

The Select Board met on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. Board member Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present:

Mark Gallivan, Chair  
Benjamin Barrett, Vice Chair  
Glenn Maffei, Clerk  
James O'Neil

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

### Appointments

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gallivan called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Gallivan acknowledged the recent passing of Bill Ryan, who served on the Select Board, was an RTM, President of the food pantry and heavily involved in the SVP society.

#### Public Hearing for an All Alcoholic Beverage Package Store License for Miles Express Inc. dba Miles Express, 1005 Providence Highway. (Vote expected)

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Clerk Maffei, voted to open the public hearing for Miles Express Inc. dba Miles Express for an all alcoholic beverage package store license located at 1005 Providence Highway. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Business owner Robert Fadel was present. With no communication on this matter from the public, on motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve request of Miles Express Inc. dba Miles Express for an all alcoholic beverage package store license located at 1005 Providence Highway. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### Vote to appoint candidate Ian Timpany to the position of Police Officer

Police Chief Kelleher and candidate Ian Timpany were present. Chief Kelleher provided some background on candidate Timpany and presented Mr. Timpany to the Board. Ian introduced himself to the Board and provided some additional information on his experience to date. The Board welcomed Ian and on motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to appoint Ian Timpany to the position of Police Officer with the Walpole Police Department. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### Vote to ratify the appointment of Richard M. Kelleher as Police Chief and sign Employment Contract

The Honor Guard was present. Chair Gallivan thanked everyone for coming out tonight, welcomed two former Chiefs. On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to ratify the appointment of Richard M. Kelleher as Police Chief for the Town of Walpole and sign the employment agreement between the Town of Walpole and Richard M. Kelleher. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Town Clerk Gaffey preformed the swearing in of the new Chief, followed by Chief Kelleher being pinned by his wife and children.

The Chief thanked everyone for being here, with special thanks to the former Chiefs. The Chief commented on how becoming the new Walpole Police Chief is an honor and privilege and is looking forward to continuing on from the process started under Chief Carmichael. The Chief thanked his family in attendance and all of the WPD and in particular the command staff and Judy Ryan-Decker.

Bryan Jarvis, Compass Project Management, Middle School Building Project Progress Report

Bryan Jarvis was present via Zoom to provide an update on the Middle School Building Project. The design phase has begun and will continue through the end of March. The School Building Committee has created a Selection Committee which will review all design plans. Once the designs are complete, we will have an updated estimate on how much the entire construction plan is projected to cost. They have started the permitting process and are preparing presentations for the various town boards and committees. Finally, the town has signed and returned all documents related to the project funding, so they are able to move forward with the next steps.

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Review and Vote to sign Employment Contract with Building Commissioner James Crowley

Jim Johnson provided some background on this, Yanovitch submitted his resignation, gave Jim’s background and how well he has done so far.

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve and sign the employment contract for Building Commissioner James Crowley. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Vote request of Melissa Dugas, Blessed Sacrament School for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License at 808 East Street on January 22, 2022 from 6:30-10pm for a fundraiser

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve request of Melissa Dugas, Blessed Sacrament School for a One Day Wine & Malt Beverage License at 808 East Street on January 22, 2022 from 6:30-10pm for a fundraiser. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations

Kenneth Fettig to Library Gift Account	\$100
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Helen Hourihan to COA Gift Account	\$150
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Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Board member O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett, voted to approve the Minutes of November 30 and December 07, 2021 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

Town Administrator’s Update

FY 23 Budget

All the FY23 budgets are in on the town side and the schools continue to work through developing their budgets. Currently working through all the town budgets to see what has been requested and hoping to have a draft within the next few weeks and have the Board meet in mid-January to review it before finalizing it and setting the budget message which is likely going to be delivered in late January. The Warrant is set to close on January 11. I would like to hold a meeting in January to review the budget that has been presented and you may have questions about the revenue figures I am projecting. We are aiming for January 18 being a working session meeting on the budget and ARPA discussion.

### COVID

We are very closely monitoring the rising cases. Right now Walpole does not have a mask mandate but we are encouraging people who feel comfortable to wear them inside and we will continue to monitor the situation. I will continue to work closely with Melissa, Trisha and member of the Board of Health to see if they think any other precautions need to be in place.

### Holidays

Town Hall will be closed on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve and we will be closing a little bit earlier on the 23 and 30 of December.

On motion of Board member O'Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Barrett voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:38pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).