

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

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

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order and the Board conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements and Proclamations

Arbor Day proclamation Read into the record

Bob LeBlanc will be planting a tree at OPR School and handing out seedlings. Bob Smith 8 Pierce Street noted the Lions international gave out one million seedlings to plant.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the proclamation for Arbor Day, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Boy Scout, Aram Andonian

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the proclamation for Aram Andonian, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Sponsored Agenda items

3-29 High Plain Street, Alteration layout

Maggie Walker explained this is part of the signal project at Wal-Mart. She has been working with the engineers. This is the process we would do to layout a roadway. The folks from Wal-Mart are working with DOT.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry that the Selectmen intend to make a layout/alter layout of High Plain Street, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to hold the public hearing on April 17, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to refer this to the Planning Board for their review and recommendation, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

7:15 p.m. 3-30 **Solid Waste Contract**

Mr. Kraus read a letter into the record

The topic of Solid Waste Collection options is before the Board again this evening. As most are aware, we have had considerable discussion on the topic over the past month, and as a Board, we have digested a truckload of data and have heard resident input.

In just a moment, I will open the floor to residents again as well as Board members for any final questions or input. I expect that we will render a decision this evening.

Before I give my opinion on this, let me first commend the Town department heads who have worked on gathering the data and refining the numbers and options, especially Robin for all of her efforts.

Since the last meeting, both Robin and Michael have worked diligently to bring all of the data together. Michael has developed a spreadsheet that Board members have been able to review that shows all costs for options one and two, and develops scenarios showing a payback timeline based upon various reduction levels of solid waste. The data shows that the payback, meaning the repayment of the carts needed for automated collection, ranges from 18 years if we only reduce solid waste by 5% to an immediate payback if we drop the solid waste collected by 30%. While wide ranging, the information we have is complete and thorough.

At this time, I will open the floor to questions and comments from the audience. Again, please keep in mind that we have a very full agenda tonight, and as always, please be respectful in your remarks.

Mr. Hamilton is concerned as this is not the first time the town has talked about trash. Over time trash began to show up all over the place when we limited the amount of trash. DPW had to pick up trash and add a dumpster to the yard. When it became too expensive, the restriction on the trash was lifted. You are talking about something you cannot change. It became a real nuisance. Added expenses that were not considered. If you are intent on limiting trash do not have all this equipment involved. I do not want to shovel my driveway to have to put my trash out. I would hope you would give consideration that this was done 12 years ago.

Al Crosby has been a resident for 84 years, this has not been a typical winter, and I doubt very much, I could drag this out to the end of my driveway if there is 6 inches of snow on the ground. I do not think you will find many of us that can do that. Not every street has a sidewalk; I have heard comparison to other towns. They have sidewalks. What happens if you cannot get your trash up there? What happens if you have a party and you have more than the container will hold? I have not heard how you would address that. If it is not broke, do not fix it. Maybe we should have central recycling stations.

Kevin of Russell as far as snow goes, last year was the worst year of snow and we started it in Dedham. In a big snow storm, most people don't put their trash out on a snow day. We tend to go back and pick up the next day. Snow banks and snow was not a problem. As far as overflow, for seniors there are 32-gallon barrels, which are easier.

Robin had made a presentation to the seniors and they were supportive.

Jimmy Taylor it is a bad idea, in Norwood the houses are mostly together. We know High St, 109, Cedar Street, 27 the barrels will be hit by cars. I drive down Norwood all you see are the big barrels. This is a bad idea. Baker Street the bins will be left out in the road.

Mr. Douglas talked about Dedham and it is working there.

Mr. Clyde, 72 Williams St, this single stream recycling, is one-barrel limit for a more expensive plan. It will limit the families to one barrel, how in these times we can ask Taxpayers to pay more for this program. .

Mr. Smith, 8 Pierce Street, feels the town should stay with current system.

Richard, 24A Pemberton St, I am recycler, I can agree with this in some cases but not in all cases. We like the way it is now, not against a change the new barrels, there are six barrels and no sidewalks, if you do have a snowstorm. I love the way it is now. There would be no place to put the new bins.

Mr. Dunham 900 West St, have two bins I do the same recycling and rubbish every week, I do not understand the situation. I know people that have the bins and they can put anything in them. It is going to cost us more money in the long run. I am against it.

Mr. Boynton talked about the costs. You can stay as current it will not reduce the solid waste. There may be options in future years, when we find out beyond a one or two year cycle. The numbers do speak for themselves.

