

The Select Board met on Tuesday, March 09, 2021 remotely at 7:00pm. Vice Chair Nancy Mackenzie and Board member David Salvatore were absent. The following Board members were present:

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

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 That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.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 – Police Chief Carmichael Quarterly Update

Chief Carmichael provided the Board with his quarterly update. The Chief wished to recognize and thank ACO John Spillane for his 20+ years of service and wished him the best with his retirement. The Chief outlined some dispatcher personnel changes and highlighted some department commendations and departmental programs offered to residents such as The Residential Home Safety Initiative. The department is continuing to meeting with the Home for Little Wanderers, DCF and affiliated organizations and working on an MOA for DCF to sign off on. Mental health crisis continues to be a significant public safety issue and already at 100 calls for the year. In 2021 there has been 4 drug overdoses with 1 fatality. The Chief gave a summary to the Board about the recent incident on Common Street. The Board thanked the officers involved and commended the department on the changes recently implemented by the command staff, especially in light of the police reform bill adding a new dimension to the police department. Chief Carmichael introduced candidate Liam O'Donnell to the Board and provided some background on Liam. Liam introduced himself to the Board and elaborated on his experience. The Board welcomed Liam to the town, thanked him for his service and look forward to meeting him in person. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Liam O'Donnell to the position of Police Officer with the Walpole Police Department. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

7:15pm – Fire Chief Bailey Quarterly Update

Chief Bailey provided his quarterly update to the Board. The Chief informed the Board that all members have been vaccinated; call volume has increased since this time last year and ambulance runs continue to be an issue with the time factors involved and not having the ability to turn around the crews faster. Fire prevention continues to be extremely busy and the department budget deficit remains around \$170,000. The Chief outlined a number of grants they have been applying for and spoke about the various training programs that are happening within the department in particular driver training. He also gave the Board an update on the personnel front, in terms of a recent retirement and two possible long-term injuries. The Board were glad to hear

the entire department is now fully vaccinated and very impressed with the number of grants the fire department has been applying for. The Chief introduced candidate Kevin Brady and give some background on Kevin’s experience. Kevin introduced himself to the Board and expanded on his previous experience. The Board welcomed Kevin to the Town and look forward to working with him in the future. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to appoint Kevin Brady to position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department with an effective date of March 29, 2021. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

New Business

Vote to accept and sign the General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds

Jodi Cuneo Finance Director provided some background to the Board on the bonds and what the borrowing would be covering. The Board congratulated the finance team on the rate that was received for the borrowing. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted I Mark Gallivan, the Clerk of the Select Board of the Town of Walpole, Massachusetts (the “Town”), certify that at a meeting of the board held March 9, 2021, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the sale of the \$4,590,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds of the Town dated March 18, 2021 (the “Bonds”), to FHN Financial Capital Markets at the price of \$4,992,444.96 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on September 1 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2021	\$265,000	4.00%	2028	\$340,000	4.00%
2022	270,000	4.00	2029	350,000	4.00
2023	285,000	4.00	2030	355,000	1.00
2024	295,000	4.00	2031	360,000	1.10
2025	305,000	4.00	2032	365,000	1.20
2026	315,000	4.00	2033	375,000	1.35
2027	330,000	4.00	2034	380,000	1.45

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 11, 2021, and a final Official Statement dated February 23, 2021 (the “Official Statement”), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Select Board be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that each member of the Select Board, the Town Clerk and the Town 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 votes.

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 Bonds were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended, further suspended, supplemented or modified by the Executive Order of the Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote award of Bid/Contract No. 2021-14 for Edward J. Delaney Filter Rehabilitation Sandblasting Project
Bernie Marshall, Sewer and Water Superintendent provided some information to the Board on what this contract is for. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to award bid/contract no. 2021-14 for Edward J. Delaney Filter Rehabilitation Sandblasting Project to John W. Egan Co., Inc. in the amount of \$82,000. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Vote to sign the Spring 2021 Town Meeting Warrant

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted to sign the Spring 2021 Town Meeting Warrant. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Jim Johnson outlined to the Board that the Finance Committee had voted on the following: Articles 8, 10, 14, 16 and 20. On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted favorable action on Article 8.

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted favorable action on Article 10. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil, voted no action on Article 14. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O’Neil voted to accept with gratitude the following donation

Multiple Donors to Recreation Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance \$127

On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

Town Administrator’s Update

COVID

1,717 total confirmed cases, with 46 active cases. Case numbers are going in right direction.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee continue to meet and work through the budget, I am optimistic that they will have a balanced budget ready to go in a week or two. I’ve been working with the School Superintendent and will be going forward with a joint recommendation to the committee on the school budget.

Outdoor Dining

Starting to get requests once again to set up outdoor dining. Mark from Raven’s Nest was asking about St. Patrick’s Day, we probably will need them to come forward in a few weeks to renew lease agreements but told

Mark he could add some tables in the interim. Patrick Deschenes Director of Community & Economic Development is working on this and will come forward with a comprehensive list for the 23rd for the Board to consider with an April 1st start date.

Animal Control Officer

I've been working with Norwood General Manager to finalize an inter-municipal agreement for this position. Tony is bringing this matter before his Board tonight and expects them to vote in favor of it. I think I will be bringing it forward in two weeks once we finalize. The setup would have 2 officers and possible expanded to 3, an ACO a deputy and then potentially another deputy. The cost is about the same as what I have in the budget now and we would treat it the same as we do the veterans officer agreement with Medfield.

Veteran's Service Officer

I'm pleased to report that we have come to terms on a new veteran's services agent, he is set to start in a few weeks. I'd like to bring him before the Board on March 23rd, you do have appointment authority over that position. He has a lot of experience; all were impressed with him. The veteran's in town will be pleased to have a full time person once again.

Old Town Hall

Over the past year or so, we sent out two RFPs to lease the building; each time we received zero responses. In January, the state announced their one stop grant application. Patrick had the great idea to see if we can get some money for old town hall. We put in a request to them, and they would like it narrowed down to either design or construction. A few year ago, Schwartz Silver showed a lot of interest in that building. They have agreed to work with us pro bono and apply for a \$100,000 grant to do some design work to that building. We are planning to submit the application the first week in May.

School Building Update

I met with Bridget and some of her team today, to see what the cost of the potential debt exclusion is going to be. They asked me to run some numbers and get a cost impact, they asked for three different scenarios; borrowing at \$75, \$80 and \$85 million. I will be working with Jodi and Dennis over the next few days. The School Building Committee will be discussing this next Tuesday. Trying to see what is it going to cost the average taxpayer in the town and we have come up with a debt calculator that we can put out on the website for people to use.

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to approve Minutes of February 23, 2021 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Gallivan, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:30pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (3-0-0).