

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 30, 2012 in the conference room of the new public library beginning at 7:00 p.m. 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements and Proclamations

Mr. Kraus spoke of the grand opening events of the Library this past weekend. It behooves us all to use this facility. It is a great opportunity for everyone. Mr. Timson noted the state library trustee had mentioned that Walpole's dedication was the most patriotic event he had attended.

Walpole Firefighters Association donated the plants and flowers in front of the Fire Station. A big thank you to the Union members. Mr. Boynton noted that it really does look nice out there.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gift of flowers and plants in front of the Fire Station, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Patrol Officer Christopher Musick and James Moses. Chief Stillman stated these two did an outstanding job in this situation and he wanted the Board to be aware. There have been several B&E's of motor vehicles and they located a cell phone possibly belonging to the suspect. Because of this, they were able to recover some of the stolen items.

Sponsored Agenda Items

Rick Stillman, Quarterly Update

Chief Stillman reported since his last update in January, calls of service up 18% this year. Arrests are even with last year, crimes against person same as last year and property crimes up 78%. Motor vehicle accidents are down and citation are up.

Board of Selectmen
Minutes of April 30, 2012

Attended a meeting at JMS for Alcohol Coalition, unfortunately, it was not well attended as hoped. It was a productive meeting and talk about the efforts of the town. The Coalition is trying to decrease underage drinking and drug abuse

This Saturday at 10 a.m. is coffee with a cop and talk about any issue you would like. You do not have to stay for the whole event. We would like as many people as possible. Web page is continuing to be updated. Police log is updated to our web page. Joe Zanghetti is doing a great job keeping the forms up to date.

They continue to work on regionalization. They had filed a grant for a feasibility study for dispatching. Washington Street is under construction and they are using Flagman. He spoke of the recent change to 911 that the dispatchers must be certified. There is a lot of work and training for everyone involved. Continue to train within the department and have rewrote the policies and procedures. It is a step toward certification. They train on eyewitness ID, laser radar, legal update, and SWAT and alcohol control.

Two officers are coming on board. There will be a twelve-week in house process. We have requested a list for one additional officer, we will not hire until after Town Meeting. The Deputy Chief has graduated from FBI academy and returned.

Property Room is no longer evidence. We can use propertyroom.com and people bid on it. We just started it and received \$1800 for the town. Waiting to hear on COPS grant the Chief is not confident. Highway safety increased the grants. We will be doing a lot more highway safety programs, underage drinking programs, stings in liquor stores. Working to be sure, they are in compliance. Wireless 911 is now 70% and those calls all go to the state police and are transferred to the Towns. We are trying to get them back to local communities.

Deputy Chief Carmichael thanked the Board for affording him the opportunity to go to the FBI academy. The networking and everything he learned was great. He is proud to have graduated from there. Some of the courses were in Leadership, ethics and decision-making, forensics course, and crime scene investigation.

He reported there have been seventeen overdoses at the end of 2011. Ten heroin and four of them were fatalities. So far this year three overdoses, two were prescription drugs, and one was Salvia. It is a synthetic drug and when people die or there are problems, the dealers know it and change the way they do business. We did put so much enforcement on the streets, the dealers coming to Walpole, are not coming to Walpole.

We are talking about Salvia in the schools. Synthetic design drugs we are working on talking about that. Walpole has been the lead agencies on NORMAC. Mr. Timson talked about the murder in S. Boston. Do you see the trend in increase in property crimes related to drug issues? Shoplifting is also increasing and yes he sees that there is a tie with drug issues.

Salvia is a flour but it does have chemicals similar to marijuana. They put chemicals in with the herb and create a fake drug. Mirror what THC is in marijuana. Similar to what they did with bath salts. Tobacco Road has similar drugs. The chemical compound is equal to worse to the THC in Marijuana.

