

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, July 26, 2011 beginning at 7:30 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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

Announcements- Mr. Kraus spoke of his recent dining experience at the new restaurant on Main Street, Cruisers. The food was good and wish them much success.

**SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS**

**7-13 Vacancy on Walpole Housing Authority**

A vacancy on the Walpole Housing Authority needed to be filled. Member James Taylor stepped down after the election in June as he was elected to the Sewer and Water Commission. Jay Delaney Chairman presented the members of the Housing Authority; Joe Doyle, Marjorie and Director Denise Landry. Mr. Delaney called their meeting to order. They are recommending Peter A. Betro Jr. to serve as an interim member until the next election.

Peter Betro introduced himself. He has been a resident of Walpole his whole life and always nice to help out and deal with Denise often and now the particulars of housing, good to help out see where it goes. Being in town little extension of what I do. Jay nominated me and I appreciate that. It is a pleasure to serve Walpole

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Peter Betro to the Walpole Housing Authority to fill vacancy until the next annual election in June 2012, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

**7:36 P.M. Open Forum**

No one present.

**7:38 p.m. Chief Bailey, quarterly update**

Chief Bailey reviewed the number of Emergency and service calls. Calls by district, E. Walpole being the high 37%, N. Walpole 27 %, S. Walpole 14%.

During the past three months there was a tornado that hit the western part of the state, we sent Engine 2 out there. They spent 24 hours in Brimfield in search and rescue, all communities that responded preformed above the call of duty.

Ambulance receipts are up over \$100, 000 over last year. Some of that could have been money owed the previous year. They have changed the practice on how they obtain information from accidents. Received a \$35,000 assistance grant and have ordered the new turnout gear. They have a new Tahoe which came into service on July 3. A special thank you to William Needle, Assured Collision and Mr. Black as they painted the roof of the vehicle at no charge to the town.

We received funding for portable radios and they have been ordered. The antenna upgrade has been ordered as well. The department has had training, during the past week, point of entry training, trauma victims and where we take them.

Injury, from the three members that have been out, two have been to retirement Board . The third one is in process to submit to the Board. He has signed the agreement with Norwood Hospital ambulance.

Mr. Timson thanked him for the update on the injury and appreciates he is moving forward. Glad to hear progress is being made. Where do we stand on overtime, is there any relief, or will it come once the two come on line. Chief Bailey explained until the injury issues is resolved, he will not be able to do anything. There are currently 15 paramedics and 17 EMT's in the department.

Chief Bailey has been approached by Homeland security region about housing one of the foam trailer, we would have to register and we would have to respond to calls. If the Board agrees, I will pursue it further. He is looking for them to give him the go ahead to be a host community. There is no downside to this as we collaborate with other communities. Mr. Timson expressed concern for overtime, but the Chief explained the town of Plainville host a foam trailer and it has only been called out once. Mr. Boynton explained it is a regional unit and you cant always be a taker you have to participate in the process. Mr. Kraus and Mr. Gallivan see nothing wrong with putting this piece of equipment into the mix.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to authorize Chief Bailey to proceed with hosting the foam trailer, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

7-14 Fall T. Meeting Warrant

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to open the FTM Warrant, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Boynton spoke of there being the typical articles, four union contract articles, and land on West Street and there may be a citizens petition for Hartshorn and Norton Ave. There would need to be a funding mechanism for that.

7-15 Paul Hunchard, T. Forest Committee

Paul Hunchard has lived in town for about eleven years, metal fabricator by trade and he likes the forest and helping Dick for about a year. Mr. Kraus appreciates his willingness to serve.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to appoint Paul Hunchard to the Town Forest Committee to fill the unexpired term until April 1, 2012, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

7:55 p.m. Deputy Chief Carmichael, Quarterly update

Chief Stillman is attending a graduating ceremony and is running late. Deputy Chief Carmichael will provide the Board with an update. There are two guys graduating tonight and are on scheduled for the weekend. Calls for service remained the same. Arrests have decreased but crimes against persons have increased by 28% and domestics 17% increase may be attributed to a drop in arrests.

The department is still making progress on certification, training on our policies and procedures. We have about 88 policies and procedures, and most of them we do during roll call training. The night before the fourth was uneventful and the Sherriff's office came out and helped with traffic.

Relay for life a lot of officers participated. Neighborhood issues and trying to get the officer involved. Some issues the department has been dealing with is graffiti arrests. We are trying to make sure the officers are engaging to residents. We served a high risk warrant this month for a sex offense because of his previous history. We have experienced several robberies in 1 ½ weeks mostly drug related. We have made one arrest so far and expect another one. The department did a liquor sting and the result of that was the several establishments were serving underage persons and the Board called them in.

