

Approved April 5, 2011

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Nancy Mackenzie, Chairman
Eric Kraus, Vice Chairman
Michael Berry, Clerk
Christopher Timson
Clifton Snuffer

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PROCLAMATIONS

The Friends of St. Patrick will honor the “Turco Girls” at their annual event on March 11, 2011. The Board has prepared proclamations for Mary King, Katie Abate and Tina Seaman. Mr. Kraus read them into the record.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to sign the proclamations, seconded by Mr. Snuffer,
VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Timson would like to acknowledge scholastic achievements by students as well as the sports achievements.

OPEN FORUM- No one present

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

7:35 p.m. **(3-4)Ron Fucile, Apportionment of RTM**

R. Fucile reported every March he comes before the Board as required by the Charter which requires the apportionment of the RTM , the decision is with the Board. At this time he does not recommend any changes. He is awaiting the Federal Census of 2010 and they will deal with them shortly. That information will be available in June. It will normalize the RTM. We increased this year by 2%. No precinct can be larger than 4,000. The largest increase was 206 in precinct 4 and 120 in precinct 1. We will be well below the 25,000 for a few years. It shows in precinct 5 if you took the cedar junction members out it is a small precinct.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the recommendation of the T. Clerk and make no changes, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

R. Fucile informed the Board this year we are required by law to provide each person who is appointed or elected with a copy of the State Ethics and Open Meeting Law. They are required to be sworn in. I am only making you aware of the fact. They are also required to take the on line state ethics test.

7:45 p.m. Raven's Nest, Live Broadcast

Mr. McAuliffe informed the board he was contacted yesterday by Channel 4 offering to conduct a live broadcast on March 17, 2011 from 4:30 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. at his establishment. He wants to promote our Irish Music on Sundays from 4-7. We are not doing this for push of alcohol. They are going to have Irish breakfast. He is asking to open up early. It is only for a photo op. He would like to have a Guinness available for the picture. There will be Irish music and dancers.

Mr. Berry thinks it is a great idea and it is a great opportunity for your business as long as it is keeping with state law. You can not serve alcohol prior to 8 a.m.

Mr. Snuffer and Mr. Timson both agree. He can have something that looks like Guinness but you can not pour or serve alcohol prior to 8:00 a.m.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to Grant an early opening of the Raven's nest starting at 4:00 a.m. and that no alcohol be poured or displayed or sold prior to 8: a.m. in accordance with ABCC laws, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

Mrs. Mackenzie explained they did look into whether or not there were any residential abutters to this property and there was not. The police, fire, and bldg did not have any problems.

8:00 pm (3-5) Sean Sparks, Conservation Commission Appointment

Mr. Sean Sparks introduced himself. He is an environmental Consultant and works for Tetra Tech. He has always wanted to serve his community. He is familiar with Notice of Intent and Requests for determination of applicability. He is familiar with wetland delineation and vernal pool surveys

Mr. Snuffer questioned if Tetra Tec is doing any projects in Walpole. Mr. Sparks is not aware of any. He noted that Tetra Tech Rizzo is a sister company and he would step down if anything was filed before the Conservation Commission. He wants to assure the Board his interests are for the Town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to appoint Sean Sparks to the Conservation Commission as a Regular member, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

8:05 p.m. (3-6) Mike Mansen, Pond Management Com, Resignation

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the letter of resignation from Mike Mansen with regret, seconded by Mr. Snuffer 5-0-0

8:10 p.m. (3-7) Ken Southwood, Pond Management Com, Appointment

Mr. Southwood wishes to serve on the Pond Management Com as an associate member. He has lived in Walpole his whole life. Was an officer in the military and moved home in 1995. Some time ago he submitted a letter to clean up memorial pond but was not able to gather the support. Had the opportunity to meet D. Ryan and want to bring the water back. He looks forward to serving on this Committee.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to appoint Ken Southwood as the associate member of Pond Management Committee, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

8:15 p.m. (3-8) Drug Free Community Support Program

Robin Chapell, Chief Stillman and Josh Cole presented the Board with a grant application for Drug Free Communities Support. They are asking the Board to endorse the proposal so they can request funding from the Department of health and Human Services to increase community collaboration and reduce youth substance use of alcohol and marijuana. The Federal request is for \$101,760 and they will provide a \$112,196 match in kind services.

