

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, February 25 2020 beginning at 7:00pm in the Murphy Room at the Senior Center on South Street. The following members were present

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

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

Chairman O'Neil called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **APPOINTMENTS**

II.

Mr. O'Neil noted the sheriff is running late so we will take up Eversource

7:00pm Eversource

Jared Blandino I am the new representative I have been here for a month and ½. Thanks for having me here looking forward to working with Jim, Police, Fire and DPW. Talk about the list submitted by Chief Carmichael, has been a lot of progress. We do have the plan moving forward.

Mr. O'Neil thanks for the service to the town. Bill Richey response organization new when streets go out or in you home it is my responsibility to get them back on. We are here to talk about streetlights. We are down to six lights. We are implementing troubleshooters at night. We don't want you to have to wait for the lights to go back on. We have our crews out and can identify street lights out. One thing that would help if we got that on a regular basis. Have your team pay attention to the lights. Mr. O'Neil to get it down to 4 or 6 that is great work. Great progress. Mr. Blandino the purchase of the street lights Depreciation of the lights once they are 20 years old. We can change them to LED and you can save money. Millis has them. Something you can consider and it will save you money. You would be paying us 1/10th of what you pay us today.

Mr. Johnson we have talked to Eversource before but the cost was high. It may be different know I will talk to him.

710 pm Norfolk County Sheriff Jerome McDermott

Sheriff McDermott thanks for the opportunity. He discussed the Norfolk County corrections facility, which houses 490 inmates. The caliber of inmates is becoming more difficult. We are focusing on officer safety and employee wellness and are working to ensure the safe and efficient operation of facility and its programs. It can be a stressful job for the workers. We go around to the different Communities and we have a great team sharing some of our programs. Sheriff Bellotti had some great plans. There is Information on the inside of the packet dealing with a variety of programs for the seniors one is regarding scams. We have preventions seminars. We asked the seniors if they would like to take a tour of the facility and many came. Talked about a camp for children in Braintree at \$150 a week, the demand is overwhelming for

that program. We offer Youth leadership Academy, Anti-Bullying, Distracted/ impaired driving prevention. We are working with Franklin looking to expand this program. Talked about Order of Seatbelt covers that will let an officer know the person has Autism. The reason we did this we were seeing that there was an increase in children being in cars with Autism and the officer does not know that. There are Autism advocates and this is very much needed. They have been receiving calls from other states about this seatbelt cover. I would encourage you in Walpole, and the schools to use this. We also offer Work crew community service. They can help with painting, cleaning up etc. This is for those that are being released soon. We work Release them. We have done a lot of work for towns and the Council on aging.

Ms. Mackenzie I think it is awesome. It is a simple idea but a great one. If it helps save one life. It is a good program.

(2-36) Marilyn Thompson seeking the Boards Vote for borrowing documents and notes relative to the \$202,500 Sewer Bond of the town to MWRA. Which was voted as Article #13 at the FATM 10/21/19

Mr. O'Neil this is a follow up to the vote at Town Meeting. Ms. Thompson it is Zero interest borrowing with MWRA. The town will be entering into an agreement with the MWRA for construction of Sewer System improvements assistance. Mr. O'Neil noted \$607,500.00 is from a grant and the other \$202,500 shall be in the form of interest free loan portion repaid to the MWRA in ten equal payments. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$810,000.00.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the sale of the \$202,500 Sewer Bond of the Town dated March 2, 2020, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Finance Director/Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on February 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

Year	Installment	Year	Installment
2021	\$20,250	2026	\$20,250
2022	20,250	2027	20,250
2023	20,250	2028	20,250
2024	20,250	2029	20,250
2025	20,250	2030	20,250

and further voted that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Finance Director/Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with

the sale of the bond were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

2-37 Richard McCarthy seeking appointment to the Veterans Committee

Richard McCarthy I was in the service before 1980 I am looking forward to work with them.

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Richard McCarthy to the Veterans Committee to fill the Served prior to 1980 position seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

2-38 Richard McCarthy seeking permission to use parking lot on South Street for fundraising event on April 4th from 8am to noon

Mr. McCarthy told the Board his goal is to sell more bricks for fundraising for Senior Programs.

