

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on September 18, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

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

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

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

None

### **SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Chief Stillman, quarterly Update**

Calls for service Jan1 to Sept 18; 13% decrease over that period. Police initiated activities up 42%. Arrests are about the same as last year, 65% decrease in crimes against person, 4% in crimes against properties, citations 24% increase. Part 1 crimes 1% increase.

Overall it is a good picture. Community efforts working with coalition in a number of areas, change in the last year, move things forward, last meeting we had a significant attendance, that is going well, school is back there are some half-way cafes. The Deputy was asked at JMS to conduct health classes. It is a big Step in the right direction. Sending home the message, to reduce the amount of drug and alcohol.

Cops program continues one in Oct. Back in August check point on Route one. Sends a good message that alcohol will not be tolerated. A \$1,000 grant for feasibility study. Will be meeting to go over the RFP. The country festival issue, S. Walpole worked very well traffic was moving. Route 1 was a disaster it was backed up to Norwood. People come to the concerts with alcohol and tailgate. Need to be more forceful to open the lots earlier. At least you can control them and watch them.

Washington Street job is complete. It worked out well, flag men working with officers. We have radio issues we are working on, some tweaks we can do. Some of these will be capital issues. FCC is requiring changes to our system in the next couple of years. Training, we had initiated new policies a year ago. Last weeks of training. Will be in

much better shape. Training is done in house there was over 1,000 hours of training Constant battle, as the state does not fund that. The town must pick up the cost.

There have been many changes in personnel. Officer Pat Moriarty made a stop yesterday, realized the guy that he had, a loaded semi automatic weapon under the seat, mask and gloves. He sensed something was wrong. Hiring a new person, we have the list, we do not have an academy until March 2013. The Alcohol compliance check, much better than last year, only one violation. We need to keep continuing to do these.

Spoke about the changes that are being enforced with the Radios. The current system will not work when the frequencies are changes. It will be costly for the town.

Mr. Kraus asked for a comparable period for Longview Farm. Chief Stillman stated it is down, there has not been as much activity from our point of view. Officer Jackie Hazeldine has been very well accepted. These kids have issues. She goes there on her own time.

Mr. Kraus questioned when the Stadium follow up meeting would be held and noted it would not be a bad idea to have Dan Murphy attend one of the board's meetings. Chief Stillman noted it is not the stadium's fault. The lots need to open earlier. Mr. Gallivan noted that when he was driving through Water Street after the game he noted there were cars on both sides of the road and some limos. He questioned if they could increase the fines.

Mr. Timson noted that crimes against property are up a bit. That can be connected to drug activity to get funds to satisfy a habit. Chief Stillman noted a lot of crime in general are caused by people intoxicated on something. Sometimes you will get a lot of break-ins. We do not see a lot of cars with broken windows.

Mr. Timson questioned the Radio issue, is the FCC changing the frequencies? The Chief stated yes, they are taking those all a way. Our infrastructure will have to be replaced. You have to have the new one built before shutting of the old one. We think we are stuck with it. Congress felt they could fund it but they won't and it will fall back on towns. We will have to have satellite receivers all over town.

Mr. Boynton suggested it might be worthwhile to send a letter to the Congressman Lynch, and Senator Brown. The Fire and police can speak to each other now. ZERO national press on this.

#### Lincoln Road/.Granite St Intersection

A complaint was received about cars coming out of Granite St to Lincoln St and asking the town to take a look at sight distance. There is a row of hedges. Many years, the hedges obstruct a view of traffic coming from Norfolk Street. We have tried a few things, to be sensitive to neighbors, it is a narrow street and used as a cut through. One thing we tried to do, put barrels in the roadway to channel the intersection. Letter from

Town Engineer and she is stating you just can't see beyond the hedge. Mr. Carey wants to speak to the Board. You may want to review what we are talking about.

Mr. Kraus noted from middle of March to August that is a cut thru and with the little league fields there, we do not want a hazard, you cant make a left hand turn without concern. I appreciate that you do not want to cut down bushes; I do not want a traffic accident there. That intersection is anything but safe.

Mr. Boynton noted this is not the only one in town, but once an issue is brought to our attention, we have an obligation to act. The Town Engineer believes the bushes are on town property. But never the less there is an issue. Mr. Carey wants a stone wall, but we are not in a position to do that.

