

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

James O'Neil, Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chairman
Ben Barrett, Clerk
David Salvatore
Mark Gallivan

Also present;
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Chairman O'Neil opened the regular meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Walpole Little League Jr.

Jim O'Neil we are pleased to invite the team in and winning a state championship. Brian Walsh, this is the first year we did Jr League, 10 states 5 regions in the country. We had Coach Costello; these kids took this very seriously. We made it to the final game of the Regionals. These kids played great baseball. They all did great contributions.

Mr. O'Neil asked them to come up and face the camera.

Walpole Media Board

Eric Kraus thanks for having us in. We have been on a mission for the last 7 years of turning our media into a center. We wanted a director could take you to the next level, huge opportunity, to have an outlet that is digital, we recently hire Tamara Green, she was one of the candidates. She has taught and worked for Comcast and media one. She can do the job today and in the future. Two members Nancy O'Neil and Jim Dattilio are not seeking reappointment. Without them we would not be here today.

Tamara started about a month ago. Looking for some great changes. Mr. O'Neil we are looking to see what you can bring to us. My wife is on the Board, interested what your creative ideas are. Mr. Gallivan, welcome to Walpole, I think you are at a great point. Nice to see things related to kids and events. Looking for more over time. Mr. Mackenzie another thing that would be great that can't get to events, they would like to see grandchildren. Tamara Green so if anyone is watching live, if you want something covered please let us know. I would love to hear from people, stop by any afternoon; we are here to serve the community. Mr. O'Neil talked about what a nice job Patrick our camera person has done.

Appointment of Walpole Media Board members

9-1 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to reappoint Eric Kraus to the Walpole Media Board effective October 20, 2019 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

9-2 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Jean Kenney to the Walpole Media Board Effective October 20, 2019 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Chief Bailey quarterly update

There have been 2,388 calls, three house fires, East St., Old Fisher lanes. The guys have been very busy this year. The total of \$1, 350,854 in ambulance fees, so far this \$231,896 for July and August, no budget issues. We have collected the money for details. AFG is nearing its completion, done all on site at the fire Station, the Senior Safe, applying for next year grants, the safe grant is for children. There will be a new position on Oct 1, 2019. We are still working on this. Another daytime to work on fire prevention. Strong emphasis getting all schools ready with fire drills. Undergone ISU review, letter says that we are at 3.3 that is good news. Positive, apparatus new engine is complete. We have to go through the drive in phase. Hopefully we will get that out. Looking for funding for tactical training. Raise to second floor, a different level of support. The new engine is near completion and hope to have by the end of the month.

Training is ongoing, driving training through MIIA, jaws training, we sent 9 personal on their own time to the Westwood lodge which is coming down. EMS rounds for the medics and EMT mayday training, Columbia gas has training that some members are interested in. We have a new repack, made to go in and rescue our personal. Thank you for the new hires. Firefighter EMT Keith Hamilton is now a medic. Our promotional exams that process is completed. Three injuries. The night before the fourth went off great as usual.

Mr. Gallivan I like hearing about the training. Chief Bailey every year we look at a new training officer. We have an aggressive schedule this coming year. He will do that as we are moving forward. We had the manufacturer training. Placement of the vehicle and how you place it. Always looking at technology.

Mr. Barrett you said the ISO went to the 3.3. and how does that impact the town? Chief Bailey it can impact your insurance rate. Mr. Salvatore I have seen the new tower truck, one issue was there was low overhang of trees. See if we can deal with it. Chief Bailey the tower is a little bit higher than others. I have spoken to Drew and we have told our people to drive in the middle of the Road.

There were 8 towns involved in the house fire on East Street. One individual did get hurt. Paul Barry did a great job. Mr. O'Neil the bldg. itself when is it going to be taken down? Chief Bailey very soon.

9-3 Intention for Street layout for Hancock Court and hearing to be held on 9/17/2019 at 7:00pm

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the Board of Selectmen vote to make a layout for Hancock Court and to hold the public hearing on September 17, 2019 at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

9-4 Change of Manager, Ginjo Sushi & Hibachi
Eddie Wong have been there for 5 years, TIP certified.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the change in manager for Ginjo Sushi & Hibachi from Amy Wong to Eddie Wong. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

VOTE two Promotions in Fire Dept.

Tim Bailey had a test and he is presenting the two candidates that he is promoting. Brian Cherella born and raised in Walpole, promoted to FF in 1998, 2011 promoted to LT, masters in Fire and Emergency services.

Chie Bailey introduced Christopher Shea. Christopher Shea I am 36 yrs. old and in 2007 spent a short time here and then got cut due to budget cuts, when the town was rehiring I came back.

9-5 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the promotion of Christopher Shea to Fire Lieutenant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Brian Cherella has been with Fire dept. since 1993 graduated from Mass Firefighting academy and earned associates degree in Fire science.

9-6 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the promotion of Brian Cherella to Fire Captain, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

9-7 Street Opening Permit on East and Main Streets

A traditional road opening it is a one inch cut, showed the Board how they do the work. Showed the way the put the cable into the road. I know it is in a moratorium. Mr. O'Neil we have a 5 year moratorium, this is one more year and right in the Downtown, just past the light going down to Gilmores. We have to go at least a mile. There is no Aerial way to do this. Mr. O'Neil one concern I have is this is perpendicular. This micro trench and built in some conditions. I did talk to Chris and it will minimize the cut.

Mr. Salvatore this is to provide fiber optics to Loan Depot. Yes it will also be available to anyone who may want it.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request for a street opening permit subject to the conditions set forth in the letter from Chris Johnson dated August 20, 2019 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Johnson introduced Carl Balduf, the new Town Engineer. He was the Asst. engineer and left in 2001. Carl I was assistance from 1997-2001, have taken the opportunity to work for Walpole again.