The Police have no problem with this event.

Mr. O'Neil thanked Richard for everything he does for the town.

Motion NM to grant permission to use the parking lot on South Street for a fundraising event on April 4th from 8am to noon seconded MG voted 5-0-0

2-39 Town Clerk Liz Gaffey regarding VOTE on apportionment of RTM

Liz Gaffey every year by charter I am suppose to give you the apportionment. It looks like It doesn't need to change this year.

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the present apportionment remain as recommended by the Town Clerk seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

2-40 Change of Manager and Change of Directors for Italian American Club

Mr. Salvatore I am going to recuse myself as my son helps with set up. Nicole the person that was the previous manager put in paperwork to not be manager. Mr. O'Neil I drive by and I have seen that you are doing a lot there.

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the Change of Manager and Change of Directors for the Italian American Club VOTED 4-0-1(Mr. Salvatore abstained)

8:00pm OPEN FORUM -no one present

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

2-41 Award of Bid contract no. 2020-17 High Risk Tree Removal to North Eastern Tree Service Inc.

We bid this out back in December and they were the lowest bid. They have done work for us before.

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract no. 2020-17 High Risk Tree Removal to North Eastern Tree seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

VOTE request of One-day All Alcoholic beverages for Knights of Columbus for

1. March 3, 2020 from 6-10pm (2-42)
2. March 20,2020 from 6-10pm (2-43)

3. March 28 2020 from 4-8pm (2-44)

4. April 3, 2020 6-10pm (2-45)

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant the one day All alcoholic licenses for March 3,20, 28 and April 3 for Knights of Columbus, seconded Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

IV. **OLD BUSINESS**

Town Administrator update on Route 1A Field project.

Mr. Johnson I believe you have the status update on the project. Some are asking if there is roadway to winter St. It will be used for a walk way. They have started to put in the structure for the lights. If you are ok I would like to have this on once a month to give you a status update. There may be change order they have found savings in some of the electricity. People ask about sod and what is the cost. We have requested a change order. Mrs. Mackenzie is there a different in the quality in Sod vs. seed? I want to make sure it is going to work. There are some challenges with some of the dirt, they are trying to work around it and some of it will be shipped off.

*Reminder upcoming Workshops Special Meetings 3/24-Stretch Code, 3/10 public Safety DPW Safety and Budget discussion.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA Items (These items will be VOTED as one motion**

- VI. Motion moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept with gratitude the following donations
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| 1, Pamela Keefe to Senior moments | \$50.00 (2-46) |
| 2.Middlesec saving Bank to Fire Gift Account | \$10,000 (2-47) |
| 3.Dawn Newman to Senior moments | \$50.00 (2-48) |
| 4.Susan Cushing to Senior Moments | \$50.00 (2-49) |
| 5. James & Geraldine Benevides to Senior Moments | \$50.00 (2-50) |
| 6. Rhonda and Alan Taddei to Senior Moments | \$50.00 (2-51) |
| 7. Barbara Laronde to Recreation Program Scholarship | \$150.00 (2-52) |
| 8.Yvette Morrill to Walpole Trails Gift Account | \$100.00 (2-53) |
| 9. Good for Walpole to Walpole Trail Gift Account | \$200.00 (2-54) |

Seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED 5-0-0

VII. **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE**

The finance committee is working on articles.

The next meeting is very light. I think it is ok to put the inclusionary zoning on the agenda. The Board had no problem with it being on the next agenda as they are the sponsors of the article.

Mr. O'Neil noted that in the Beacon Newsletter Walpole received Excellence in Wellness; The Town of Walpole has built a comprehensive wellness program and uses feedback from Department heads to run specialized programs such as specialized nutrition counseling for the Police department and CPR and snowplow driver training for the DPW. The town also ran an eight-week MOVE program to help employees with arthritis or other joint and mobility issues. Town Manager Jim Johnson encourages staff to attend events and the wellness committee chaired by Melissa Ranier actively promotes programs and resources to co-workers.

Mr. Johnson noted what a great job Melissa has been doing since Robin left.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 7:37 pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan voted 5-0-0