

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectman was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 in the Main Meeting room of the Town Hall 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

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements and Proclamations

Nancy Mackenzie congratulated the newly elected Charlie Kennedy from Walpole, MA to the Wrentham Board of Selectman.

Agenda & Action Items

7:10 pm. The Home for Little Wanderers status update

Edie Janas, the program director for the Home came up and talked about how the construction is going at the Home and how they have been meeting regularly with the construction team. Also the construction team is engaging with some of the students in career development. A webpage is setup for the neighbors to obtain weekly updates on the construction.

Currently forty students enrolled in the school, and programming is on track to graduate eight students and some have picked colleges. Career development is striving. Walpole Housing, Medfield Animal hospital, Watson Candy, High Rock Stables and Harrington House also compensate the boys. Basketball season coming to close had some use of the gym by other town organizations. Also, there is routine communication with the Police Dept. and the boys also had tour of the fire dept.

Mr. Kraus asked to do quarterly meetings and give the Board a quarterly update which will give the board an opportunity to ask questions and get status updates. He also thanked them for coming in today

Mr. Kraus asked about the status on the fencing, security and propane tanks. Per Edie one tank (no propane) has been installed and they will do the fencing all at the same time. It will be secured and a separate fence will be around the tank once all the fencing is in.

Mr. Timson would like to have the fence cover the top of the tank. Edie believes there are two types going in, a cover over the tanks and a fence around the tank. It will be covered by something that has a padlock.

Discussion continued on an incident where the police were not called when an event was going on. A 51a was filed on one of the children; the home felt that they handled to the best of their ability. Client and staff safety is their main concern. The "Home" felt that they managed to the best of their ability.

Mr. Gallivan asked how the construction was. The update given from the Home was that four residences are being built for the younger students. They are finishing the interior and the flooring, the cottages are finished starting sheet rocking and it is about 60% done. The school addition is in progress.

Mr. Berry asked about the police and when to call them and what type of discussion and training has been done with the staff. The police are called when needed per the Home. There are concerns that the neighbors have raised and communication with the neighbors is important. Mr. Berry feels that a situation could get out of hand and as long as it is communicated with the neighbors. Per Edie the concerns of the atmosphere within the town is important and also looking at each kid individually and there concerns. We have regular staff meeting and email.

Ms. Mackenzie asked about the state and did an investigation on the 51A get done and was it closed. Per the Home they got a phone call and said it was not supported. Ms. Mackenzie asked what does the state do as a facility. They interview client files, staff etc...

Chief Stillman, addressed on his perspective on the Home. There are some issues they seemed to be manageable there was uptick this past year over last year, but overall this past year is pretty consistent and has been consistent over the past couple of years. There has been some dramatic improvement since the last time we were here.

Mr. Kraus asked if the measures are in place with the expansion, the Chief can't really answer that yet. Will have to wait and see.

Mr. Gilmore a resident at 349 Lincoln Rd. does have some comments. It has been indicated and asked with the construction at the Home 75% completed. He is sure the home will want to fill beds and desks. He is personally concerned of what does the future hold for the residents of Lincoln rd, and what is going to happen. Following up with a police report dated Feb. 2012. What is the process for determining who comes to Longview farms? Are we going to see an uptick and it is worrisome?

The criteria that are used by The Dept. of Children and Family are they need 24 hour supervision and review each packet and make decision that way. The students are referred by the Dept. of Children & Family. Kids who struggle to learn it is not a DYS facility.

Brenda Mosetich of 460 Lincoln Road asked what the protocol in the neighborhood is. There was a resident that was walking her dog and was verbally abused. She doesn't want to have 3-4 youths verbally abusing her in any way when walking her dog and not have a follow up. She asked to have the Home explain what they are going to do. Where is the supervision?

Per Edie, the police were called and we let them know of the situation. Ms. Mackenzie feels that the neighbors shouldn't feel annoyed but should feel safe and if already the call volume is starting to creep up again. As you get larger in size and bring in co-eds. If neighbors are not feeling safe then there is a problem. If it is happening outside then it could happen inside.

