

The Select Board met on Tuesday April 11, 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, joined at 7:15pm

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.

#### Cable Television Public Hearing – Verizon New England, Inc.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to open the public hearing. Motion Passed (4-0-0). Jim Johnson provided an overview of the proposed contract, which is for five years and is a continuation of what currently exists. Jim outlined several highlights of the contract and recommended favorable action. The Board thanked Jim for working on this contract. Jean Kenney, President of the Walpole Media Corporation Board of Directors, spoke in favor of renewing the contract. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to close the public hearing. Motion Passed (4-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to sign the Verizon New England Television Renewal License effective April 30, 2023 for a 5-year term. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### Emergency Management Agency Director John Lightbody, Providing a Department Update

Director John Lightbody was present to provide the Board with a department update. John spoke about everyone that compromises the department, touched on CERT training, the different groups within the town that they work with including the Health Department and the Fire Department. John touched on some of the grants they have received and the items they purchased such as first aid training equipment, laptops and PPE. Currently working on updating the emergency management comprehensive plan, which hasn't been updated for several years. The Board thanked John for coming before them tonight and offered any assistance that might be needed.

#### VSO Melissa Bingham, Vote request to use the Town Common on May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day and block off a portion of Elm Street from 11am-2pm

VSO Melissa Bingham was present. Melissa requested the use of the Common for their Memorial Day observance. The Board thanked Melissa for everything that she has been doing; Jim outlined the great work that Melissa has been doing over the last few months. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of VSO Melissa Bingham to use the Town Common on May 29, 2023 for Memorial Day observance and block off a portion of Elm Street from 11am-2pm. Motion Passed (4-0-0).

#### Interview and Vote to appoint John Power, Jr. & Barbara Good to the Veterans Service Committee

Candidates John Power, Jr. and Barbara Good were present. Each candidate provided some background on their experience and their interest in the Committee. The Board thanked both candidates for coming forward and getting involved. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint John Power, Jr. and Barbara Good to the Veterans Service Committee. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Open Forum – Bill Hamilton provided comment on the idea of converting the sludge dump into a reservoir.

## New Business

### Review & Vote on Draft Supplemental Watershed Plan 01 & Environmental Assessment for the Allen Site Dam

Town Engineer Carl Balduf was present to speak in favor of authorizing the Town Administrator to sign the agreement between the Town and the USDA, which would allow final design to proceed for the rehabilitation of the Allen Dam. The Allen Dam, located off Washington Street, plays a very important role in floodwater mitigation. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Draft Supplemental Watershed Agreement subject to final review by Town Counsel and provided that the Town shall not be obligated to expend any funds unless and until there is a Town Meeting appropriation thereof for. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Vote to award Bid/Contract 2023-19 Blackburn Hall Roof Replacement to Capeway Roofing Systems, Inc.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to award 2023-19 Blackburn Hall Roof Replacement to Capeway Roofing Systems, Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Vote renewal of Stadium Event Parking Lot Licenses at 1 Willow St., 9 Water St., and 70 Shufelt Rd.

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 request of Walpole Farmers Market Management, to use Spring Brook Park on Saturdays from June 10 – October 21, 2023 from 9am-1pm for the Walpole Farmers Market

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of Walpole Farmers Market Management to use Spring Brook Park on Saturdays from June 10 – October 21, 2023 from 9am-1pm for the Farmers Market. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Vote request of Don Anderson (4 You I Will Fight) for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License at 2400 Main Street on June 22, 2023 from 12-5pm

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of Don Anderson for a One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License at 2400 Main Street on June 22, 2023 from 12-5pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Vote request for Change of Officers/Directors for 99 West LLC dba 99 Restaurant & Pub, 55 Providence Highway

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of 99 West LLC for Change of Officers/Directors. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

## Unfinished Business

### Continued Discussion and Vote on remaining Spring 2023 Town Meeting Articles

Jim Johnson provided a brief explanation on the remaining articles the Select Board had yet to vote on. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 2. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 4. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 11. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 12. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for No Action on Article 13. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 14. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 15. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted for Favorable Action on Article 16. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to refer Article 22 back to committee. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

Rose-Marie Doherty to COA Gifts

\$100

Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Minutes

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2023 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Town Administrator's Update

#### Town Meeting

We are just about ready to go for town meeting. Finance Committee public hearing is set to be held on Thursday April 11 at 7pm. Town Meeting is on May 1 and I expect that Dan will start the ceremony at 7pm and have it officially kicked off at 7:30pm. The booklet is at the printer and we are working on the packet information and the motions.

#### 300<sup>th</sup> Committee

The department heads met with Chair Bill Buckley and members Katie Turco-Abate and Steve Smith to discuss the 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee's plans for the celebration in 2024. They will include a laser show, parade, and gala, as well as more extravagant festivities for annual events like the Night Before the Fourth and Walpole Day.

#### Route 1A Fields

The ribbon cutting for the S.M. Lorusso Fields will take place on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10am. There will be festivities including bouncy houses, games, and refreshments.

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:45pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).