Mr. Timson was very impressed with the application which was written by Robin, Josh, the Chief and Jean Kenney. He suggested they put this information on the web page.

Mr. Snuffer agreed and thought it was well written. Could there be a reinstitution of the DARE officer. It allows for officers to be in the schools. Mr. Snuffer would like to lobby for this.

Robin explained she received an email that the federal budget is going to be cut. They are only going to be awarding seven grants. She wrote to the Senators and Representatives asking them not to cut this part of the budget.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to authorize the Chairman to sign the Drug Free Community Support Program grant application, seconded by Mr. Snuffer (Mrs. Mackenzie is going to abstain as she is not sure if her husband being an officer has any issues (4-0-1) Mrs. Mackenzie abstained

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to have the Board lend its support by sending a letter for this grant program, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

8:15 p.m. (3-9) Farmers Market

Stephanie Mercandetti, Economic Development Officer appeared before the Board seeking a change in location for the Farmer's Market. Given the success of last year and at the request of the downtown businesses they would like to relocate to the Town Common. They are not looking to close Front Street, but will use the saw horses to block off. Chief Stillman thinks they can work with Front Street maybe do something different that day. The Board is very supportive of this.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request to use the common for the Farmer's Market, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION to reappoint those whose terms expire on April 1, 2011, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Adams Farm	David Lehto ,Ralph Knobel
Board of Health	Lisa Procaccini, Dr. Richard Bringham, Carol Johnson Richard Beauregard and Carol A. Paul, Ed.D
Conservation Commission	Albert Goetz, Richard Adams
Council on Aging	Joanne Damish, Mary Rich, Theresa Lehrman, Jim Pellegrine, Victor Serena, and Ann Murphy
Economic Development	Donnell Murphy, John Keefe, Christopher Walker
Historical Commission	Michael Amaral, Samuel Obar
Housing Partnership	Daniel Daley
Permanent Building	David Wildnauher
Pond Management	Matthew Fearnley
Registrar of Voters	Linda Garr
Recreation Committee	Susanne Murphy , Lorraine Dundon, and Richard McCarthy
Town Forest	Richard Adams, Stephen Cyr
Trust Fund Commission	John Sheehan
Zoning Board of Appeals	Daniel Cunningham, Matthew Zuker

The Board will vote on any remaining members at their next meeting.

(3-11-3-16) Acceptance of Gifts

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the gifts from Dedham Savings, for \$500, Dunkin Donuts for \$100, Turner Tag Money \$400, Pond Gift Fund \$230, Lodge Tag Donations \$500 and Police Safety for \$210, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

3-17, 3-18 Reserve Fund Transfers

Mr. Boynton spoke to the need for a new copier machine in Town Hall. The machine has made one million copies. Mr. Snuffer wanted to know how many machines were in

Town Hall. It was explained there is a colored copy machine in the office and one outside the office, but this is the big production machine. It is a state bid.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$13, 100 for the Municipal Office Account for the purchase of a new Main Copier, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

On the second request for reserve fund, Mr. Boynton explained there is a need for additional funding in the legal budget. He is hoping this will get him through to the remainder of the year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$45,000 for Legal Services, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

Emergency Management Vehicle Donation

Mr. Boynton explained there are resources available at the state level , but it is not always easy to get a vehicle. This is more talking about emergency management operations that we have. He would not suggest that we go out and buy this. He has spoken to a business owner who is interested in helping the town obtain such a vehicle. Chief Stillman, thinks it is a worthwhile project. Feels this vehicle would be a benefit to the Town. They would not use it every day but it would be a worthwhile donation.