Mr. Timson drove it with barrels in place; it is still not a situation where you can get a view when you take a left on Lincoln Rd. Mr. Kraus noted it is a big biking area as well. Chief Stillman was on a bike in that area. It is difficult you cannot see when you come out of Granite St public safety trumps anything. Mr. Boynton suggested Board members looks at the site. Will invite Mr. Carey to the next meeting to discuss.

### **OPEN FORUM**

No one present

#### **Chief Bailey Quarterly update**

Chief Bailey informed the Board there has been 3,330 total calls. Ambulance funds are one million. They have received \$ 117,000 in ambulance receipts. Thanked the Board for their recognition in the assistance to Officer Simmons. On July 21, Sam Snyder will be retiring and will be a physician's assistance. Kevin Morrissey will graduate on 9/28. They began interviewing for the two openings we have. We have six finalists.

Apparatus, looking to replace an engine, what it has cost us to repair, around \$264, 680 to put in for Vehicle maintenance. I will have more on that.

They had applied for a grant for radio communications but were denied. The Deputy filed for another grant for altering the system. They got a call for further information and are hoping it will look favorable.

Students Awareness Grant, they go into schools 10-7 to 10-13. They have been successful in obtaining that. We received a \$2,000 grant from Wal-Mart.

Talked about the New NSTAR program for Firefighters and police to make them aware of hazards in the streets. Longview Farm training the building will be coming down.

On the injury status, one member, was seen by Norfolk County Retirement Board, going next to medical panel.

Capital budget-the new ambulance is in and will be on display Friday at Greenwood. A new monitor bought, interface with defibrillator that we have. New Command vehicle was ordered and should be in.

Open house is Oct 13 from 10-2. Mr. Boynton noted that a replacement of an engine is \$500,000 and a ladder truck is over one million dollars. Maybe we will have \$900,000 for capital. Look at some creative options there. He just got a truck in 2009. Take a look at all the apparatus needs, look at a truck that is within 10 years old, that has a high value to it and possibly do a sale of that. Chief Bailey noted the trade in value would be about \$2,500. Mr. Kraus would like to see other ideas as well.

Mr. Timson suggested that an increase in the budget to the repair the vehicles is needed. The Chief explained most of the work was to the brakes and some major spring work. Mr. Timson is interested in knowing how many times the fifth truck is used over the year.

Mr. Berry would like an inventory of the seventeen pieces of equipment the Fire Department has.

#### 9-23 Veterans Services Com

The Veteran's Agent, John Cogan spoke to the Board about the Veterans Services Committee. Mr. Kraus wants to recognize service men and women. Mr. Cogan explained when a member comes back to Walpole he is notified. I can suggest this is what we want to do and if they want to come in to a meeting. Mr. Timson noted if they do not want to attend a meeting, we could always recognize them.

The Board had talked about establishing this committee for veterans and families that are serving currently. Mr. Berry spoke to it really being a great opportunity for the town. Help the Veterans that have come home. One thing we noticed on membership, one slot for spouse or surviving spouse, to extend it to surviving members of family, some one of your immediate family. I think it is going to be great. This Committee is going to be a perfect venue. The Board wishes to amend the Membership to include; **One (1) Spouse or Surviving Spouse of a Veteran or immediate family member.**

Mr. Timson felt it is well done and would like Board to consider adding to objectives an educational component, Jon would like to see more information to the younger set, what the Veterans are doing. How a flag at one our town buildings was being handled, get the word out. Educational component schools, kids, and proper etiquette of treating the flag.

Mr. Berry suggested “**educate the Walpole community and Walpole students on the meaning of and proper observance on Veterans issues and patriotism in General**”.

Mrs. Mackenzie suggested stating “**educational outreach within the community**” under objectives.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adopt the charge as presented and amended, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Gary Riggott, Trails Committee

The posters will be over the library. Having the opportunity to tell you what we have done over the last few years. The Trails Committee was established in 1998, the Bay circuit trail was created then. They wanted a group in town to maintain the trails. There are thirty-two miles of hiking trails. Our responsibility is to maintain the trails, two members myself and Dick Adams. We have 150 dollar budget.

