

The Select Board met on Tuesday August 22, 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.

Vote request of Duck Donuts for a Common Victualler License to operate at 102B Providence Highway

Business owner Rakesh Parsuri Gopal was present. Rakesh introduced himself and explained to the Board the type of menu he would be offering and that he is hoping to open towards the end of September. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of Duck Donuts for a Common Victualler License to operate at 102B Providence Highway subject to the applicant receiving all full inspections from the Building and Health Departments. Motion Passed (5-0-0)

Interview & Vote to Appoint Shweta Singh to the Walpole Cultural Council

Candidate Shweta Singh was present. Shweta introduced herself to the Board and provided some information on her background why she is interested in becoming a member of the Cultural Council. The Board thanked Shweta for her interest and getting involved. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint Shweta Singh to the Walpole Cultural Council. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Chad Clark - Roselli, Clark & Associates, FY2022 Management Letter

Chad Clark, Roselli, Clark & Associates was present via ZOOM. Chad was present to explain the audit results for the end of year June of 2022. Chad touched on how overall a good year for Walpole and a lot of communities, a lot of this reflects of how Walpole has been run with a conservative attitude. Chad discussed the ARPA funds and the important dates in terms allocating and spending. Chad highlighted certain aspects of the Management Letter, investment income, long-term obligations, technological advances to encourage modernization and procedures as efficient as possible.

The Board thanked the Finance Department and Jim for their extraordinary job with the department heads and the way the town is being run and the importance of recognizing the overall strong financial management.

Gary DeBlois - The Vertex Companies, Pool Feasibility Presentation

Gary DeBlois, Vertex Senior Project Engineer and Tom Scarlata, Principal at BH+A were present. Gary presented the findings and design alternatives to the Board, touched on usage, pool assessments at both locations and how ADA accessibility was issue at both facilities. Gary outlined how there were a number of stakeholder planning sessions, where they reviewed different options with the group but how the project is going to focus its efforts on the center pool and have completed three conceptual design options. Tom presented the three options, separate pools, single pool and enclosed single pool. Gary spoke about the site development and various site constraints – parking, wetlands buffer and traffic circulation. The Board thanked them for the presentation and noted that this gave them a lot to think about particularly in terms of if could the project be phased in, updating of the bathhouse, would one pool be enough capacity wise for the population and the potential to use of the pool year round.

Discussion & Vote on Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion for Pine Street

Peter O’Cain, Town of Sharon Engineer was present. Peter introduced himself to the Board and provided an overview of the request to exclude heavy commercial vehicles from Pine Street. Peter outlined that an extensive study has been conducted and feedback had been provided by Walpole engineering and public safety. Peter highlighted to the Board the alternate route that trucks will be asked to take. The Board thanked Peter and the entire team for the hard work and bringing this forward as it is clearly necessary for this area. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve a heavy commercial truck exclusion for Pine Street and support the plan voted on August 1 by the Sharon Select Board for the alternative traffic route. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote to appoint candidates Luke Cunningham, Alex Leary, Jennifer Plunkett and Daniel Walsh to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic

Fire Chief Barry was present with candidates Luke Cunningham, Alex Leary, Jennifer Plunkett and Daniel Walsh. Chief Barry introduced each of the candidates to the Board. Each candidate was given the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Board, all thanked the Board and Chief Barry for this opportunity. The Board thanked Chief Barry for bringing these candidates forward. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint candidates Luke Cunningham, Alex Leary, Jennifer Plunkett and Daniel Walsh to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic with the Walpole Fire Department. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum- Bill Hamilton Prec.5 provided comment on his remarks at the ZBA meeting last night.

New Business

Vote to close the Fall 2023 Town Meeting Warrant

Jim Johnson informed the Board that there are about 21 articles. Town Counsel have already started their review and will likely have it for the Board to sign at the next meeting. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to close the Fall 2023 Town Meeting Warrant. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of the Recreation Department to hold their first Annual Falloween event on October 28, 2023 beginning at 10am in the Stone Field area

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the request of the Recreation Department to hold their first Annual Falloween event on October 28, 2023 beginning at 10am in the Stone Field area. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Union Congregational Church to hold their Annual Harvest Fair on September 23, 2023 and close Rhoades Avenue from 9am-4pm

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of Union Congregational Church to hold their Annual Harvest Fair on September 23, 2023 and close Rhoades Avenue from 9am-4pm with access for residents and public safety. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the consent items as listed on the August 22 agenda:

Jean Lincoln in memory of James Taylor to COA Gifts	\$50
Mary Lynch in memory of James Taylor to COA Gifts	\$200
Fred & Dana Fleet in memory of James Taylor to COA Gifts	\$300
Barbara & Tony Lorusso in memory of James Taylor to COA Gifts	\$500
Clare M. Donovan in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$25
Kathryn M. Babel in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$25
Philip & Patti Conway in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$25
Gloria Denneen in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$50

Elizabeth Hart in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$50
Bernard & Lorilee Dullea in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$50
Robert & Phyllis Dennehy in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$50
Linda G. Connors in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$50
Thomas H. Walsh in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$100
Rock Pond Improvement Assoc. in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$100
The Sass Family in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$200
The Furlong Cousins in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$250
S.M. Lorusso & Sons, Inc. in memory of Susan Maguire to Ambulance Gift A/C	\$500

Request of Walpole Country Club, 233 Baker Street for Change of Manager to Mark Malone and Change of Officers

Request of Walpole VFW Post 5188, 109 Robbins Road for Change of Manager to Kevin Smiley and Change of Officers

Reappoint of Richard McCarthy to the Walpole Media Corporation

Request of 1925 Washington Street to increase Stadium Event Parking Lot License from 7 to 10 spaces

Request of Beth Williams for a Block Party on Maude Terrace on September 9, 2023 from 10am-9pm

Request of Andrew Bell for a Block Party on Brown Drive/Oak Hill on August 27, 2023 from 1-5pm

Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of July 18 as presented in our packet. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

FY24 Budget

Capital Budget started meeting tonight and Finance Committee is going to begin their deliberations next week.

MBTA Communities

Pat Deschenes is set to meeting with the Planning Board in September to review the requirements, we would like to have an insert ready for Fall TM members' packets.

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