

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, December 08, 2020 remotely at 7:00 pm. Vice Chair Nancy Mackenzie was absent. The following Board members were present:

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

Also participating  
James Johnson, Town Administrator  
Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator  
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

#### Executive Order on Remote Participation

Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and "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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. 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 taken by roll call vote.

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Appointments

##### 7:00pm – Peter Tamm, Goulston & Storrs: Presentation regarding 400 Summer Street

Peter Tamm, Goulston & Storrs was present for this appointment. Mr. Tamm spoke to the content of the letter sent to the Select Board in respect to the land located at 400 Summer Street and the interest that Foxboro Realty Associates LLC has in this land. He expressed that his client would like to begin a conversation with the Board to determine if any portion of the property maybe considered surplus and might consider evaluating it for disposition and responsible development. Mr. Tamm indicated that anything that his client would propose would respect the residential nature and residential neighbors. Jim Johnson advised the Board that if they did wish to pursue this in any way, the Board would need to sponsor an article for Town Meeting. Town Meeting would have to declare it surplus and agree to sell a portion of this land off. The Board discussed the presentation at length and questioned what his client would like to do with parcel, access to Summer Street and the stresses that might fall on South Walpole. Mr. Tamm outlined that the responsible plan could be to develop it to facilitate additional stadium parking, but the land would need to be rezoned for this purpose and that access to Summer Street is important but very limited use and can be managed effective.

The Board inquired on any plans to develop a hotel or other facilities in this area in addition to parking. Mr. Tamm talked about a master plan that would include office, retail as well as hotel on the parking lots that are adjacent to this property but that is a long-term plan. Chair Barrett informed Mr. Tamm that they would be in touch with him in regards to this item coming before the Board again or not. The Board also discussed the potential for senior housing development to take place on this parcel.

##### 7:20pm – 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Discussion and Vote to appoint Committee Members

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Katie Turco Abate, Beth Verderber Pelick, William J. Buckley Jr., Valerie Bishop, Cliff Barnes, Stephen Smith, Judy Conroy and Janice Young to the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. On roll call vote, Motion Passed (4-0-0). The Board discussed adding the updating of the 300<sup>th</sup> Committee Charge to the next meeting to increase the number of members.

## New Business

2021 Licenses for review and Vote of the Board. The Board's official signatures have been digitally scanned – licenses are as follows and listed in attached document:

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to renew the 2021 Weekday and Sunday Entertainment, Section 15 Off Premise Alcoholic Beverage, Farmers Winery Pouring Permit, Section 12 Club, All Alcohol, Wine & Malt Beverage with Common Victualler as listed in document attached and have the Board's official signatures digitally scanned. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to accept resignation of Steve Cyr from the Town Forest Committee

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to accept the resignation of Steve Cyr from the Town Forest Committee with thanks. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to appoint Greg Campbell as an associate member to the Walpole Trails Committee

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Greg Campbell as an associated member to the Walpole Trails Committee. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote to amend Section 201-002 Appointments/Hiring in Town of Walpole policies and procedures manual

On motion of Board member Salvatore, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the changes as indicated that there be at least one outside location. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Review and Possible Vote on Energy Reduction Plan as part of Green Communities Application

Cara Goodman, MAPC attended for this item and provided a summary on what the energy reduction plan is as a whole. Cara explained the Town will receive an initial designation grant, subsequent to this the Town will be eligible every year to apply for the competitive grants which are currently up to \$200,000 per community.

The Board appreciated the amount of work that goes into creating this plan but questioned the fact the document was still in a draft form and if any of the changes that needed to be made would be substantive. Cara informed the Board they have identified a 20% possible savings and exactly how we get there ends up being flexible. The changes will be tweaks to the total energy use and adding additional projects from Guardian, prioritization of the order of these savings projects.

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve Energy Reduction Plan as part of Green Communities Application. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

## Unfinished Business

Vote to approve Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and add to Town of Walpole policies and procedures manual

Cara Goodman, MAPC attended. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy and add to Town of Walpole policies and procedures manual. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

## CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

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| 1. Jr. Woman's Club of Walpole to Community Policing/Marketing Program | \$500 |
| 2. Nina Chambers to Recreation RAD Account                             | \$25  |

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

### Town Administrator's Update

#### COVID

606 total confirmed cases with 98 active cases. Every week it's the highest we have had and the numbers going up is concerning. The Town has not hit the red zone yet but concerned it is only a matter of time.