Bay Circuit starts in Ipswich and ends in Kingston and 8 miles in WA. 50 is spent for the Bay circuit alliance, the rest is spent on herbicide. I have collected about 1,200 in private donations, one family donated 700 for a brush cutter, Toll Bros. bought wood for a project on their property.

Outreach and trail work. I did a pod cast with Matt Fearnley, Trails committee web site. That needs some improvements. Trail work is where I spend most of my time, working with Scouts, 10 Eagle scout projects. 6 trail kiosk built, 6 trails cleared, 4 bridges over streams, two log bridges built. One bench on the trail.

One more thing we have done, just this past week we can re route the trail thru Walpole park South. I have a word document that can be a scout project and I keep it updated.

Community service work from Tri - County School. Short term in 2 weeks, will be working on A. Farm project with Eagle scout. I am going to set up a meeting at the library and seek members and talk about the trails.

Working on getting the web site on the towns site. Looking forward to that. Starting this spring plan to approach the schools in town to promote a hike to get families on the trails. The com has done a good job of improving the trails in town.,

Mr. Kraus would like to have him in more than every two years. People have to know it it exists, the more we can help you the better. You have to let us know if you need help. He knows that he is in contact with Boy Scouts, and suggested a scout could be involved in the web.

Mr. Boynton suggested he work with Pat Krusko regarding the web, maybe able to tie in something with the School Dept. One thing we are looking at is to do more of a coordinated outreach. He would like to provide more support to them. We need more people with the passion and effort. There are 32 miles of trails and not all is in the town forest. Mr. Riggott wants to tweak the web site before turning it over to Pat.

Mr. Berry noted we had Dick Adams come in and talk about the T. Forest Com. The amount of overlap between the two committees and both are short now. Possibility for you to join forces and create a super committee.

Mr. Gallivan noted if you could let us know about a project maybe we can get man power, donations etc. Let us know what we can do to help you.

9-25 Three Brothers Transportation, Livery Service

This is for the purposes of notifying Mass Port the Town does not have licensing for Limousine or Livery and have no issue with them driving within town boundaries. Sandra is the owner, we are here for the Mass port ticket, and my husband is the Driver.

Mr. Timson had reviewed the application and has several questions regarding the application. It is you as an individual. Look at the insurance certificate. The application is made Sandra Lubin d/b/a Three Brothers Transportation Inc. Another piece of paper it says you are the CEO. When was it incorporated? They incorporated two months ago. Mr. Timson is having an issue with the paperwork matching up. They have different companies on different papers. Mr. Gallivan agreed it looks like two different entities.

Mrs. Mackenzie noticed on your web site. You say you have a variety of smooth vehicles. Where do you keep those cars? They stated they have only one vehicle.

Mr. Kraus suggested they fix the paperwork and come back in. Mr. Timson suggested they contact Mass Port so the paperwork lines up.

9-26 and 9-27 Gift Acceptances

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gift from Margaret Stahl in the amount of \$1,000 to the Recreation Dept and from Walmart in the amount of \$1,000 to Police Safety with much gratitude, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-28 Foxborough Selectmen letter

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to send the letter to the Foxborough Board of Selectmen regarding traffic issues during Country Festival, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-29 Neighboring Community Legislation

Mr. Boynton spoke to the town bearing the burden of having the stadium in the next town. We have also had a good relationship with Foxborough. After 41 years of the stadium and impact to our infrastructure. There is a limited public health issue. Opportunity here to advocate on our behalf these impacts. To add a neighboring

community mitigation charge. For venues fifteen thousand spectators or more. This is an opportunity to look at this. A \$3.00 charge for a ticket.

The stadium would have to keep track of sales and transmit funding to communities, provide certified tickets sold. Our delegation will have to have a hearing on this.

Mr. Timson suggested the Board members reach out to the delegation.

Mr. Berry suggested asking for their input and if there had been any similar bills filed.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to move this to our delegation for input and comments, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

#### 9-29 MPIC School Representative

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to ratify the appointment of P. Shield to the MPIC, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

#### 9-30 Registrar of Voters

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Tom Bowen to the Board of Registrars, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Berry talked about inquiring if the Stadium would provide some type of parking relief to Walpole residents that attend games or events. The Town has to deal with a lot of issues there and it would be great if they could provide preferred parking

Mrs. Mackenzie felt there were bigger issues that needed to be fixed.