Mr. Kraus supports the principle to recycling it is a benefit to the planet. However, at this time when we look at revenue, I can not vote on this program on the cost of the carts. We would be fine if we could guarantee at 30% reduction, we cannot be certain of that reduction. If our reduction is 20% we would not find a return until year 6. I do not think it is responsible. Maybe we can revisit this in another year; this does not preclude us from talking about this in the future. Gather more information. I am speaking for myself.

Mrs. Mackenzie thanked Robin for the job she did, I agree recycling is important, but I cannot see the savings. Increasing our recycling is important, reducing our tonnage is important; we have talked about bulk items we are allowed one a week, one item a

month, and offer stickers for additional. A change we can do is to one item a month per household and than charging over that and see if that changes the tonnage.

Mr. Berry-when this started, it is a learning experience. If we stay the same, the town can reduce the cost of the contract is by recycling. If we stay on the track we are, on what can we do to reduce the cost? He would like the ability to review this again in three years. He is not sure at this time, if the town would see a reduction in the cost of bins.

Mr. Gallivan believes that long-term single stream is the way to go; my recommendation is that we stay with what we have, but continue to look at what other towns are doing. Short term we are trying to stretch every nickel.

Mr. Timson feels they are missing an opportunity. He understands people have an issue with change. We would save 124,000 over 5 years. When you are doing something like this you need to look at these things, what information you have, I see an overall savings. What you are doing is forcing people to recycle. The people who are recycling are saving the town money and those that are not cost the town. Even at 20% reduction, if we get a \$70,000 from state, you would look at \$17,000 increase over the contract yearly. If I have to pay more for this system, we will save. Missing an opportunity. I see the immediate savings, but missing a long-term goal.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry that the Town Administrator, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to enter into a 5-year contract with FW Russell Disposal for the collection of solid waste and recycling in Walpole, commencing on July 1, 2012 and expiring on June 30, 2017, in the annual amounts as follows:

Fiscal Year 2013 - \$883,980

Fiscal Year 2014 - \$910,500

Fiscal Year 2015 - \$937,800

Fiscal Year 2016-\$967,500

Fiscal Year 2017 - \$996,600 And further conditioned that the current manner and methods utilized in Walpole for the collection of Solid Waste and Recycling shall continue, and upon all further terms and conditions and services as have been negotiated., seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie

Discussion:

Mrs. Mackenzie would like to see a decrease in the tonnage for bulk items. Maybe once a month with a fee.

Ms. Chappell would love for that to be separate and we can come up with a program.

Mr. Kraus would rather vote the contract and then talk about the change.

Mr. Timson noted if we vote it without change then we will have to reconsider changes

If we are going to do something, I will get behind keeping things the same I think we should do more.

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus that we ask Robin Chappell to take a look and come back to the Board in one month and give us options to allow one bulk item on a monthly basis and analysis what other towns are doing and inner workings as how it will be tracked to reduce bulk tonnage, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM

Jimmy Taylor talked about the possibility of stickers for bulk items. People need to recycle more.

Mike Tashian ,31 Daylily lane would like the Board to consider putting the purchase of the Walpole Woodworkers on the ballot. Mr. Kraus appreciates his concern, what would you like to see on the ballot. We have not had a conversation with them since the voters voted it down in the last election, we were clear, if the residents are in favor of putting this back on the ballot. Mr. Boynton spoke about getting back on the ballot. Mr. Kraus explained the mechanism is not in place to go this election period.

Mr. Timson noted Walpole Residents for responsible development, there are 300 people in the group. We try to listen to what you are saying, we need a larger group in order to make something happen, we tried to do this in the past, some type of indication there would be more support. A letter from that group and it states that Mr. Maglio is interested in that.

3-31 Change of Manager, Walpole Country club

Edward Iodice is the new manager of the Country club. He was present to answer any questions the Board might have.

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the change in manager from Normal Hall to Edward Iodice, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-32 Road Race, Pancreatic Cancer Awareness

MOTION by Mr. Berry to approve the race/walk on May 5, 2012 with the route as approved by police department subject to the applicant making an announcement prior to the race start that when the participants turn on to Spring Street it should be single file and stay to the right as Spring Street will not be closed to traffic, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

It was suggested that the message board be placed on the route.