Mr. Gallivan wanted to know how the planning is coming for the Country Fest. Chief Stillman explained the last time they went to the Selectmen and they said they would work with us. They are willing to do that with our plan. Make some changes, the way to deal with traffic flow that will reveal pressure in S. Walpole. They understand what happened in Walpole and are willing to work with Walpole.

7:30 Mary Ellen McGrath, Cultural Council

Mary Ellen McGrath works for the Recreation dept. She feels the town needs to push the arts a little more get that out in front of the children. She would like to be involved with the Cultural Council.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Mary Ellen McGrath to Cultural Council as regular member with a term to expire April 1, 2014, seconded by Mr. Gallivan
VOTED 4-0-0

Ronald Fucile, State Primary Election

Mr. Fucile gave the Board a handout that explains the Legislation. The Legislators are changing the September primary from 18th to the 6th. That is opening day at the schools. For us to go and have an election on the same day of opening of school day is impossible. First day of school, the bus drop off, parents pick up etc. He recommended changing the polling locations for that election. There have been elections on school days but never on the first day of school. There are children who will be going to school for the first time. He is thinking they could hold the election at the Blackburn Hall.

Mr. Kraus asked if they could school open on the September 5, one day early. Mr. Fucile has not approached the School Committee as of yet.

Mr. Berry noted they probably have voted their calendar. Is this an opportunity to look at conducting our elections a different way. He suggested consolidating this to Blackburn hall. Use this as an opportunity to see if this will work. Mr. Fucile noted the schools are the best place.

Mr. Kraus noted we are four months away; it would be easier to get the message out to kids, to start a day earlier or day later. We are far from 50% in this town.

Mr. Fucile noted there are teacher impacts too. It is a Primary and the turnout for voters generally is very low. The average is 16% turnout. One alternative was to use the

Blackburn Hall. It would be a risk, it could handle it. You could use Blackburn for three or four precincts this room could use a few precincts.

Mr. Boynton noted in terms of turnout, the town wants everyone to come out and vote. He would recommend approaching the School Committee first. Assuming there is no flexibility there are options.

1. Go forward with way it is
2. Choose different polling location. It has been done before.

Mr. Berry asked about accessibility issues. Mr. Fucile noted the elevator at the Blackburn Hall works fine. It has never broken down. Mr. Berry would also like to look at the utilization of the library conference room. He would like to consolidate the polling locations.

Mr. Kraus suggested going in front of the School Committee to see if they can start school one day earlier or one day later. He wants to make sure we have enough time to let people know about the change in venue if that is what we have to do.

Mrs. Mackenzie arrived at 7:55 p.m.

Mr. Fucile wanted everyone to know the ballot will be two sided, because of the number of people running for Town Meeting. Asked people to turn the ballot over and vote.

7:55 p.m. OPEN FORUM- No one present

Ponds Committee Annual Update

Committee and Family, we spend weekends and holidays together. Always together and that has a lot to do with how well we have done. He would like to see more people involved.

Mr. Ryan gave a brief PowerPoint presentation to the Board. He explained the committee membership increased in 2010 from four members to ten members. They also installed the Delaney fountain in Memorial Pond and there has been a rebirth of the Turner Lodge.

In 2011, the Committee created two gift accounts, the first being the Pond gift fund and the second is the Lodge account. They have held spring clean ups and lawn mowing. They began weed control treatments at Clarks Pond. They have a new picnic area at Clark's Pond.

The presentation showed pictures of the pond prior to the treatment and after the treatment. The Ponds Committee would like to have the treatment as a regular line item in their budget. He went on to discuss the water chestnut pull at the pond. They need to

be pulled by hand and they had a great turnout of volunteers last year. They pulled out thirty yards.

Their goals are to continue with weed treatments, have a dredge study prepared for Memorial Pond, and continue with fundraising events. They are always looking for funds.

He showed pictures of Turners pond in 2011 and they will continue with the maintenance program. The Committee is devoted to these ponds. He informed the Board the dedication for the Skogseth fountain will be held on May 12.