Mr. Berry asked how many students in 2011 were removed from Longview for behavioral issues. According to Edie zero were removed. Mr. Berry wants to know is there an option that the Home will use if you have to. Behavioral health issues may have a different span and will have a screening and the ambulance will take a student to the hospital those are quite different than a criminal way.

Mr. Timson asked what protocol is followed when students go off campus. Do they need permission or need to go with an adult? Mr. Timson added that we all need to work together and we all keep these in minds and keep all the partners happy.

Per Edie, when kids come into the program, part of the interview process and orientation is spending time talking about what you can and cannot do.

Mr. Timson, suggested it be good idea of getting the neighbors involved in the process, he feels we need to get to a point that the neighbors feel safe in their neighborhood and satisfy everyone. Mr. Timson gets that sense that the neighbors feel that it isn't enough. We need to brainstorm and come up with a solution.

Ms. Mackenzie asked to keep in mind with the expansion of the campus; things need to be managed tightly. Also, asked about the "call in" line that the neighbors have. Per Edie there has been one call.

Larry Bongette of 320 Lincoln Road. The quality of life is that the fact that individuals are being verbally abused and that should and cannot happen. What can we do to insure that the quality of life and many variables were discussed what has been adhere to. Such as can not tell if someone is a student, counselor, or supervisor. Have had several instructions and supplied all the emails to the home and has never got anything in his inbox.

Ron Peters, of 300 Lincoln Road – My wife was verbally abused we keep talking about this probably the 1st time that a neighbor or was abused, waiting for what is going to happen his concern what will happen. Cannot tell when it is staff with a student. How can we as neighbors know what is going to happen while it continues to grow. They don't wear Lanyard or wear an id badge. Neighbors have pointed that out to the staff to wear their lanyard.

Mr. Kraus, it will go along way and needs to be enhanced asap. Staff should wear a lanyard and/or staff t-shirt when they are running. What are the consequences if that is not happening? Mr. Kraus, you are in a residential community with a small task it can make a world of difference.

Ms. Mackenzie would demand it. The staff can be seen as staff. Ms. Mackenzie would like to see what the policy is and to follow through with the policy.

Mr. Berry stated that everyone is frustrated, what makes it difficult when you go to the school everyone has a school pass. You need to demand of your staff. It is difficult to be patient when it has to be followed and is very frustrated and needs to happen and needs to get done. For student safety, the protocol needs to be followed.

Gerry Pike of 340 Lincoln Road asked when the CEO will appear before the Board? She has still not appeared in front of the board and finds it an insult. She should be speaking to this board. He had to call the police because there were two people running through the backyard with no id, the police were called.

These matters were sent to Edie's attention. Mr. Gilmore stated that staff had no lanyard on and neighbors feeling uncomfortable and not safe and goes back a year ago last summer. In 2010, he was out for the evening. At 9:30 his wife 20 feet from Longview property could hear a kid stating "Don't come near me, you come near me and I am going to cut you". They are sick of this stuff, a young woman walked past Longview farm. She didn't want to walk past there because she was being verbally abused.

Mr. Timson questioned who is it that controls if a student can stay. If there is a violation, what is the protocol? Is it the state or Longview? Per the Home it is a state control issue. Since the summer of 2010 things have changed since then and a significant change with the Dept. of Children and Family Services, and we have a relationship that if something is happening we have a partnership with them and we have told them that it may not happen.

Mr. Timson, could Longview put in a zero tolerance policy, if so that if a student causes any mischief he is gone. Does Longview have the ability to do that? That might make him feel little better. It is within your power to have a student be removed and can ask the State to have that done or would have to give notice to the Dept.

Per the Home it is within their power to have a student removed. They would have to apply to the State and give notice to the DCF.

Mr. Gallivan commented that there is a lot of frustration with both parties. One good thing is some frustrations were expressed and at least some of these issues are out. All the parties need to find ways to move forward and find common ground to resolve issues and make things better.