He further explained the cost would be the cost of insurance. Mr. Timson does not see it as a down side. Mr. Snuffer would like to know the type of equipment it should be outfitted with and what that would cost the town. Is it housed indoors or outdoors? He is not looking a gift horse in the mouth but he would like to know that information.

Mr. Boynton explained it will be housed in side DPW garage. The equipment it will be outfitted with we have some of that on hand, we may have the radios available already. We do not have it now. Not create additional costs to the town. It would be coordinated between the DPW, Police and Emergency Management.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to support the concept of receiving through a gift this Emergency Vehicle, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 5-0-0

Walpole Woodworkers Meeting Dates

The Board will hold the first public forum on Friday, March 18 at 11 a.m. in the Senior Center. The Board feels it is important to have these meetings. It will allow citizens to express their thoughts. They feel they are on the right track and moving ahead.

Budget Discussion

Mr. Boynton reviewed the status update and reverberated the Board to Tab3 Summary of the Budgets. There was discussion as to what falls under the Administration budget. He explained all the staff that is included in his budget. Mr. Berry questioned the recent increase in the information systems budget. Mr. Boynton explained the Town and School use to share expenses but that changed.

He noted the Planning Board change cut the hours of the T. Planner.

All non union side the raise is 1 ½ percent.

He went on to talk about Debt and Interest and Assessments & Fringe Benefits. This is the town's ability to complete long term facilities repairs. It includes repair or replacement of roofs, boilers, major capital equipment. Essential we maintain consistency with debt.

On Assessments they used some of West Suburban funding to bring down the increase in health insurance to 7%.

Mr. Boynton would like to look at rehiring in Bldg Maintenance and parks. We have field space that needs to be maintained with only five people.

The school department has a \$600,000 gap now. There are issues that need to be addressed in the school budget.

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Old Business

Mr. Snuffer was pleased to see the progress with the settlement of the Superfund Site. He is pleased that the land is going to be cleaned up but those buildings need to be removed.

New Business

Mr. Snuffer informed the Board members if anytime they would like to have a workshop on the surplus land. It requires large assessor's maps. The board can get a sense of the land we own.

Town Administrator's Update

Firefighter Appointments- There are three openings in the fire department- they are conducting interviews now. The board will have to convene for interviews. Your policy states at least three candidates, with three openings, how many candidates does the Board wish to interview? The Board agreed with six.

Storm Recap- Flooding, the emergency management team is responsible for the removing of Boards at Turner's Pond. The President signed an emergency declaration that should help with the cost.

Town Hall Parking Changes- Mr. Boynton wishes to set up two spaces in rear and two in back for residential parking they will be 15 minute only parking. Trying to do a little customer service. Mr. Timson noted the Town Hall has an acute parking issue, and there has always been one. We could seek a variance in front of the town hall for parking. He expressed his concern for the parking situation.

DARE Car-There is no need to keep that car. They would like to return the DARE car back to the person who donated it to the town.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to return the DARE car to the original owner with thanks to Mr. Lorusso, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Field Availability Challenges-With work being done on the Boyden Field there will be some challenges for spring sports. Josh is contacting the Norfolk Agricultural school to see if they can be of any assistance.

Downtown merchants workshop- Mr. Boynton gave the Board a brief update on this.

Walpole Housing Partnership-The Library study is back and the Board has been given a copy for their review.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the minutes of January 25, 2011 and February 8, 2011, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION to move into executive session for the purpose of considering the purchase, lease or exchange of real property and for legal services and collective bargaining discussions, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED by roll call Mr. Timson-Aye, Mr. Berry-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye and Mr. Snuffer-Aye (5-0-0)

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 10:45 p.m. seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 3-0-0 (Mrs. Mackenzie left the meeting at 10 p.m. and Mr. Berry left at 10:20 p.m., they recused themselves from discussions in executive session)

Respectfully submitted,