Mr. Kraus suggested it would be great to have Dan Murphy come in and talk about ongoing cooperation. It is not Gillette Stadium personal creating the issues. Raise ideas like this. Much more can be done. Better enforcement, traffic flow.

#### FY 2013 budget

Mr. Boynton reviewed the Revenue and expenditure comparisons for FY 2013. He noted Snow removal funding is less than last year. To close this cycle with 1.5 million in free cash. Have money in reserve to take care of unexpected increases. We can move forward with capital projects. We are not back to where we were in new growth as we were five years ago. State aid, went into Spring Town Meeting with certain numbers.

Our base aid increased by \$ 376,000. That is why we use the Fall Town Meeting to set the final numbers for our budget.

Under normal circumstances we would say divide the extra funding between schools and municipal. We presented expectations to the community to get us through what we would need to get through the next fiscal year. To immediately, add another \$ 400,000 in salaries and benefits would not be ideal. We know the thru efforts of MPIC, there are several needs out there. What can we do in looking at that and have an impact on that. Knowing what we know of costs for a senior center, the ability for the town to fund that over a twenty year note. My recommendation you is to consider not to spending it, but secure it into the debt budget so once the study is completed to look at constructing a new senior center. Assuming this is supported by you and Town meeting we could construct a senior center without an override. He is looking at available state aide.

Mr. Timson agrees one our goals is to try to fund a senior center. Pointed out, he would not feel comfortable with this money going back to the operating budget. He think if they new this money was going to go to different positions, if you put this money towards a Senior Center it is a benefit to the taxpayer. At first blush, I would support this. Maybe need further discussion. If we put it in there, would that prohibit us from using it if necessary. It would require a vote of Town Meeting if there was a need. Mr. Boynton recommends putting it in the debt budget. Should know what the rough costs would be by spring.

Board members agreed there needs to be discussion on this issue Mr. Gallivan likes the idea of not putting it back into the operating budget. Mr. Berry also agreed, he likes the idea of constructing a facility without an override. .

Free Cash item the design for Downtown, this is not a study. Need to replace sidewalks and pedestrian enhancements, lighting improvements, additional infrastructure, signage. The ballpark estimate is six million dollars and \$600,000 for the overall design. Mr. Boynton expressed concern of moving too quickly and recommended waiting for the spring.

Mrs. Mackenzie suggested inviting Steve Winters, MAPC to come in and talk about grants. To validate why we are putting all this money into grants. I would rather to do this as a workshop than part of a regular meeting. Get all the appropriate people together.

#### Fall Town Meeting Articles

##### Article 4

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable action on Article 4, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

##### Article 5



MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie, to recommend Favorable action on Article 5, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 6

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to table Article 6, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 7

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article 7, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 10

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article #10 funding \$100,000, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 11

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article #11 funding \$250,000, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 14

Mr. Boynton noted we have to withdraw it. The application was for a gazebo, at the close of the season we detected a problem with the wading pool so withdrawal of the Grant application. We will regroup and re-file the application. He asked the Board to vote definite postpone.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Indefinite postponement on Article 14, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 15

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable action on Article 15, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 16

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article 16, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 17

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to recommend Favorable action on Article 17, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-32 Investment Polices

Mr. Boynton explained the unsecured language has been removed as discussed at the previous meeting.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to adopt the Investment Policy Statement and the OPEB Liability Trust Investment Policy Statement as presented/amended, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-31 Selectmen's Goals and Objectives

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to ratify the approval of the Goals and Objectives for 2013 , seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

Chili's-hearing for their violation is at the next meeting. Talk about the serious of the situation.

Firefighter Interviews-scheduled for next week

Town Accountant-Eight applications for that position

Abandoned bylaw approved- Congratulations to Mr. Berry on having the Abandoned bylaw being approved. Met with Jack Mee today regarding implementation.

Next week you have a workshop with T. Counsel regarding Charter Discussion. Mr. Berry would like to know how the previous Charter Review Committee members were appointed.

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MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan at 10:15 p.m. seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0