Mr. Kraus applauded the Committee for a job well done. If half the committees had, the passion as you do it would be great. Mr. Timson agreed it was a nice presentation questioned the dredging.

Clifton Snuffer Jr. explained the dredge looks for contaminants in the pond. Before you dredge you need to do the study. The cost to do Memorial is over one million. They are all manmade ponds, between everything; the ponds are filling in on themselves. Once you loose the depth, you loose the pond. He asked the Board to keep that on their Goals and Objectives. They are looking for the Board's continued support.

Mr. Gallivan was curious if there were any grants available since Memorial Pond is part of the flood control for the town.

Mr. Boynton is not aware of any grants. A lot of the soil is road runoff, the more likely outcome is that you will have to be treated once it comes out and brought to a landfill. He will look into whether there are any grants. He believes Capital Budget has funded a portion for the study.

4-36 Veterans office, Reserve Fund Transfer

Mr. Boynton spoke to the need for additional funds to cover the costs for Veteran's benefits for the Fiscal year. He is requesting \$6,500.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer for \$6,500, seconded by Mr. Berry

It was discussed if this need means more people that are in need are getting the benefits. Jon has done a great job with outreach.

VOTED 5-0-0

4-37 Discussion on Board and Committee participation

The Board had noted that several Boards/Committees have not been very active. There has been no participation by residents. The Board wishes to review the list of Committees to determine if it makes sense to dissolve them. The following Committees have had not participation for many years; Teen Advisory Sub Committee, Town Report Committee, Fair Housing Committee, handicapped Access Committee, industrial Finance and Development Committee, Memorial Committee and Sidewalk Committee.

Mr. Boynton noted there has been no interest from anyone seeking to serve on the committees. On each of the committees we have done outreach. Do you want to give it another shot, change the makeup, or go in a different direction?

The Board wanted to know what would happen if they dissolved the Handicap Committee. Mr. Boynton does not see any issue.

Mr. Timson noted looking over the list, it seems to him that Teen Advisory sub committee, the people that are interested are involved in recreation and participating in the Drug and Alcohol Coalition.

Handicap Access Committee, Memorial Committee, and Sidewalk Committee we can say we are considering dissolving these committees unless there is interest.

Mr. Berry has been looking at this for some time. He thinks we need to look at the need. In terms of housekeeping, if we are not going to keep them, we should take them off the books.

He would also like to see a difference between the Ad Hoc Committees and the Regular Committees. I would add Prison Advisory Committee. He would like to see a Veteran's service committee. Having a committee to work with Jon and the local VFW whose duties overlap? The Town Forest and Trails Committee, work with members to create a natural resource committee.

Mrs. Mackenzie likes the idea of Teen Advisory moving towards coalition. She likes the idea of a Veteran's Committee taking over duties of Memorial Committee.

Mr. Kraus would like a notice that the Board is considering dissolving these and if there is any interest at all please let us know. The decision will be made by the end of May. Tackle changes to committees a few at a time and invite those members in before we make a decision.

Veterans committee would be similar to COA. I am not interested in a committee that deals with plaques. Assist the Veteran's Agent to bring speakers in. Would like to see assistance for Veterans. A dedicated voice for them. Not a large committee made of

former service members. He does not wish to see the Memorial Committee. I am afraid we will create interest where there is none. He does not see the need to advertise.

Mr. Gallivan wants to have Jonathan come in give us an update. If we put a committee together what would be useful to help him.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry that we will advertise on these committees as future disbanding; Teen Advisory Committee, Town Report Committee, Fair Housing Committee and Industrial Finance Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Bill Hamilton- on the Fair housing, I was a charter member. What they wanted us to do, they wanted people to be appointed permanently. You wanted people who knew the law. Rather consider dissolving. Mr. Kraus would like the charge of the Committees.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted when we implemented the Housing Partnership and changed from Affordable housing. She had asked Michael to check with the person on the committee to see if they want to switch over to the other Housing Partnership.