8:00 p.m. **4-4 Public Hearing – Nstar installation pole 1/12X located near 115 Lincoln Road**

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to open the Public Hearing with Nstar, for the pole located at 115 Lincoln Road seconded by Ms. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

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

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Phyllis Galloway from Nstar is requesting permission to install a pole located on Lincoln Road, northeasterly side approximately 200 feet south east of Granite Street. Per Mr. Boynton, the town engineer reviewed the request and has no issues. She requests to have the pole kept as far back to the edge of the pavement.

There are no comments from the public and no objections to this request.

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

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the grant of location to install one pole 1/12X on Lincoln Road, seconded by Nancy Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

8:05p.m. **Open Forum**

Joanne Damish from precinct 3 stated that the MBTA will continue the same schedule and everything will stay in place. Make sure that you do ride the MBTA and pay their fares. Thanks to all the representatives, MBTA officials and the Board of Selectman.

8:08p.m. 4-1 County Engineers Services, traffic counts at Union & Pleasant St

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to request for Norfolk County Engineers Services, traffic counts at union and Pleasant Street, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

8:09p.m. 4-2 Groll property located off of West Street

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to sign the Acceptance of Deed from Donald S. Groll and David H. Groll for the property off West Street pursuant to the vote taken under Article 20 of the October 17, 2011 Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

8:10p.m. 4-3 License Agreement with J.H. Lynch & Sons and Town of Walpole

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to accept and sign the license agreement with J.H. Lynch & Sons, Inc. to store construction materials and equipment at DPW yard, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8:11p.m. 4-5 Motorcycle Ride for Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to approve the request to allow a motorcycle ride for Cystic Fibrosis on September 16, 2012, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

8:12p.m. 4-6 Walpole Fish & Game

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to approve a one day liquor license for Walpole Fish and Game on April 29-6 One day liquor license – Walpole Fish & Game on April 28, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Berry VOTED 5-0-0

Amend the MOTION with a contingent on the fire arm safety, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Boynton will speak to Chief Stillman regarding the fire arms and hours.

8:14p.m. 4-7 Walking the Way of the Cross

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to approve the walk the way of the cross annual walk to the common on Good Friday, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

The Board asked to get the request earlier next year.

8:15p.m. 4-8 Adams Farm

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to hold the ride at Adams Farm on April 17, 2012 as requested from the Norfolk Hunt Club, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

8:16p.m. 4-9 Town Forest Committee

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to appoint Gary Riggott to the Town Forest Committee as an associate member for a one year term, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

8:18p.m. **4-11 Council on Aging**

Regarding the policies and procedures Mr. Kraus stated that the Board received letters from a number of people that are interested and planning for today's seniors and the growing of the Council on Aging. The Board is suggesting adding four (4) regular members.

Ms. Mackenzie thinks it is a great idea to increase the membership and would like to make a Motion.

Mr. Gallivan likes the idea of a bigger board ultimately to continue to grow and build the program and build a new council on aging over time.

Mr. Timson thinks it is always nice to see more people interested as long as we have the interest. The only thing would be if we can't fill the spots than it is an issue. On a trial basis we can see how it works and keep an eye on it.

Mr. Kraus, if you have multiple people that are interested serving, I can't think of a better board to expand and have different perspectives and sees this as a very positive move.

Mr. Berry is not supportive of an expansion of a board and seats should not be taken for granted. The board has asked for and received attendance records. Poor attendance records should not constitute a member to continue to be on a committee. Also appointments are not indefinite. From an operational stand point it is the largest

committee in town with 15 members and 5 associate members. Mr. Berry believes this is a reactionary policy.

Ms. Mackenzie stated that Fincom is also a 15 member committee. Some committees have changed and we may want to look at dissolving them or reworking them. The ponds is an excellent example and the senior population is growing and constantly growing and four new people have great experience and commitment to this town and would be an asset to this board.

Mr. Timson wouldn't be opposed to an increase by a lowering the number say we increase by two (2) this yr and two (2) next year if it warrants it.

What does the Council on Aging have to say about this?

Joanne Damish states this is the first time we have heard about this and is not privy to this new idea.