9-8 Common Victuallers license for GG Pizza Co.

Socrates taking over the Papa Gino's area at the Walpole Mall.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant Socrates Gregoriadis a Common Victuallers license for GG Pizza Co. seconded by Mr. Gallivan. VOTED 5-0-0

9-9 Fall Town Meeting Warrant

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the 2019 Fall Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Chief Carmichael Quarterly- current statistics as well as overdose. Happy Birthday to Rebel, great addition to our department. Mr. O'Neil one thing we did talk about is to have Rebel come in. Officer Baker and Mitchell will be attending the training program. Police academy, Officer Generad, Byrd. Thank you for the promotion of Ian Tolland. Walpole jr police academy. A lot of drill and field trips, this has been a huge success. A lot of the kids are now in high school, a few presentations were done such as senior driving safety, safe driving, alternatives for transportation, and we did the ALICE Training for town employees. We hope to get the town hall and library under the same protocol if there is a critical issue.

Grants we do have an issue with pedestrian crossings. We need to educate people on this. We got a grant form sex offender, \$3,000 workplace verification, for all level 1, 2, 3 in Walpole we have about 50-60 in town.

We had assault and kidnaping at Bird Park, made an arrest isolated incident. We are dealing with some crimes that are violent. One situation was an individual after a road rage incident. We arrested that person. We had two other incidents with fire arms, one suicide. We are dealing with a lot of mental health issues. A suspect identified in the Walmart threat. He was identified and making terrorists threats.

Drug trafficking coming up from NY but coming from Mexico, working with Homeland security. Couple of other drug, 170 grams of Cocaine, trafficking cocaine. We had other situations, with class b, and one marijuana growers but he was growing it in an abandoned gas station. You can only have 6 plants. The last drug arrest was with an overdose at Bird Park. Identify the drug dealer, and arrested that person. The last one was an assault with the knife and fled from a vehicle on Moose hill rd. Swift reach was used to notify the community. Swiftreach is on line and you can add your cell phone.

Officer Vanness got a young girl to sign up for police academy. She would pick her up and bring her to the academy. The way she was treated by officer vanes she decided to stay. The rest of the stuff is statistics.

Mrs. Mackenzie you have 107 marijuana plants. The same mechanism is used for this. There is no way to recoup if people that do not pay. Of that 107 that is about \$10,000. Chief Carmichael it would cost us about \$5,000 to get it.

Mr. Salvatore so under the new program you have to sign up again. Chief Carmichael no we suggest adding your cell phone.

TOWN ADM UPDATE

1. Mosquito update - Here is where we are at with the Mosquito situation
 - i. The mosquito pools the Norfolk County Mosquito Control Project collected yesterday to test for virus all came back negative. However they will be collecting samples from the "infected" trap later this week.
 - ii. The Project has beefed up their ground spraying in Walpole. Tonight they will be in all of the neighborhoods near the schools and spray.
 - iii. Robin gave the School Superintendent's office the procedures and forms they need to use for spraying on school property and notices that need to go out before they can spray them. If all of the paperwork is completed school property will be sprayed next Tuesday. We are required to be mindful of the Children and Families' Protection Act.
 - iv. The BOH has is asking people to use insect repellent with DEET when outside, particularly between dusk to dawn. And to remove themselves from areas where mosquitoes are flying around.
 2. 1350 North St. - The Developer is working closely with the Building Commissioner to ensure that the rock wall is reconstructed the way that it should be. The developer has enlisted the services of Kevin Gardner (both his findings as well as his biography are attached). Mr. Gardner is the individual recommended by Planning Board Chairman Jack Conroy. The Building Commissioner has advised that
 - The curb cut and sidewalk work has started.
 - The wall mock- up will be re assembled on site and I will review. Mike Yanovitch asked the contractor to push the wall back behind the utility pole which is NOT in conformance with the site plan, however accommodates the neighbors' concerns. In reviewing the "wall expert's" letter his office found there no historical significance to the wall and there was no shape, form or design to the wall that was there prior to its removal. With that said Mike advised that the wall should be placed back in its former location and reassembled as best possible.
 - The contractor is on board with the police detail and will work with the Chief
 - The contractor is in the process of furnishing the bond as required
- Moving forward the next steps are:
- a. Get the sidewalk and ramp approved (DPW)

- b. Get the location of the wall approved and give the ok to continue wall replacement (BUILDING)
 - c. Confirm Bond has been furnished (DPW/Admin)
 - d. Confirm Chief has ok'd Police detail plan (POLICE)
3. Fin Com and Capital Budget - The capital Budget Committee started meeting tonight and the Finance Committee is going to start meeting on Monday night.
4. Capital Budget - Attached is the recommended Capital budget for the fall

5. the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$3,950,000/TBD under M.G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; and, further that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary and convenient to carry out this project.

and further that the Board of Selectmen shall be authorized to apply for, accept and expend all funds received as gifts or state or federal grants associated with the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project.

And, finally, that the land on which the Route 1A fields are located, shown as Assessors Map 55, Block 99, Parcel B, and recorded in the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds as Book No. 647, Page 43, shall be restricted to use as fields and similar and related recreational uses, and any incidental and related use, and which use shall expressly exclude provision of public utilities to any properties outside the Town, thereby prohibiting the Board of Selectmen, Sewer and Water Commissioners and any Town Officials from entering into any inter-municipal or other agreement with any organization or governmental body that would allow the Town to provide sewer and water utilities from this parcel to any location beyond the borders of the Town of Walpole.

MSBA story of Building information Session- I received the attached flyer from the MSBA last week. Please let me know if you are interested in attending this session on October 16th.

Motion moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn at 8:10pm seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 5-0-0