4-39 Village Fair

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the following requests of the Epiphany Church for their Village Fair.

1. To conduct a 2-day fair on June 9th and 10th with games, food and crafter booths
2. To conduct a road race at 9 AM as approved by the Chief of Police
3. To use the common directly in front of Epiphany parish including use of the bandstand.
4. To allow the closing of Front Street in front of church from 9AM to 6PM on June 9th and 10th.
5. To allow carnival subject to the necessary documentation being submitted to the office.

Seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

4-40 Compost Sticker fee

The Board received a letter from Mrs. Benson requesting the waiving of the \$10.00 compost sticker price for residents 70 and over. It would be similar to that of a dog license. The Board and Mr. Boynton felt it was a reasonable request and should have little impact on the budget.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to waive the compost sticker fee for residents age 70 and over and we could ask for a donation, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

4-41 Use of A. Farm , Cub Scouts

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the request to use Adams Farm for the Cub Scout Derby day on August 16, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

4-42 Use of A. Farm, Walpole Woman's Club

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to use Adams Farm for the Walpole Woman's Club regional roundtable on June 22, 2012, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

4-43 Live Music, 37 Congress St

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the request to have live music at the graduation party from 3-9 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

4-42 Reconsideration of Articles

Article 7- Mr. Boynton reviewed the article changes with the Board members.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to reconsider Articles 7, 8 and 21, seconded by Mr. Gallivan 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to recommend Favorable Action on Articles 7,8 and 21 as amended, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 5-0-0

4-45 Cultural Council

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to re-appoint Aicha Kelley to the Cultural Council as a Regular Member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

4-46 Memorial Day, Use of Common

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the annual request to hold Memorial Day on May 30th from 10:30-2 on town commons and to block Elm Street between the commons from 10:30 to 2:00 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Library Endowment Trust, Library donation

During the discussions for an override for a new library, next to Town Hall, the Library Endowment Trust committed to donating one million dollars. This is the final check for \$250,000 that fulfills their promise.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the check from the Library Endowment Trust for the construction of the new library, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrator's Update

Library appraisal update- The appraisal was returned today for \$198,000
As reported by Chuck Greene. If you have any questions please let me know.

DT Street Fair update- 2013 planning, talked about closing the downtown for this year is too much of a hurdle to overcome. Some of the businesses like the idea. The night before the fourth has even more challenges. The decision day is to focus on Walpole Day 2013 to look at closing down Main street as a fair as part of the planning.

Emergency Management OSU-Doing more work on the Truck Will use the Siemens funds approved by the Board.

Chip seal Value-indication if it changes value to property. The underlying condition of every roadway has an impact on the value. We are going to reach out to a local Real Estate appraiser.

T Meeting- you are posted for Monday and Wednesday.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Timson informed the Board the Coalition and task force have received the films from the students and would like to present to the Board. They are scheduled for May 15

Mark Gallivan attended the COA meeting and it was great to see them, they did get grant money this year. May use some of the funds to update some of their computers. They could also look for building and land availability. At some point, we can identify a parcel for them. He is hoping to attend all their meetings.

Mr. Berry asked if there is an update on the building study. Mrs. Mackenzie explained they are in the process of interviewing the applicants; we may be rapped up tomorrow night. Once the vendor is chosen, the town will open the price proposal.

The Board members gave a brief update on the economic groups. They all plan to meet again in the next week or two. Mr. Berry mentioned how little of Route One is in Walpole.

Mr. Timson would like to continue discussions on the Casino. The gaming commission has responded to us. Until Foxboro does something, there is not much we can do. There is election next week in Foxboro.

MINUTES

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Minutes of April 30, 2012

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the minutes of March 6, 2012 , March 20, 2012 and March 27, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 9:15 seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0