Per Mr. Kraus when he met with Ms. Damish, and Mr. Pelligrini he was very clear about bringing in new members. Joanne does not recall that conversation and increasing the board to larger size.

Joanne feels that however, eleven (11) regular member and five (5) associate members is one of the biggest committees. Also, some associates are waiting to become full members and some have been waiting for some time.

Olga Herliy one of the pioneers back from 1968 the goals were the same with the selectman. She would like to move forward and Mr. Boynton was always there for me and everyone and our goals are the same and want the very best committee for our seniors. We need to work together and you have the power and the names should go to the nominating committee and the associates members should go up first as regular members. For the first time the Board is actually listening to us. A nominating committee needs to see what the interest is and are they really interested?

Mr. Timson, names should go to nominating committee, associate members should be first if the nominating committee allows that.

Ms. Mackenzie, we got a name and the nominating committee would not allow them to accept that name and I suggested that. We want it to go forward and people that want to apply and want a senior center and help and expertise along the way and all have done such a great job so far. While we have the interest and movement I would like to see how the diversion works.

Mr. Kraus, this discussion has nothing to do with the contribution but to make the Council stronger and broader and stronger path and get you more into the town. It needs many people to get this process done.

Ms. Mackenzie, it is important to the town to get as many people woven into the process.

Mr. Pellegrini, we did bring someone to the board and the COA would get the candidates and does not feel we should add any more people to this committee and haven't used term limits. Would like to continue to grow and did bylaw checks and no one has more members than Walpole has. At a regular board meeting the start time is at 1:30 and does not end till 4. The more people we have the more difficult it gets.

Mr. Berry would caution and made himself clear on his expansion and do on a trial basis and not support of it and believes in term limits. We disagree in the right way.

Mr. Timson listening to what I heard tonight and would hate to turn down people that would like to have interest. Maybe we increase the board to two (2) and two (2) additional associate member. If there are people that are interested in becoming a regular member then they should be appointed to.

Joanne Damish stated that there are associate and regular members that have been waiting to be appointed.

Mr. Kraus, I think this is volunteerism and wants to bring new thoughts and new thinking and can bring other expertise to the board and council, I would rather not replace but expand.

Mr. Timson agrees but it should be split up with two on the council and two associates.

Ms. Mackenzie, when we advertised about the renewals over the last month and thinks this is exciting about the interest and Pond committee is an excellent example of how much money they are saving the town.

MOTION moved by Nancy Mackenzie to amend Article IV (a) Full Membership of the Council on Aging Policy and Procedures by increasing the regular membership from eleven (11) to fifteen (15), seconded by Mr. Berry

Discussion:

Mr. Timson does not feel we should turn away the volunteers and may not be the way to go and increase the council by two (2) and associates by two (2). I would not support the motion the way it is and would like to see the attendance and formalizing.

Mr. Berry would like to see as a board adopt an attendance policy for boards and committees and formalize the policy and procedure manual.

Mr. Timson to just have the Board increase the membership by four (4) it doesn't make a lot of sense to vote on them tonight. We don't have a nominating committee.

VOTED 3-2-0 (Mr. Timson and Mr. Berry opposed)

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to appoint Mary Dugdale, Mary Ellen McGrath, Kristen Smith and Catherine Stanton to the Council on Aging for a 3 year term

Olga Herliy voiced her opposition on the increase of the council.

Terry Lehrman voiced her opinion on the vote to increase the council

Ms. Mackenzie made a POINT OF ORDER, that there is no MOTION seconded on the floor.

Mr. Berry read the Council on Aging policy and procedures. There was a nominating committee, but the Board didn't think it was right to have a Board pick its own members. The Board intervened to open up the Board to new members and encourage membership. Mr. Berry asked Mr. Lloyd Smith "How much of a chance would the "Friends" have knowing the tension over the past year and how much of an uphill climb?" Mr. Berry's opinion is it would have been pretty steep.

Mr. Lloyd Smith the former chairman, the rules had a nominating committee only to make recommendations to the BOS and was always open for apply. Anyone can apply.

Ms. Mackenzie, a year ago one name was given and there was an open process. We would and have tried for years the only people that new about the process were the COA itself. When you said it was an open process it was not.