All dispatchers have been to medical training and they are going to send some officers as well. Officers attended armor school, bike school and SWAT training. The in-service training will be done in house.

He reviewed the recent employee changes to the department.

Mr. Kraus questioned what is the latest at the HFLW? Deputy Chief explained it continues to decrease, it is status quos there. One arrest was made for damage done on their property.

Mr. Timson asked if they are getting any calls from neighbors HFLW. Deputy Chief no, no real issues. Mr. Timson talked about increasing education in schools about drugs. The department is involved with the Board of Health and they have held some programs at the High School. Mr. Timson would like to see at next quarterly update an attempt to put together some substitute for DARE.

8:25 p.m. DPW, Pavement Management Program

DPW Director Robert O'Brien and Town Engineer Maggie Walker appeared before the Board to update them on the Pavement Management Program. He explained it is a computerized system part of a five year capital improvement program. They thru the state, Fin com, Board of Selectmen and , T. Meeting and then we perform the work . We do take comments from residents.

The road we have completed under the allotment under chapter 90. We received an additional allotment this year. Chip Seal allotted \$100, 000 under Article 13 of the STM to do the work in Emerson neighborhood. It is used in low volume roads. Mr. Timson noted there is a difference between the surfaces you get. The length of time expected to last is between 10-15 years. Mr. Timson wanted to know in terms of 15 years if you did a mill and overlay, what is the life expectancy of that? Mr. O'Brien state it approximately ten years, it depends on the type of traffic. This is the present list of roads as of today. Mr. O'Brien reported this is the first time in five years the town has supported the chip seal program. The reason the town stopped using chip seal is because residents did not like it, it is a great product but they are inconvenienced for a few days.

Mr. Kraus wanted to know if a resident has an issue with their street, what happens, hypothetically Broad Street? Mr. O'Brien explained it would be checked out and Engineering would rate it and we investigated it and it was done in 2005. We look at every street each year. You have to include in all the streets. We also use crack sealing, it holds the road together for a long time as well.

Mr. Kraus, so section of High Plain, when was the last time that was done? Mr. O'Brien explained the sewer project done in 2004. Mr. Boynton explained we did High Plain to Route one in 2004. Mr. Kraus wanted to know if he has heard anything regarding the funding for the Washington St project. Bob heard that state is putting it out to bid.

Mr. O'Brien showed pictures of the Downtown which has become deteriorated. The sidewalks are settling, there is cracked concrete, it is worn out. Cost for repairs is approximately one million dollars. The scope could be changed to what we have for money.

Mr. Boynton noted this is a major cost. We could get favorable bids. Looking at changes to the sidewalks. Looking to making safety improvements. Between what we have available in Chapter 90, perhaps looking at year five of our program, this is a need and we should do it soon. The Board should look at this and decide to move this forward. This clearly is a need. Mr. Timson would like them to consider sinking the utilities in the Downtown if they are doing this. Mr. Boynton noted there is no wires overhead, they did this work in 1990.

Mrs. Mackenzie spoke of the project the Chamber did in the common, maybe changing the lighting. Mr. Boynton noted you can do anything, but it will increase the cost. Mr. Timson would want to put together the plan and then phase in some way what we are doing. Mr. Boynton explained if you want to do a major full scale effort we would have to spend next years chapter 90 money on that. Michael explained how the town would apply for funding through the state for such a project. It would be five years out at the least.

Mr. Timson noted we have a delegation, could we not give them a presentation of what the downtown looks like; he would like to at least give that a shot. Mrs. Mackenzie thinks they should include the chamber on the design side. Mr. Timson believes the first items is the design and spend money on engineering. Mr. Boynton, so not to do this all at one time, see what the design costs would be.

Make this presentation to the Chamber and go with them to the delegation. Ms. Mercandetti noted with respect to DT business, there have been several conversations on improvements to the streetscape. Ms. Walker explained as far as tip process your project will not rise until you have 100% design phase. I don't know if there are any PWED funding for designs. It was explained the PWED program is being combined with Massworks. Mr. Boynton thinks we are looking at using Chapter 90 funding for design., Mr. Kraus would encourage getting the Chamber involved.

Mr. Berry noted the mass works program has been filed, it is suppose to streamline projects. He wanted to know a ballpark figure of the design phase. Mr. Boynton explained it depends, probably \$150-200,000. If you add streetscape design it could be double that.