#### Police Reform Bill

This Bill currently sits on governor's desk, from my perspective it is concerning for many reasons. Our Chief and the Police Chiefs Association have voiced their concerns. I believe this is going to affect how we attract new police officers and retain officers moving forward. The Board discussed sending letters individually to the Governor voicing their concerns and echo the concerns of the Police Chief.

### Minutes

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to approve the Minutes of October 27 and November 10, 2020 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

### Executive Session

Chair Barrett stated the Board's intention to go into Executive Session for Purpose 3: To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares and the Board will not return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

On motion of Chair Barrett, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to enter into executive session for the purpose stated, with the Board not returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

The Board moved out of executive session at 9:43pm.

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 9:43pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-0).

# **License Renewals 2021**

## **Section 15 Off Premises Alcoholic Beverage License**

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|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| East Walpole Package Store   | 79 Providence Hwy   | All Alcoholic Beverages |
| Palumbo Liquors              | 421 High Plain St   | All Alcoholic Beverages |
| Sams Package Store           | 262 Main St         | All Alcoholic Beverages |
| Walpole Wines & Spirits      | 669 Main St         | All Alcoholic Beverages |
| Wines & More Walpole         | 90 Providence Hwy   | All Alcoholic Beverages |
| 7-Eleven                     | 909-911 Main St     | Wine & Malt Beverages   |
| C.Scott's Beer Wine & Deli   | 1600 Providence Hwy | Wine & Malt Beverages   |
| The Wine Cellar Outlet       | 565 Main St         | Wine & Malt Beverages   |
| Walpole Discount Beer & Wine | 1339 Main St        | Wine & Malt Beverages   |
| Walpole Gulf                 | 975 Providence Hwy  | Wine & Malt Beverages   |

## **Farmers Winery Pouring Permit**

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| Debevino Winery | 2255 Providence Hwy | Winery P.P., CV, Ent |
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## **Section 12 Club, All Alcohol, Wine & Malt Beverage with Common Victualer**

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|-------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Boylston Schul-Verein   | 8 County St       | Club, CV, Ent & Sunday Ent |
| Italian American Club   | 109 Stone St      | Club, CV, Ent              |
| Veterans of Foreign War | 109 Robbins Rd    | Club, CV, Ent              |
| Walpole Country Club    | 233 Baker St      | Club, CV, Ent              |
| Bristol Square          | 1428 Main St      | W&MB, CV, Ent              |
| Fancy That              | 272 Main St       | W&MB, CV                   |
| Jimmy's Pizza           | 4 East St         | W&MB, CV                   |
| Sakura                  | 691 Main St       | W&MB, CV, Ent              |
| 204 Washington          | 204 Washington St | AAB, CV, Ent               |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 99 Restaurant & Pub                 | 55 Providence Hwy     | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar | 990 Providence Hwy    | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Asia Treasures Restaurant           | 339-401 High Plain St | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Avenir                              | 1601 Main St          | AAB, CV, Ent, Sunday Ent |
| Beacons                             | 85 Providence Hwy     | AAB, CV                  |
| Chili's Grill & Bar                 | 120 Providence Hwy    | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Clyde's Roadhouse                   | 642 Providence Hwy    | AAB, CV, Ent, Sunday Ent |
| Conrad's Restaurant                 | 905 Main St           | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Crisp                               | 1049 Main St          | AAB, CV, Ent, Sunday Ent |
| Eastern Pearl                       | 2275 Providence Hwy   | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Farmer in the Dell                  | 935 East St           | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Finnegan's Wake                     | 685 Main St           | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Ginjo Sushi & Hibachi               | 887-889 Main St       | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| GG Pizza Company                    | 90 Providence Hwy     | AAB, CV                  |
| Jalapeno's Grill                    | 960-962 Main St       | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Kihei Dynasty                       | 743 Main St           | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Napper Tandy's                      | 1065 Main St          | AAB, CV, Ent, Sunday Ent |
| Patriot Tavern                      | 100 Main St           | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Red Wing Diner                      | 2235 Providence Hwy   | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Sapore Vero                         | 944-946 Main St       | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| Tessie's Bar & Kitchen              | 1006 Main St          | AAB, CV                  |
| Texas Roadhouse                     | 102 Providence Hwy    | AAB, CV, Ent             |
| The Raven's Nest                    | 998 Main St           | AAB, CV, Ent, Sunday Ent |

### **Entertainment**

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| Walpole Footlighters | 2 Scout Rd | Ent & Sunday Ent |
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