Lloyd Smith stated that it was never secreted and we would consider anybody, the open procedure was taken away from the Council. .

Mr. Berry, the only people who knew about the process was the COA itself. It doesn't happen with any other Board. The process was flawed and we had to step in and correct it. We did what we needed to do to open up the process. We have everyone interest at heart.

Lloyd Smith this Board was moved to approve bylaws and required to submit every so often and the BOS did put that into effect. We feel that all power has been taken away and don't have a say in anything.

Mr. Kraus, it is the town's best interest to bring in new blood and members in. The senior of today and tomorrow will benefit greatly. It is an absolute must to serve the seniors of the town.

Mr. Pellegrini that part that bothers him that increasing the Board by 4 having that size board it is difficult and different than other boards. He feels that it is a blindside and that we didn't get that input at all.

Ms. Mackenzie, wants the best for the COA we need to move forward. Wants to get something done and feels the town deserves a senior center. There are valuable qualities. The goal is to get the seniors what they deserve which is a Senior Center.

Robert Mooney we find ourselves in having an open meeting and would they be willing to start at the bottom like an associate member like all of us?

Mr. Kraus my perspective hasn't changed, the towns is to bring in new blood at a regular member.

Mr. Timson, in trying to get this right we may have to go at this slightly wrong and the current members did not know this was the process. Does not have issue with the people getting appointed. We should give everyone a fair opportunity.

Mr. David Sullivan spoke and requested to move up to the regular membership not quite a year as an associate member yet.

Mr. Gallivan, asked what are kinds of the things are you looking to see. Per Mr. Sullivan we all want the same things to get a council on aging building.

Asked the new candidates to come up and introduce themselves to the Board.

Mary Dugdale, lived in the town since 1964 got married and had children. She is very involved with many committees and worked with the Visiting Nurse as a home health aide and working with elder. Her passion is working with elders also to bring a senior center to the town. She brings experience and enthusiasm. Mr. Kraus asked if she has any issue as a regular or associate member. She did not. Mr. Timson served with Mary on a committee and she showed up to all of those meetings.

Mary Ellen McGrath, born and raised in Walpole have three (3) children and volunteers at there school. She also teaches computer classes and has found a connection with the seniors plus my parents are in town and needs to move forward and look to the future and would have no issue being an associate member.

Kristin Smith, works in Walpole, she is the co-owner of Finnegan's Wake she has three (3) children, one serving in Afghanistan. As the owner Finnegan's Wake she puts a lot of functions together and works with people. She does not care what level she starts at.

Catherine Stanton, my reason for being on the board is for my parents would like to get the know the town I do a lot of volunteering and see the elder population is really growing and needs somewhere to go and be social. If you got to know us, we could bring a lot of enthusiasm! Does not have a preference on either regular or associate.

Mr. Kraus, asked Joanne Damish about the attendance records Fran Kyne has missed 70% of the meetings. Per Joanne she doesn't drive and is ill.

Joanne Damish, in speaking for her Board. If Associate members knew about adding new members then they would have been regular members.

Mr. Boynton this was brought up a previous meeting, not specific to the Council on changing membership.

Ms. Mackenzie a letter was sent out for re-appointment and they hadn't received a lot of requests.

Joanne Damish, per the State of Executive Office of Elder Affairs advised that the Friends and Council be 2 separate entities.

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Terry Lehrman, discussed her qualifications and would like to be a regular member. She knew Mr. Sullivan was interested and that is why she didn't apply for regular member.

Mr. Berry asked what associate members were present.

Mr. Timson noted that Ms. Lehrman was a major moving party to get handicap accessible for the new library, and she knows how to get things done.

