

The Select Board met on Tuesday June 6, 2023 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of Town Hall. The following members were present:

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

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

### Appointments

#### Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Chair Hamilton congratulated Vice Chair Gallivan on his reelection to the Board.

#### Vote to appoint candidate Nicholas Campobasso to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic

Fire Chief Bailey and candidate Nicholas Campobasso were present. Chief Bailey introduced Nicholas to the Board and provided some information on his background and career to date. Nicholas introduced himself to the Board and expanded on the Chief's introduction. The Board thanked Nick and congratulated him on this position. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Nicholas Campobasso to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

#### Discussion & Vote on request of Dmitry Deych in regards to the sidewalk at 979 Main Street

John Davis, Construction Manager for Walpole Development Partners LLC, was present. He explained his plans to scaffold the building located at 979 Main Street for renovations. John described the proposal, which consists of the installation of pedestrian scaffolding on Glenwood Avenue during the construction project. The Board had several questions including the width and height of the scaffolding for pedestrians to walk under. John Davis outlined to the Board that they would be using a licensed, bonded scaffolding company and would be monitored by OSHA. Building Commissioner Jim Crowley, Deputy Fire Chief Paul Barry, Police Chief Richard Kelleher, and DPW Director Rick Mattson spoke about the safety protocols that will be in place. The Board requested additional lighting and signage in the area during the project to increase pedestrian safety in the area. Town Administrator listed additional conditions for the project, including snow removal plan, signage, application for street opening permit and surety bond in place. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the request of Dmitry Deych to install the pedestrian staging on the sidewalk adjacent to 979 Main Street during the project construction subject to the applicant adhering to all conditions outlined in the letter dated May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 and pursuant to the conditions listed by Town Administrator Jim Johnson just now and the Town Engineer's email, subject to the approval and signature of the Board Chair and Town Administrator. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – Comment was provided by election workers Katie Turco Abate and Josette Burke. They urged the Board to consider amending the Walpole Charter to hold Annual Town Elections on Tuesdays instead of Saturdays. Jim O'Neil suggested putting this issue on the next meeting's agenda to discuss the possibility of changing the charter and other methods to increase awareness of local elections.

## New Business

### Vote to open the Fall 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted open the Fall 2023 Town Meeting Warrant and close it on August 22, 2023. Motion Passed (5-0-0). Jim Johnson informed the Board that currently we have about seventeen articles as placeholders. Jim outlined that he will need some direction from the Board in regards to moving forward with the in-law bylaw and if it is something that the Board would be looking at bringing back again.

### Vote request of Todd Lyman for a Block Party on Lady Slipper Drive on October 1, 2023 from 1-5pm

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted approve request of Todd Lyman for a Block Party on Lady Slipper Drive on October 1, 2023 from 1-5pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

### Vote to approve Stadium Event Parking Lot License at 1925 Washington Street with 7 spaces

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve stadium event parking lot license at 1925 Washington Street with 7 spaces. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

## CONSENT AGENDA

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

Jane Sullivan in memory of Russell Olson to COA Gifts	\$25
Mary Ann Collins to Ambulance Gift Account	\$25
Rose-Marie Doherty to COA Gifts	\$100
COA Pool Players to COA Gifts	\$109
The Family of Edith Noyes to COA Gifts	\$400
Various Donors to Night Before the Fourth	\$2,111.50
Motion Passed (5-0-0).	

## Minutes

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of May 9 and 23, 2023 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

## Town Administrator's Update

### Capital Budget

Requests are due in next week and once we have a list together, I will share it with the Board. We have plenty of time to make adjustments as I don't expect Free Cash to be certified until late July or August.

### Town Offices

Town Offices will be closed on Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Juneteenth.

### Old Town Hall

Superintendent Dr. Gough has approached me about moving the Coordinated Family Community Engagement Network Offices to that building as there is no longer enough space at the Elm Street Elementary School. They will likely use up to about three offices. If the Board has no issue I will inform Dr. Gough and start to free up the space over the summer.

### MCI Cedar Junction

We got word recently that the prisoners are going to be completely moved out by the end of June, which is about a year ahead of schedule. I am working with Senator Rush's office to coordinate a meeting with the delegation to review what is next and what our options are. I know Ally as Chair and Jim former Chair said they would be willing to sit in on that meeting and we will likely report back once something gets set up, just figuring out the dates on that one.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:50pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).