

The Select Board met on Tuesday May 09, 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 7:05pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Interview and Vote Board & Committee Appointments:

Karen Laisne, Brenda Healy, Ann Chiacchieri, and Gerard Touchette were present to be interviewed by the Select Board. Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves and speak a little on their interest in becoming involved. The Board thanked each candidate for coming forward. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint Karen Laisne as a member of the Cultural Council. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to promote Brenda Healy to a regular member of the Board of Health. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint Ann Chiacchieri as a member of the Adams Farm Committee. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to appoint Gerard Touchette as a member of the Committee for Drug & Alcohol Awareness. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – Precinct 5 RTM Bill Hamilton provided comment on developing a 94-acre site to a reservoir to serve as an extra source of clean water for the Walpole community.

New Business

Vote to approve Walpole Food Pantry Letter of Intent to lease 1385 Washington Street

Bill Willoth President of the Food Pantry was present. Bill provided a quick update to the Board on what got them to this point and steps moving forward. Bill informed the Board that after looking at a few different locations they decided that 1385 Washington Street would be a good location for the new facility. On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the letter of intent and direct the Town Administrator to send the letter to the Walpole Food Pantry. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to declare the site known as the "East Walpole Library" and a vacant lot located near the intersection of Kingsbury Street and Plain Street as surplus

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to declare the site known as 'East Walpole Library' and a vacant lot located near the intersection of Kingsbury Street and Plain Street as surplus. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to authorize the Town Administrator to carry out Reserve Fund and/or Interdepartmental Transfers up to \$10,000

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to authorize the Town Administrator to carry out Reserve Fund and/or Interdepartmental Transfers up to \$10,000. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to award Bid/Contract #2023-27 Walpole High School Retaining Wall Replacement

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to award Bid/Contract #2023-27 Walpole High School Retaining Wall Replacement to DeMello Construction. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote Stadium Event Parking Renewal at 1887 Washington Street

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to renew stadium event parking lot license at 1887 Washington Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote Junk Dealer License Renewal for Second Glance Consignment at 961 Main Street

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to renew junk dealer license for Second Glance Consignment. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of WHS Cross Country/Track & Field Booster to hold the 50th Annual Walpole Labor Day Road Race on September 4, 2023

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of WHS Cross Country/Track & Field Booster to hold the 50th Annual Walpole Labor Day Road Race on September 4, 2023. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Scott DeFlaminio to use Adams Farm on Sunday June 18, 2023 from 1-5pm

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of Scott DeFlaminio to use Adams Farm on Sunday June 18, 2023 from 1-5pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

One Day All Alcoholic Beverage License Requests:

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve request of Candace Puzin for May 19, 2023 from 6-11:30pm at 499 Lincoln Road and request of Frank Mosher for May 27, 2023 from 2-6pm at 137 Stone Street. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Possible Vote on One Day Liquor License approval process

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve updated one-day liquor license approval process. 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:

Walpole Police to Hometown Hero Program	\$500
Walpole Police Union to Coalition for Alcohol & Drug Awareness Gift Account	\$580

Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to approve the Minutes of April 11 & 25 and May 1, 2023 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Fall Town Meeting

Preparations for the Fall Town Meeting have begun. The Warrant will open the first meeting in June and capital directives have been sent to all the town department heads.

Formal update on ARPA

A formal update on where the Town stands with ARPA funds will be presented to the Board at the next meeting. Multiple projects utilizing ARPA funds have already begun, and there is approximately \$3.2 million currently left unallocated.

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 not 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 not returning to open session at the conclusion of the executive session. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Returning to open session and no other business being presented for consideration, on motion of Clerk Hamilton, seconded by Vice Chair Maffei, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:35pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).