



*Town of Walpole
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*William Abbott, Chair
Glenn Maffei, Clerk
Patrick Fasanello, Member
John Hasenjaeger, Member
John Spillane, Member*

Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners

**January 19, 2021
Meeting Minutes**

The Select Board met on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 remotely at 7:00 p.m.

The Following were present at the meeting:

Sewer and Water Commissioners

William Abbott, Chair,
Glenn Maffei, Clerk,
John Spillane,
John Hasenjaeger,
Absent-Patrick Fasanello

Select Board Members Participating

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
James O'Neil
David Salvatore

School Building Committee Members Participating

Mark Breen
John Conroy
Jeffrey Fisher
Jack Fisher
Katia Santiago-Taylor
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James Johnson, Town Administrator
Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator,
Rick Mattson, Director of Public Works,
Bernie Marshall, Sewer & Water Superintendent,
Bryan Jarvis, Project Manager, Compass,
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant,
Mary Timilty, Senior Staff Assistant

Executive Order on Remote Participation: Thursday, March, 12, 2020 Governor Baker issued an "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be by roll call vote.

Appointments

7:00 p.m. MSBA Middle School Building Project Discussion on three site options and possible vote-Joint Meeting with members of the Board of Sewer and Water Commissioners and the School Building Committee

Mark Breen outlined where the School Building Committee was in terms of the process and that they had narrowed down the sites from seven to three. The three site are the Johnson Middle School site, renovation to Bird Middle School and construction of a new school adjacent to Bird Middle School.

Mr. Abbott, Chairman of Sewer and Water Commission gave a slideshow presentation of the location of the Wells near the Johnson Middle School proposed site and raised all the concerns the Sewer and Water Commissioners have with this proposed location. Mr. Abbott discusses the different zones and the importance of each one. Mr. Abbotts discusses the fact that the fields at Johnson cannot be irrigated or fertilized due to the 400 foot radius restriction around the well and how the fields at Bird Middle School can be properly maintained. Mr. Abbott also speaks of what a concern to the Water Department and the Commissioners of the possible impact to the town's water supply, the contamination potential and having a large impervious surface that close the well. Mr. Abbott speaks of the Bird Site and how there would not be any of the issues or concerns as the Johnson Site.

Mr. Hasenjaeger, Mr. Spillane and Mr. Maffei all spoke of the issues they have with the Robbins Road site.

Mr. Mattson speaks and agrees with the Sewer and Water Commissioners and expresses he shares the same concerns.

Members of the School Building Committee and the Select Board spoke in reference to the presentation and points addressed by the Sewer & Water Commissioners.

Mr. Abbott addresses some comments and concerns made by the School Building Committee and the Select Board. Mr. Abbott also would like to take this opportunity for the Sewer and Water Commissioners to take a formal vote on their position of the Robbins Road (Johnson) site.

Motion made by Mr. Maffei and seconded by Mr. Spillane voting the Sewer & Water Commissioners are opposed to the siting of a middle school on Robbins Road in close proximity to the wells. On roll call vote of the Sewer & Water Commissioners Glen Maffei, Aye, John Spillane, Aye, John Hasenjaeger, Aye and William Abbott, Aye. Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Motion made by Mr. Hasenjaeger, seconded by Mr. Maffei voted to adjourn. On roll call vote of the Sewer & Water Commissioners Glen Maffei, Aye, John Hasenjaeger, Aye and William Abbott, Aye. Motion Passed (3-0-0)

Motion made by Select Board member Mr. O'Neil, seconded by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. On roll call vote of the Select Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0)

Date Approved: 2/22/2021