9:15p.m. 4-15 and 4-17 Membership for Council on Aging

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to appoint as voting four (4) name appointments, Maryellen McGrath, Kristen Smith, Mary Dugdale and Catherine Stanton and move David Sullivan up as a regular and move down Fran Kyne down as associate. Seconded by Ms. Mackenzie

MOTION amended

Discussion was changed to Amend the MOTION by Mr. Kraus to appoint regular member Mary Dugdale, Kristen Smith, Catherine Stanton, David Sullivan and Terry Lehrman, and Maryellen McGrath as an Associate Member along with Frank Kyne, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie, to accept an associate members Shirley Esthimer, Victor Serena, Ann Murphy are all extended for 1 year extension, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to accept regular members that have requested and to extend Barbara Coates, Florence Sundquist, Lloyd Smith be extended for a 3 yr term seconded by Mr. Kruas VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Berry wished all best of luck and keeps moving forward for the Walpole seniors.

9:20p.m. 4-12 Re-appointment to Boards & Committees

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to have the committee member as stipulated are reappointed to there respected committees will be reappointed per the committee chart. Those that have not applied will not be nominated, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

9:25p.m. **Budget Discussion**

Mr. Boynton discussed the Health and Human Services, Cultural and Recreation Budgets.
Board of Health budget \$269,947.00
Council on Aging \$163,142.00
Veterans \$96,150.00
Library \$735,893.00
Recreation \$215,460.00
Historical \$615.00

Town Celebration \$1,500.00
Trails Committee \$150.00

The Board asked Josh from recreation to come up and discuss.

9:30p.m. **Recreation Update**

Mr. Gallivan asked Josh from the Recreation how are we doing with the recreation department, Josh stated that getting in all the sponsorships and everything ready. He was asked about registration and they are up.

Per Josh, on par with last year, the brochure was out earlier this year. Health and Fitness Fair was a success. Numbers are picking up for this summer.

Walpole Day will be May 19, at noon with a parade and festivities at stone field. The “Night before the 4th” the fundraising has started on this, meeting with Fire Dept. Mr. Gallivan asked about the town pools and Josh said everything is in line for the summer. Registration is ongoing with the pool.

Mr. Timson is proposing to close off Main St for Walpole Day in the afternoon so the festivities can go on. Mr. Berry asked what year we started doing Walpole Day, a quick history. Per Josh this is the 5th year of Walpole Day it started with a parade, now the parade starts at Walpole HS.

The parade starts at noon and there are over 100 tables on stone field. Josh stated they will be honoring some of the businesses this year. Mr. Kraus praised John for continuing to do a job well done with the recreation staff.

9:45p.m. **Health Dept**

Mr. Timson asked Robin Chapell if there is anything in this year’s budget for the coalition task force funds. Robin stated that this year’s money is coming from the police dept, budget. Also there have been some grants that have come in. Some programs are free, supplementing with the WPD budget. For next year, she has sent letters to business and parents for the coalition and asked for donation and fundraising. She will be asking for sponsors and they will get a sticker for contributing. Mr. Timson thinks this initiate is very gratifying to see and applaud you for it.

Mr. Kraus regarding single stream and the job you did was a vey solid job and while we continue to bring those ideas and bring our comfort level higher and more work should be done so that we can revisit it. The idea and the execution were sound. Thought it was a wonderful presentation.

Mr. Boynton, the library budget will be monitored throughout the year since it is a new budget. All the dept have worked very hard. There is a lot of time that goes into it from the Finance committee to the school committee. At the end of the day it is a town’s budget. There are 150 town meeting members and the process does work. He thanked

all those that spent the time, and has done a fabulous job and thanks everyone for all the hard work. Also thanks to the Board. The debt budget will be visited next time and Mark Good will be in to explain.

9:50p.m. **4-13 Spring Town Meeting Warrant**

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to sign the updated Spring Town Meeting Warrant with the removal of the language from Articles 23, 25, 26 and 30, seconded by Mr. Timson
VOTED 5-0-0

9:55p.m **4-14 Spring Town Meeting Articles - Motions**

Mr. Boynton reviewed the following articles with the Board. Article 9 has not been reviewed yet by Finance Comm. and Article 5 may require an adjustment.

