

The Select Board met on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 remotely at 7:00pm. The following Board members were present:

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice 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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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

Vote to appoint candidate Justin Labonte to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic

Present was Chief Bailey, Deputy Chief Barry and candidate Justin Labonte. Chief Bailey presented candidate Labonte to the Board and candidate Labonte introduced himself and spoke on his background. The Board welcomed Justin to Walpole and wished him the best of luck. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to appoint firefighter candidate Justin Labonte to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). The Chief informed the Board that they will not be moving forward with the Fourth of July fireworks this year.

Public Hearing for Classic Modern dba Beacons 85 Providence Highway for Alteration of Licensed Premises to include a stone patio

Present from Classic Modern was Manager Ara Yarian. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to open the public hearing for Classic Modern dba Beacons 85 Providence Highway for Alteration of Licensed Premises to include a stone patio. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). Ara provided an overview to the Board on the scale of the project and what they are planning on doing to the space. With no communication on this matter from the public, on motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to close the public hearing. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the alteration of licensed premises to include a stone patio for Classic Modern dba Beacons located at 85 Providence Highway, subject to the applicant obtaining a final inspection from Building department. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Five Star Franchises MA-3 LLC dba Jersey Mikes Subs for a Common Victualler to operate at 965 Old Post Road

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request of Five Star Franchises MA-3 LLC dba Jersey Mikes Subs for a Common Victualler to operate at 965 Old Post Road. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

School Committee Chairperson, Nancy Gallivan: Discussion and Vote to hold a Special Town Election on November 02, 2021

Present was School Committee Chairperson Nancy Gallivan, School Building Committee Chair Mark Breen, Superintendent of Schools Bridget Gough and Bryan Jarvis from Compass Project Management, Inc. Jim Johnson outlined to the Board that this agenda item stemmed from a School Committee request back in March and has been vetted by Town Counsel, MSBA, Compass and Bond Counsel. Nancy Gallivan and Mark Breen expanded on the details of the new middle school project, where they are in the process to date and the timing of the election date of November, 2021.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to hold a special town election on November 02, 2021. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to place the following Ballot Question on the Special Election Warrant: Shall the Town of Walpole be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to construct and furnish a new grade 6–8 combined middle school at 625 Washington Street, Walpole, MA, the same parcel of land as the current Bird School, including demolition, site preparation and the payment of all other costs incidental or related thereto? On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to sign the Special Election Warrant. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

New Business

Vote request of Veteran's Agent Mark Bryson to use the Town Common on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day and block off a portion of Elm Street from 10am-2pm

Present was Veteran's Agent Mark Bryson. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Barrett, voted to approve the request to use the Town Common on Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day and block off a portion of Elm Street from approximately 10am-2pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote award of Bid/Contract 2021-11 for Standby Generators in the amount of \$213,359 to Fall River Electrical Associates

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract 2021-11 for Standby Generators to Fall River Electrical Associates in the amount of \$213,359. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote award of Bid/Contract 2021-18, Roadway, Sidewalk & Parking Lot Resurfacing at various locations in the amount of \$1,158,961.80 to Lorusso Corporation

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract 2021-18, Roadway, Sidewalk & Parking Lot Resurfacing at various locations in the amount of \$1,158,961.80 to Lorusso Corporation. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to sign State Aid Reimbursable Program for Complete Streets Tier 3 in the amount of \$54,073.01

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to sign the State Aid Reimbursable Program for Compete Streets Tier 3 in the amount of \$54,073.01. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote to sign Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Towns of Norwood and Sharon to share the position of Energy Manager

Jim Johnson provided a summary on the scope of this agreement and how the position will assist in pursuing the Green Community grant applications. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to sign the inter-municipal agreement with the Towns of Norwood and Sharon to share the position of Energy Manager. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Carol Johnson to use Spring Brook Park on Saturdays June 12–October 23, 2021 from 9am-1pm for the Walpole Farmers Market

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request of Carol Johnson to use Spring Brook Park on Saturdays June 12-October 23, 2021 from 9am-1pm for the Annual Farmers Market. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Adams Farm Event Requests

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request of New England High School Cycling Association to use Adams Farm on July 31, 2021 from 9:30am-2pm for a Girls of the League Day subject to compliance with all COVID19 protocols. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve request of Blue Hills Cycling Club to use Adams Farm on June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, 2021 from 5pm-8pm for cycling training events subject to compliance with all COVID19 protocols. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Possible Vote on Town Administrator Memo regarding Police Chief Search – Requested Course of Action

Jim Johnson presented to the Board on the Police Chief Search Course of Action. A discussion took place among the Board members regarding the process laid out of the Town Administrator and how they see this search moving forward. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to authorize the Town Administrator to move forward with two solicitations: Advertisement, Recruitment, & Hiring (Lead Consultant) and Assessment Center (sub consultant). On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Unfinished Business

Discussion and Vote on Charge and Makeup for the Master Plan Implementation Committee

Present was Patrick Deschenes, Community & Economic Development Director. A discussion took place among the Board members regarding the precise makeup of the Committee and the role of the Planning Board in this extensive process. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to add a senior citizen and forest green space representative and change all representatives other than Planning Board to be them or designee and send a memo to Planning Board with this suggestion and ask for comment and input and have a meeting to discuss or offer any changes beforehand to discuss them. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations

Tylor Forgeron to Veteran Gift Account	\$50
Constance Bedros for Nancy Hurd to COA Gifts	\$40
Sandra & Stephen Grundy for Nancy Hurd to COA Gifts	\$25
James & Carol Hart for Nancy Hurd to COA Gifts	\$25
Peter & Nurit Kussell to Ambulance Gift Account	\$100
Various Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance	\$462

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

2,061 total confirmed cases, with 25 active cases which is the lowest in a really long time.

North Street Solar

At this time we really don't have any update, they have withdrawn their request for a site plan review and no permits have been pulled to date. The Building Commissioner continues to keep a close eye on this and keeping Town Counsel in the loop.

Employee Contract Policy

This came up at Town Meeting and since it came up I've started to formalize a policy that we drafted back in 2015. I expect there will be something for this Board to consider in the near future regarding that potential policy to put some of these concerns at ease. The Board highlighted the importance of discussing this in more detail at an upcoming meeting.

Route 1A Roadworks

I was advised by Carl Balduf that the actual roadwork on this project is set to start on June 6. The construction detour signs continue to be set up and Eversource are continuing with their work. Carl Balduf provided a quick update to the Board on the timeline for this year of the project.

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of April 20 and May 01, 2021 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:50pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).