

The Select Board met on Tuesday March 28, 2023 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall.  
The following members were present:

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

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

### Appointments

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair O'Neil called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Public Hearing and Vote request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for a Grant of Location to install approximately 485+/- feet of conduit for service to 625 Washington Street

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to open the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0). Town Engineer Carl Balduf and Eversource Representative Christine Cosby were present. Christine provided an overview of the project and the reason behind the request. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY for a Grant of Location to install approximately 485+/- feet of conduit for service to 625 Washington Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Public Hearing and Vote request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY & VERIZON for a Grant of Location to install one pole #11/61A for service to 605 Elm Street

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to open the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0). Town Engineer Carl Balduf and Eversource Representative Christine Cosby were present. Christine provided an overview of the project and the reason behind the request. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the request of NSTAR ELECTRIC COMPANY & VERIZON for a Grant of Location to install one pole #11/61A for service to 605 Elm Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Jack Wiley, Adams Farm Committee – Discussion & Vote on possibly banning dogs at Adams Farm

Jack Wiley was present to discuss the current issues at Adams Farm and the request of the Committee in regards to dogs at the property. Jack discussed the issues they have been having with unleashed dogs around the Farm, and how it is becoming more of a regular occurrence. Jack informed the Board that the Friends of Adams Farm might potentially withdraw their support because of the number of incidents with off leash dogs. Jack outlined to the Board that animal control and the police department have been visiting the farm more frequently and have seen some improvement but it has not solved the problem. The Board discussed the issue at the Farm and the potential need to ban dogs if people cannot adhere to the leash laws. The Board noted that it has been a long time coming but this is a big decision to make. The Board thanked Jack for bringing this forward and understand the issues that the Committee are facing. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to allow the Adams Farm Committee to ban dogs at Adams Farm if they deem it necessary. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of the owners of Tessie's Bar & Kitchen to erect a temporary enclosure in front of 1010 Main Street during construction

Maura and Mark McAuliffe were present to discuss the request. Mark explained that they are looking to expand Tessie's into the space next door so would like to use some of the town sidewalk to enclose the space while the construction is happening. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of the owners of Tessie's Bar & Kitchen and sign the license agreement. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Vote to award Contract 2023-26 Elm Street Bridge Replacement Design to Beta Group Inc.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to award 2023-26 Elm Street Bridge Replacement Design to Beta Group Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote reappointment of Board/Committee members whose terms expire on March 31, 2023

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to renew the terms of all Board/Committee members seeking reappointment as listed in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint Jerome Reicher as an associate member of the Council on Aging. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint Jim Johnson to the Norfolk County Advisory Board. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote renewal of Stadium Event Parking Lot Licenses at 49 Summer St., 1886 Washington St., 8, 26, 32 54 & 55 Water St., 5 & 10 Willow St.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to renew the stadium event parking lot licenses at the properties listed on the agenda. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote Recreation Department Event Requests:

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the request of the Recreation Department to use the Town Common to hold the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Concerts on the Common series and to host National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, 2023. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on June 1, 2023

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the request of Norfolk County Agricultural High School to use Old Fisher Ball Field on June 1, 2023. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote Adams Farm Event Requests:

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request Joshua Lobisser to use Adams Farm on September 2, 2023 from 1pm-4pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of ECDC Nursery School to use Adams Farm on June 4, 2023 from 10am-12pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Unfinished Business

Town Administrator Jim Johnson gave a brief summary of the Articles that the Finance Committee voted on at their most recent meeting. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 3. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 31. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 23. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 24. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article

25. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 26. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 27. Motion Passed (3-2-0) Vice Chair Maffei and Clerk Hamilton opposed. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 28. Motion Passed (3-2-0) Vice Chair Maffei and Clerk Hamilton opposed. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to recommend Favorable Action on Article 29. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted refer Article 30 back to committee. Motion Passed (5-0-0).  
Jim updated the Board on the discussion that occurred at the Finance Committee in regards to Article 22 and how no position was taken by the Committee at the meeting. In taking the comments of the Finance Committee and the Planning Board at their hearing, Jim provided two updated versions of the motion. After a lengthy discussion by the Board and on motion of Chair O’Neil, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the substitute motion language to be forwarded to the Finance Committee that leaves the Special Permit process intact and changes ‘shall’ to ‘may’. Motion passed (4-1-0). Board member Barrett opposed.

Executive Session

Chair O’Neil stated that it is 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. A discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose of the executive session, with the Select Board returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to enter executive session for the purpose stated by the Chair, with the Board returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

The Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:20pm.

Vote to ratify the following Memorandum of Agreements:  
On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to sign the Memorandum of Agreements with Walpole Public Safety Dispatchers, Clerical Union, Local 155 Police, Fire Fighters Association and Library Employees for the term July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to accept with gratitude the following donations:

COA Pool Players to COA Pool Table Expenses	\$55
Various Donors to Smiling Eyes Financial Assistance	\$60
Gloria Denneen to COA Gifts	\$100
Friends of St. Patrick to Friends of COA Account	\$5,000
J.D. Murphy Management Co., Inc. to DPW Signal at Main/East Account	\$12,000

Motion Passed (4-0-1) Chair O’Neil abstained.

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the Minutes of March 14, 2023 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

## Town Administrator's Update

### Finance Committee

Finance Committee will wrap up their meetings next week and take votes on the remaining Articles.

### Route 1A Fields Ceremony

The official ceremony is set to be held on Saturday June 3. The snack shack will open this Saturday and the schedule for the bathrooms will be 8am-9:30pm.

### Parks Dept

Superintendent Justin Monta gave his notice and he will be moving to the private sector but did a great job during his 3years with us. I am pleased to announce that Jim Thomas is going to be taking over; he is going to do some great work.

### MWRA

Back in October, the Sewer and Water Commissioners advanced the capital request to explore supplemental water sources, one being the MWRA. In the wake of the train disaster in East Palestine, Ohio, I questioned where all the wells sit and most sit close to railroad tracks. We are working on a way to get Walpole included in the MWRA in the future.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:25pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).