Article 2

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 2, seconded by Ms. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 3

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 3, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Article 4

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 4, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Article 6

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 6, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Article 7

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 7, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Article 8

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 8, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 10

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 10, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 11

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 11, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 12

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 12, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 17 & 18

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson recommends no action on Article 17 & 18, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 19

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 19, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 20

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 20, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 21

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan recommends favorable action on Article 21, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 22

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry recommends favorable action on Article 22, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 24

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 24, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 27

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 27, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 28

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 28, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 29

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 29, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 31 & 32

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 31 & 32, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Article 33

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus recommends favorable action on Article 33, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Discussion on Article 33 with the Board regarding the residents that are put into a flood zone. Mr. Timson requested having a notice should be given to the residents and let them know and what they have to do if they are put into a flood zone. Per Mr. Timson, people should be advised about it. Ms. Mackenzie asked how many properties are affected and can we get that information. They will follow up with Maggie the Town Engineer.

10:10p.m. **4-10 Election Warrant, Non-Binding Questions**

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to open the Election Warrant, for June 2, 2012 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Kraus discussed if the board would like to use the ballot as an informational tool and asked for thoughts. One would be having a non binding question on the ballot. A question that he states keeps coming up and could be used is the location of the senior center a non-binding question would give us a data point. Is this a good use of the ballot, does anyone have an issue using the ballot for non-binding questions.

Mr. Timson this can be a good idea in certain situations, there is always a danger when putting something on the ballot. The wording is important and we would need to seek guidance on that. Mr. Timson would need to be looked at very carefully.

Mr. Kraus should we use the ballot as a non-binding question? Ms. Mackenzie thinks it should be part of the tools that we use but not the only one, we need to be careful how we word it.

Mr. Berry thinks this a great concept; there are yes and no questions and multiple choice the senior center would need to be a multiple choice question. We would need to be careful on how we word the questions and answers.

Ms. Mackenzie when presented to the town and town meeting and do the voters and tax payers buy into it. Having a study done would be beneficial.

Mr. Berry, the senior center would be one to look into and worth investigating.

Mr. Gallivan likes the idea of using non-binding questions from time to time. The senior center would be one that would be good and the location of it.

Mr. Gallivan and Ms. Mackenzie continued discussing the money and where it comes from; he feels that the senior center would be very hard to fundraise for.

Mr. Boynton stated that a question could be on the presidential election ballot.

Mr. Timson we shouldn't have one of these on every ballot we need to use this judiciously.

Ms. Mackenzie also considers the community preservation act, putting a committee together paying into as a town. Any certain transfer at the registry of deeds and everyone is paying into it and we are not getting anything back from it. There is still a lot of land

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in the town that has never been addressed and can be used in the future. Can we do it as a town and it is a tough question to put on a ballot.

Mr. Berry non-binding questions have been used and has been done many time in the past in the last year. We have used it with override questions.

Mr. Berry discussed term limits and how he is a believer in them and turnover. There are a number of cities and towns that have adopted them. This could be a general approach on the ballot and ask the community if they would be in favor of term limits. Mr. Berry would like to have that be an idea and see what type of debate it would bring.

The board discussed the possibility of term limits. The board will continue to look at ways to use the ballot for information and aim for the November ballot.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to close the election warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10:53p.m. **4-16 Resolution regarding General Fund Operating Budget**

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to support and authorize the Chairman to sign the Resolution concerning the FY13 General Fund Operating Budget, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

10:55p.m. **Town Administrator's Update**

1.) Walpole Park South Performance Surety Bond

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to sign \$283,220.bond for the Walpole Park South performance surety, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2.) Sunnyrock Fundraising Resolution

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to support the Sunnyrock Fundraising Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

3.) Sunnyrock Right of First Refusal

MOTION moved by Ms. Mackenzie to request resolution for the Sunnyrock Right of First Refusal, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

4.) Clock Tower Development Proposal

In regards to the East Walpole Clock Tower Site the proposal for redevelopment. The engineer would like to meet with the Board to discuss layout on April 17, 2012.

5.) Council on Aging and Recreation Audit

The Council on Aging and Recreation Audit is underway

MOTION moved to approve the minutes for February 21, 2012, seconded, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 11:00p.m., seconded, VOTED 5-0-0