3-33 Walpole Little League Parade

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the request o hold the annual Walpole Little League parade on Sunday April 22, 2012 starting at 11:30 a.m. , seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-34 Use of A. Farm, New Pond Village

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request from New Pond Village to use Adams Farm on May 31, 2012 from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-35 Charges to Emergency Management committees

The Medical Reserve Corp has assisted. We do not have them functioning under a charge.

Mrs. Mackenzie suggested we have recertify the membership on an annual basis. They Board of Health on MRC and Board of Selectmen for Emergency Management and Cert.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Charges for the Community Emergency Response Team, Emergency Management Team, and Medical Reserve Corp Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-36 One-Day Beer and Wine, Library Trustees

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to approve the one day beer and one license for the catered event at the library on April 27, 2012, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-37 to 3-43 Gift Acceptances

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gifts for Walpole Day seconded by Mr. Gallivan,

Dedham Savings	Walpole Day	\$500
Tufts Veterinary	Walpole Day	\$250
Betro Pharmacy	Walpole Day	\$250

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gifts for the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Gallivan

BMS Teacher Fund	Gift Account	\$100
Mabel Woodard	Gift Account	\$15

VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gifts for Pond Management, seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Stephanie Ward	Improvement account	\$50
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VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Berry to accept the gifts for Board of Health, seconded by Mr. Gallivan
Norfolk District Attorney
C.A.D.A John Morello DIRT Performance \$1,000

VOTED 5-0-0

3-44 Bid Contract , 2011-25 Aquatic Vegetation at Clarks Pond

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract 2012-25 to Aquatic Control technology, Inc., Sutton , Ma in the amount of \$11,350 for year 2012 and 2013, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-45 Lease Agreement, Marathon house, Food Pantry

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the Lease Agreement with the Walpole Community Food Pantry for the Marathon House terminating on June 30, 2017
Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

3-46 Woman's Club Plaque at A. Farm

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to re-affirm the approval given to the Woman's Club to place a plaque at the entrance of the butterfly garden at Adams Farm, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

3-47 Reserve fund transfer

Mr. Boynton reviewed the reserve fund transfer the costs associated with Hurricane Irene. We have submitted claims to FEMA AT 75% we would expect to get back . We are now getting to the time where we need to restore these funds, want to make these funds whole. The funds will get us thru the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$83,816, seconded by Mr. Gallivan,

Discussion:

Mr. Timson question if they could use the snow and ice funds to cover this. Mr. Boynton explained these are within the regular budgets themselves. The Halloween storm is all snow and ice related but we do not get reimbursement. There is no guarantee we would get the entire \$59,000. You could transfer money. With spring here, we need to make this account whole. If this is approved , the balance will be \$65,000.

VOTED 5-0-0

3-48 Reserve Fund Transfer

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for the Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$20,000, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mrs. Mackenzie abstained)

3-49 Committees/Boards Re-appointments

The board is not prepared to take action on the terms of the individuals. They are waiting for attendance records from several Boards and Committees.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to extend the terms for those whose terms are to expire in one month to extend for one month while we get further information, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

9:05 Override Question

Mr. Boynton talked about the need for additional funding for the FY2013 budget.

Mr. Berry noted he was fortunate to be part of the budget-working group and discussing the needs for the town for next 5 years. It was a productive working group. Past several weeks I have been talking to Mr. Boynton to take a more comprehensive approach. As I have looked at the 3. Million number 1.3 for level funding and 1.2 for increase in schools and 300, 000 for municipal budget. We have many structural needs, whether it is a building or roads, we talked about revitalization of DT. Still have buildings in need of repair. The money for education funding has dried up I would like to see us address some of the structural needs. I have been cognizes of the increase on residents being around 300 dollars. Reducing the amount of restorations for school by \$500,000 that would give the School Committee 2.2 million dollars. The \$500,000 dedicated to towns capital budget needs that would include school needs as well.

Supt. Lynch explained his recommendation is to have a goal to maintain stability 1.3 million for level funding and \$200,000 for Health Insurance. The 1.2 million we would not completely reinstate. I would urge you to vote on the 2.7 million amount. Looking at twelve positions, supplies, and materials. If we would receive \$700,000, we would not be able to cover health insurance. Provide at least several years before we need additional revenues.

Mr. Timson wants to know how long several years could be. Supt Lynch cannot answer that question. Hoping all things being equal at least 5 years. There has not been an override for eleven years.

