

The Select Board met on Tuesday January 09, 2024 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 Walpole Fire Department Promotions:

Chief Barry, Lieutenant Stacey and Firefighter Armstrong were present. The Chief spoke about the interview and exam process that the candidates took part in and thanked all of those who participated. The Chief began by introducing Lieutenant Stacey to the Board, spoke about his career, and experience within the department thus far. Lieutenant Stacey introduced himself to the Board and expanded on his career to date. Lieutenant Stacey thanked the department staff for their encouragement and support. The Board congratulated Lieutenant Stacey on his advancement within the department. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to promote Lieutenant Scott Stacey to the position of Captain. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

The Chief introduced firefighter Armstrong to the Board and provided some background on his career within the department. Firefighter Armstrong introduced himself to the Board and spoke about his career within the department. The Board congratulated firefighter Armstrong on his promotion. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to promote Firefighter Peter Armstrong to the position of Lieutenant. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Open Forum – No one present.

New Business

Vote to award Bid/Contracts:

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted award 2024-08 Redundant Transmission Water Main to Ferreira Construction Company. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to award 2024-10 Cleaning & Development of Gravel Packet Wells to Weston & Sampson CMR, Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to award 2024-12 Cold Water Meters to Stiles Co., Inc. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of DPW Director Mattson to declare various equipment and/or materials as surplus

Jim Johnson provided some information on this request, eleven items that they are looking to have declared as surplus and move forward with auctioning the items. On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to declare items listed on memo dated December 28, 2023 as surplus. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Vote request of Friends of Saint Patrick to hold the annual Parade on March 15, 2024 beginning at 11:25-11:30am and block a section of Main Street between Stone and Common Street at the conclusion of the parade for approximately 15minutes

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve request of Friends of Saint Patrick to hold the annual Parade on March 15, 2024 beginning at 11:25-11:30am and block a section of Main Street between Stone and Common Street at the conclusion of the parade for approximately 15minutes. Motion Passed (4-1-0), JON abstained

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the consent items as listed on the January 9 agenda

Walmart to Community Policing/Marketing	\$217.70
The Jr. Women’s Club of Walpole to Community Policing/Marketing	\$500
Linda & Anthony Panarelli to COA Gifts	\$25
Janet & Richard Ammidown to COA Gifts	\$50
James & Jacalyn Baronowski to COA Gifts	\$50
Edmund Ferrara to COA Gifts	\$100
Helen Hourihan to COA Gifts	\$100
Friends of Walpole Public Library to COA Senior Moments	\$150
Various Donors to Night Before the Fourth Gift Account	\$261
Request of Kathryn Silverman for a One Day Entertainment Permit at 1 Ginley Road on May 25, 2023 from 5-10pm	
Accept the resignation of Barbara Good from the Walpole Veterans Committee	
Reappointment of Rita Mienscow to the Walpole Veterans Committee	
Motion Passed (5-0-0).	

Minutes

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to approve the Minutes of December 5 & 19, 2023 as presented. Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator’s Update

Joint Meeting

We have a joint meeting next Thursday at 7pm in the COA with School Committee and Finance Committee to discuss the budget appropriation for FY25 for the school department and to get a status update on the high school funding and the priorities that the School Committee is set to vote on this week.

FY25 Budget

FY25 budget is balanced, been working on the budget message. I expect I will be releasing everything earlier than usual probably the last week in January.

9C Cuts

9C cuts came out at the State level, Walpole wasn’t really impacted we lost about \$25,000 that came through from the Office of Travel & Tourism. No local aid or Chapter 70 funds have been hit as of now.

Warrant

The Spring 2024 Warrant is set to close next meeting – currently have 12 articles. Planning Board are set to discuss the Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw article on January 18, so we will know if they are willing to sponsor this article after that meeting.

On motion of Clerk Barrett, seconded by Vice Chair Gallivan, voted to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 7:24pm. Motion Passed (5-0-0).