Mr. Timson and Mr. Kraus appreciate the work that has been done.

Mr. O'Brien showed pictures of Hitching post Drive and Bucket Mill Lane. These are concrete roads. Concrete does not work in New England. The price for this work will be around \$411,000. It is worse than starting from scratch. He is not aware of any other towns that have allowed concrete roads. Mr. Kraus wants to know what can be done short term for these roads. It was explained the town goes out and fill it. Mr. Timson noted that some concrete part s look good. If you have sections that are good cant you just replace the sections that need be. Mr. Boynton asked the Board to take a look at the road. Maybe you could do this with chapter 90 and capital budget funding.

Mr. Boynton will put the Pavement management Program on the web site and get with the chamber. We will reschedule these topics in the next few months.

Mr. Kraus wanted to know what the criteria being used to identify which streets move up on the paving list. Ms. Walker explained it is based on types of cracking. Look amount of pot holes, how bad the castings are, rating of low med high, and numerical value also and the computer generates a rating. You take the computerized version and give it a reality check. We rate streets every two years.

Mr. Boynton explained we have had situations where roads have deteriorated after winter and raised it on the list. If we had to rely on chapter 90 money nothing would get done.

Mr. Timson stated the idea was to have most roads C or above and I would like to have some type of reading. At some point would like to see some progress.

7-16 Blessed Sacrament Church, use of Lots

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the use of the Municipal parking lots by the Blessed Sacrament church on September 18, 2011, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

7-17 Norfolk Hunt Club, Use of A. Farm

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the use of A. Farm by the Norfolk Hunt Club on September 10, 2011 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

7-18 Bid Award, Fisher School lower gym floor

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to award contract no. 2011-31 for Fisher School Lower Gym Floor to E. Floors Inc, Westwood, MA in the amount of \$24,448.00, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

7-19 Selling Items on Common

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant permission for the Girl Scouts to have a table to sell items during the concerts on the common for a fundraiser subject to coordination with Josh Cole, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

7-20 Live Music

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to grant permission for live music on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-9 p.m. at 24 Captiva Road seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

### **Town Administrator's Update**

Wading Pool Closure update-The wading pool was closed as paint particles were getting on children. This painting was just done prior to the filling. This paint has been used in all the other pools and Don Anderson is trying to figure out what caused it.

State Aid update- talked about many issues with state budget, one item, reversion aid, thanked our delegation for working on this. We got \$150,000 cut any surplus from FY2011 that 50% of that was to be returned to the towns. We could see a restoration \$150,000 as a one time payment. He has contacted the DOC to find out when we might get the funding.

Financial Roundtable-Scheduled Aug 9<sup>th</sup> meeting with Fin com, School. Com and Selectmen.

Mr. Timson expressed his concern with all that is going on in Washington, what would happen to us, if Fed government stops writing checks on Aug 2. Mr. Boynton stated it could affect school related funding and the overall budget. We do not have a fed mechanism for our general fund. We do not have anything immediate. It is very frustrating.,

Federal budget cuts- this could impact those that depend on federal checks. Mr. Timson pointed out the seniors could be affected. If the state does not get their federal money does that mean a cut for the Town?

Mr. Timson asked the members if they want to send letters to our Congressman, and Senators Brown and Kerry asking for their support . Number of seniors, we would like to see their action and support so it does not disrupt.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to send a letter to our Congressman and Senators seeking their support to moved forward with the debt ceiling matter, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Federal Budget-none of Walpole's Post Offices are going to be closed.

Performance Evaluations Reminder- work with the dept heads and Board . Mrs. Mackenzie would like to have the personnel Board come around and talk to us about standards.

### **MINUTES**

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of June 28, 2011, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Berry informed the Board he is working on an update on the blight bylaw. Trying to bring that back. He would like to have it on the Fall Town Meeting warrant. The town of Plainville recently put a bylaw in place. I would like to continue to work on it. And bring back for full discussion. I think it could be useful.

Mr. Kraus informed the Board that he and Mr. Berry along with representatives from MPIC, and Council on Aging are meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the senior facility needs.

Library Reuse- August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Schedule following Dan and Bernie from Housing Partnership

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to enter Executive session in accordance with MGL c. 30A, Sec. 21 for the purposes of discussing strategy relating to collective bargaining, the Board will return to regular meeting for the purposes of adjourning the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED by roll call ; Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Berry-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye

The Board moved back to regular session

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 10:00 pm., seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0