Mr. Boynton does not disagree with Mike Berry. It is a challenge. There are significant hurdles out there. Three million does not address everything. I do not know how even that is sustainable beyond the current year. We need to build up reserves.

Mr. Berry we are asking the town to vote an override where 90% is going to the school. Maybe make the override comprehensive. It will not address all the needs of the schools or municipal. Mr. Boynton talked about the need for road bridge grants. I do not believe that we are advocating the needs for the municipal side. We would be talking about more Fire/Police and more parks dept. Three million is an artificial number. I agree with you, we are not getting there on the municipal side.

Mrs. Mackenzie looks at the difference between school and municipal, the mandates coming down on the school system, we are not seeing on our side. Talked about salaries compared to other towns. We have had a lot more options to work with. We have been a lot more creative on the municipal side. Students are the future, if you look at the country we have gotten ourselves in a mess. I am concerned with everyone's pocket books. It is a tough one, I think the school dept is important.

Brian Walsh-I agree with what you said tonight, we got \$300,000 from you last year to get thru the year. We do owe it to each student to give them the best education possible. Very positive feedback about doing this. Boyden school fifth grade with 40 students. Many students at High School who have been overlooked for some time. It has been a difficult past few years. People always say we always seem to come out ok. It is a real number. I hope the community would be supportive of the education. The S. committee has not vote on this yet. Mr. Boynton supported the 2.7 million in the budget. What is proposed if the override passes in June we would need to have a special town meeting. What you are being asked for is to approve a ballot question.

Board talked about how the question is going to appear on the ballot., Mr. Kraus feels it should be broken out and Mr. Boynton disagreed. If we outline where it goes, her concern that town meeting could put the money anywhere.

To place a ballot question on June election for the tax levy for the town be increased by three million for the next fiscal year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson Shall the Town of Walpole be allowed to assess an additional \$3,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding school and municipal operating budgets for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Berry opposed)

Budgets

Mr. Boynton reviewed the budgets for DPW with the Board members.

Building Maintenance- Mr. Gallivan held the budget. General question about building maintenance. You feel we are holding even with general maintenance. Don Anderson we have been fortunate, many people understand the importance of maintaining. Mr. Boynton noted the municipal side lost a custodial position. They are trying to hold their own. There has been one team eliminated from the department. They have been doing a good job of keeping up.

Street Lighting- Mr. Gallivan questioned if the Town should consider turning off most of the streetlights.

Bob O'Brien, you could cut off streetlights in some locations, there is no net benefit to the taxpayer, and we do not own the poles. It is not cost effective.

Parks Dept- Mr. Kraus thanked Mr. O'Brien and Mr. LeBlanc for their work on improvement to the fields. I sit on the fields committee along with Mr. Gallivan and we appreciate the effort.

Water Budget Mr. Gallivan talked about the location of the new tank, Mr. Mattson explained they are holding a meeting this week regarding that.

Article #7

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Articles 7 & 8, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrator's Report

Rep Rogers Casino insight- MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to send a letter or support, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Tri county re-appointment-Letter from Tri County School Committee noting Mr. Hoegler's term is expiring. Will need to be re-appointed if interested.

Unpaid bill-Jones contracting for \$1, 280

Old Library on Common Street-the board does have two articles on the warrant and may not be favorable to go forward with one of them. Place warrant on next agenda to

NEW BUSINESS

For Walpole Day and Fourth of July, Block Main Street off, in the evening Started with Walpole Day. I don't know what we would need to do.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to have Michael follow thru with Chris's request, to consider blocking off Main Street for Walpole Day and Night Before the Fourth, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Timson reported the Route 1 economic working group met last week, progress is being made as well.

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34EBus Route- Mr. Kraus noted the Board was asked by COA to reconsider the termination of the bus route. Can we do anything more. They are also concerned about the ride.

The Downtown group has met as well , in one of the meetings in the not so distant future. Follow up meeting and bring recommendations.

Mrs. Mackenzie spoke of STM Articles 25 and 26, Season Park passing at the lots at Boyden School, the Planning Board Chairman Conroy brought up that in past we were looking to do this for the town. He suggested it is the PAC and it is for school benefit, that in his belief it would be same as charging at the High School for student parking. Town Counsel is looking at it. Should we do a workshop in hearing what Town counsel has to say.

Mr. Boynton noted the need to change the zoning is probably moot at this point. The Pac has their own plan.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to accept the minutes of February 7, 2012, seconded by Mr. Berry VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn at 10:35 p.m. seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,