

The Select Board met on Tuesday December 05, 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.

Police Chief Quarterly Report

Chief Kelleher was present to provide his quarterly update to the Board. The Chief highlighted some notable incidents in the last quarter. He updated the Board on various statistics such as calls for service, which are down from last year, arrests and overdoses. He provided a brief overview on calls for service to Longview Farm and the various trainings that have occurred amongst the department staff. He spoke about several community policing and SRO activities, such as Dispatch Union Supply Drive, Halloween Parade, COA Health Fair and New Pond Village Scam Presentation. The Chief briefed the Board on the various grants that had been awarded to the Department such as the Clinician Grant, EOPS Municipal Safety Grant and E911 Training Grant. The Board thanked the Chief for his report and the good work that the Department is doing.

Fire Chief Quarterly Report

Chief Barry was present to provide his quarterly update to the Board. The Chief updated the Board on calls for service, total runs and inspection related calls. The Chief highlighted a number of notable incidents during the last quarter including multiple mutual aid calls. The Chief updated the Board on personnel, including the probationary firefighters and one resignation. He notified the Board on apparatus including engine 2 being in service, engine 1 in the finishing process of outfitting, one of the new ambulances in service with the second having a January delivery date. He briefed the Board on the status of several grants including the AFG regional application grant that was awarded. He highlighted various training that was happening within the Department, including the completed BLS refresher and boat training. The Chief thanked his department and the work the members of the department do on a daily basis. The Board thanked the Chief for his report and the work that is being carried out by the Department. Chief Barry presented each candidate to the Board for consideration and spoke on their background and experience to date. Each candidate were was given the opportunity to expand on their experience to date. The Board welcomed both candidates to the Department and look forward to working with them in the future. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to appoint candidates Jacob Feeley and Ryan Noonan to the position of Firefighter/Paramedic subject to completion of satisfactory background checks. Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to declare 2009 E-One Fire Engine as surplus. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Vote to ratify the Memorandum of Agreement with the DPW Union

Jim Johnson informed the Board that they were some items that needed clarifying which should happen shortly and will bring it back in front of the Board soon.

Vote to renew the following liquor license categories for 2024 as issued by the Select Board

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to renew Section 15 Off Premise, Farmers Winery Pouring Permit and Section 12 On Premise as issued by the Select Board. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote extension of hours on New Year's Eve for establishments licensed for on-premise alcohol sales

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve extension of hours on New Year's Eve until 2am with the regular conditions as outlined in the memo dated December 1, 2023. 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 December 5 agenda

James & Janet Lamonica in memory of Phyllis Piasecki to COA Gifts	\$25
Paul Sweitzer in memory of Phyllis Piasecki to COA Gifts	\$300
Joseph Pew to COA Gifts Pool Table Expenses	\$375
Joseph Pew to COA Gifts Pool Table Expenses	\$500
Junior Women's Club of Walpole to Veteran Gifts	\$2,500
Motion Passed (5-0-0).	

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of October 10 and 24, 2023 as presented. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

Property Auction

Holding a property auction for the East Walpole Library and the vacant lot on Kingsbury on December 19 at 12pm here in this room. An open house on December 12 and the morning of the auction from 10:30-11:30am at the East Walpole Library.

FY25 Budget

I almost have a balanced budget and meet with the Finance Committee and School Committee to review it in January.

Town Counsel Training

Training for Boards and Committees scheduled for next week in this room.

300 Anniversary Laser Show

The kick off for the anniversary is going to be December 16, first show at 6pm and second at 8:30pm. It will be held here outside of Town Hall, with people looking towards Stone Field. The Committee continues to do some great work.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:35pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).