Wine & Deli d/b/a C&T Beer & Wine at 1600 Providence Hwy, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Accountant, Jodi Cuneo

Arti Mehta has accepted a position in the Town of Randolph Ma and Jodi Cuneo is being offered the position of Town Accountant. Mr. Boynton introduced her and noted she has been handling the duties in the Town of Foxboro. He is looking forward to Jodi coming on Board and asks the Board to ratify his appointment. Arti has found time to help thru this transition. Many forms that needed to be done and he appreciates it.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to ratify the appointment of Jodi Cuneo as the new Town Accountant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

7:45 p.m. Hearing for Revocation/Cancellation of All Alcoholic License for Cruisers on Main

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to open the hearing for Cruisers on Main Street for Revocation/Cancellation of the All Alcoholic Liquor license, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

The facility has been shut down for past 90 days. The Board has sent letters to Cheryl twice asking her to appear before them to update them on any progress she has made to transfer the license, relocate or reopen. Cheryl Sullivan did not appear again this evening. There was no one present. Are there any members or anyone representing Cruisers on Main? It is noted no one is present.

As we are very close to renewal period of license. Rather than moving forward with revocation. In order to renew, the license has to be operating and in place. On the advise of Town Counsel the board continue the hearing after the renewal period. Give the license holder an opportunity time to re open and to show we are being fair.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry that the Board give Cruisers on Main until November 30 to either re-open or find a buyer for it's license and further to continue this hearing to December 11, 2012 in order to give the licensee the opportunity to return and report to the Board prior to the Board's decisions on license renewal with the understanding that, if the licensee is unable to demonstrate that it is either operating under the license or is prepared to apply to transfer of the license to a new party and/or location, than the Board may consider denying renewal of the license, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8:15 p.m.      99 Restaurant, Public Hearing New Officers/Directors

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

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to waive the reading of the notice, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Boynton explained this is a corporate process, they have a new director, and because of multiple locations, the ABCC has allowed them to apply thru them.

Cindy Fuller-General Manager, it is a public company and was sold. We are now 340 Restaurants, and business as usual.

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

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the transfer of the All Alcoholic Common Victualler's license, New Officer/Director, Issuance of Stock, Transfer of Stock, New Stockholder and Change of Corporate Name from 99 West Inc. to 99 West LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant & Pub, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10-31 Common Street Library bid 2013-07

The Town issued a request for proposals for the former public library located at 65 Common street. Only one bid received from Albert Giandomenico totaling \$213,000.00. Mr. Berry would like to have Mr. Giandomenico in to inform them what his plan is for the property. What he intends to put there.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to award bid 2013-07 to Albert Giandomenico contingent upon successful negotiation of mutually agreed upon purchase and sale agreement, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10-32 Gift Acceptance, Hunter Subdivision

This is a gift regarding special condition of a subdivision. This is part of a project that the Planning Board has approved. This will be expended for trees.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gift from Peter Alberini in the amount of \$4,500 as part of the subdivision approval for Hunter Lane for replacement of trees, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10-33 Gift Acceptance, Recreation donations

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift from Junior Women's Club in the amount of \$435 for Recreation with gratitude. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10-34 Annual Halloween parade.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the Halloween parade on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 a.m. at Blackburn Hall, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

10-35 Granite/Lincoln Road

Nancy met with the property owner and is requesting the Board approve the plan and to authorize the agreement and sign. Mr. Kraus thanked Nancy for going out and handling this. We are not creating further traffic issues for others.

Ms. Walker does not anticipate that it will, we careful deliberations, picking the right plants, the three choices you have are from Mr. Leblanc. The current shrubs will be cut down. Once the agreement is voted and signed, will have our town staff get it to Mr. Carey for signature.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the proposed sight distance improvements on Granite and Lincoln Road and to sign an agreement reflecting the same with Mr. Carey, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Call Mr. Carey and invite him to look at the plans and if he wants to meet with Nancy to discuss.

10-36 Sewer Relief fund

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to Sign the Sewer Rate Relief Fund, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrator's Update

Library funding surplus update- utilize to pay down debt service, reducing the library amount. It is about \$116 dollars over the life of the bond per household. We want to get something in place for STM. There was discussion if the town could revoke the override

so they could give that money back. The Finance Director is looking to see if he can rework the bonds.

The Board members complimented Mr. Boynton on his preparation for Town Meeting. The slides he used were good and provided the facts.  
Regional service delivery here next Tuesday

State land discussion-DOC identified that site as something that could benefit Walpole, for fields. If you are looking at power plant, it is to the right of that, some value to the town.

Washing Street ribbon cutting-Sat October 27<sup>th</sup> at S. Walpole common

ICMA-greater access thru smart phones. At your next meeting, to use Verizon funds to move into a new web design. We have a number of crosswalks needs of greater visibility. There are solar powered lights.

Earthquake out of Maine.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Good will be attending the Board's meeting to talk about the implementation of a cash back credit card program.

Mr. Timson spoke of his attendance at the Walpole's Country Fest held this past weekend which is a fundraiser for Walpole Youth Football. He noted the Fire Department was giving away free hamburgers. He would like to see better coordination of events. Mr. Boynton noted this is Fire Prevention Week and they were having their open house. It is held the same time annually. Mr. Kraus agreed better communication between departments is needed for these types of events.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Timson would like to see if there is an avenue for Walpole to Federal Funding for the Alcohol and Drug coalition efforts.

Mr. Kraus reported the Downtown working group would come in and make a presentation. There is a desire to revitalize the Downtown. If they are not serious about revitalization then we should just move on. Would like to see a concierge service for new business. We have heard this town is not always the most business friendly.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 8:55 pm., seconded by Mr. Gallivan,  
VOTED 5-0-0

