

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Clifton Snuffer, Chairman  
James Stanton, Vice Chairman  
David Salvatore, Clerk  
Mark Gallivan  
Eric Kraus

Also present:  
James Johnson, Town Administrator  
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistant

Mr. Snuffer called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:00pm.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

### SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

#### 4-1 TEC Lease Agreement

School Committee Chairwoman Nancy Gallivan talked about what TEC is. It is The Education Cooperative. Walpole has been a member for many years. Program use for special Ed services. Work with 14 towns, for the student that cannot be served within our schools. We have collaborated with them. TEC phoenix academy is housed at the Plympton School. There is a High School program for those that have difficulty succeeding in regular school. This is for complicated populations that need skilled staff. For a single district to run a program, on September 1 you may not need a full staff. We found the ups and downs of enrollment, we talked about TEC to combine two programs, and the liability of the enrollment could be over the districts. It serves Walpole residents and others in the collaborative.

Mr. Snuffer questioned if it is a mandatory program. It was explained that they must provide a service. Walpole has a seat at the table at those boards. Not a profit making place. Best example of regionalization.

Superintendent Lynch explained it is a five year lease annual out clause, if it is not mutually advantageous. We can discontinue the program. We asked TEC to partner with us. The TEC paid \$25,000 up front for improvements to the bldg. D. Anderson did the work. They have to pay 25% a year for utilities or maintenance. They pay for custodial services, section for robotics club. In addition to annual payment the school district, they provide 7 discounted tuitions to the program. We have 7 open slots. We save 50%. It is a short term high turnover program. It saves taxpayers money, we save about \$200,000. They have a lot more resources. There are a lot more opportunities. We did work with Mr. Johnson on insurance.

Mr. Gallivan brought up regionalization, finding ways to work with other towns. Matching them up with other kids in town.

Mr. Salvatore questioned if they knew the costs for utilities. Superintendent Lynch does not.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to sign the Lease Agreement between The Education Cooperative (TEC) and Walpole Public Schools District commencing September 1, 2015 and ending August 31 2020, and the payment of \$25,000 from TEC annually will be made in August of each of the years, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

#### 4-2 Resolution, Chapter 70

Mrs. Gallivan spoke of seeking the Selectmen's support for the resolution on Chapter 70 funds. They are trying to put pressure on our legislatures to address the issues came up when the foundation budget review. She and a lot of others have been involved for many years. Many have evaluated the cost of educating; and overall the state is underfunding their share by over 2 billion dollars. The FBR evaluated the costs and largely in the area of Health ins. and special education. We are trying to get them to make improvements. The legislators asked for the info. How we can move to make improvements. Local cities and towns have been picking up the slack for the state for a number of years. Asking you to approve tonight, it is important to work with all cities and towns. North of 90 cities and towns are in support of this resolution. Work collectively. If we do not work to put pressure on all of them than things never get done. Chapter 70 is the vehicle that funds the educational costs for the state.

Mr. Snuffer, when they did it before, he opted not to sign, we know that our delegation has done so much for our town, In reviewing this he finds it is more appropriately done. He would suggest we recognize it is the unfunded mandate come from the Federal government to the state than to us.

Mr. Salvatore read the resolution into the record.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to support and sign the Resolution calling for full funding of the foundation budget review commissioners' recommendations, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

#### 4-3 COA, Request to hold a Wine & Design night

Ms. Riley, COA Director appeared before the Board seeking permission to allow seniors to bring one bottle of wine to the senior center. It is a wine and paint evening and people have been asking if they could host one. They are offering transportation and heavy snacks. Mr. Gallivan noted that it sounds like an innovative idea to bring people in.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to grant permission for seniors to bring their own bottle of wine to Wine and Design Night on May 3, 2016 in the Senior Center, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

4-4 Sewer and Water, STM Articles 5,6,7,8

John Spillane, William Abbott and Tom Brown of the Sewer and Water Commission were present.

Mr. Snuffer stated that because of the size of it is important for the BOS and others recognize you have a plan, what is going to take place in the future, the number debt service on capital it came to over 23 million dollars. With the increase is over 10.3%. Talk about the plans how you see revenue, low interest borrowing from MWRA.

Mr. Spillane noted the MWRA does come out with things. Mr. Johnson noted the low interest rates come close to what we get. We are at 3% borrowing. We are looking to see if we qualify for any borrowing from them.

Mr. Snuffer wanted to know if they had any plan of what the town will look like in the next 5 years. Talked about Kendall bldg. and across at the foundry that is 400 there. Renmar Ave talking an aged qualified. There are proposals for hotels on Route one, Moosehill road, 154 units. What are your hookup fees and are those being evaluated? Mr. Abbott responded that yes they are. We have an investigation to be sure they are adequate, they will be going up. We have professionals do it so we can withstand the challenge. Mr. Johnson explained that Superintendent Mattson is anticipating the increase will keep us in the ballpark. Mr. Snuffer noted the number of units he talked about is potentially happening. When you look at it take a peek at some of them. He sees 5 million dollars of potentially hookup money, without running a bond for years and should help your situation. It is scary, that number.

Mr. Spillane noted their infrastructure is getting old, repair some of the problems, rust problems. All of these dead end water lines.

The current cost for water hookup is \$2560, sewer hookup is \$1950. Mr. Abbott has been working with Mr. Johnson on some of the issues

Mr. Salvatore when an apartment comes on board, is it one fee. No, it is for each unit. It is also the size of the pipe. Mr. Abbott stated the increase is 4.05% for water. Mr. Salvatore wanted to know what the difference in the increase is from. It was explained the big increase is for Jarvis farm purchase.

Mr. Snuffer wanted to know wanted to know would that 23 million be a good estimate. Mr. Abbott said it would be unless something terrible comes up. He has been working on a spreadsheet. Instead of having 9-10% increases using the same numbers, he can come up with an approach that your increases would be around 3%. No increase in retained earnings. If you have water retained earnings why are you borrowing? Mr. Snuffer brought us MS4. The stormwater management issue is 18 billion dollars that is mandated. Mr. Abbott explained that would not be on the water rates.

Mr. Salvatore retained earnings is at \$400,000. How long have we been under the target of \$500,000?

Mr. Snuffer suggested we can look at bonding. We still hold a strong rating. Rearrange some of these and do them in 8 years. One big project a year.

### Spring Town Meeting Articles

#### #5 Water Enterprise Fund

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #5, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

#### #6 Sewer Enterprise Fund

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #6, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

#### #7 Cast Iron Water Main

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #7, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

#### #8 Water Booster Pump Rehabilitation

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable Action on Article #8, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Gallivan appreciates the Commission coming in and talking about the future, and the number of apartments coming in the next years.

### Spectra Energy

Mr. Snuffer explained this is not a public hearing, will allow Walpole residents to speak first. I will want name and address come to the podium.

Jon Bonsal, Algonquin gas, and Frank Gesser, appeared before the Board to provide an update on the project. Since our last briefing back in October. They presented a power point presentation.

The project involved Eversource, National Grid and Spectra Energy. They spoke to the driving motivation is the lack of energy. Spike in the energy prices. Price of wholesale is linked to price of natural gas. We see a spike in our bills in the winter. Energy demands time. We had a mild winter this year. Access Northeast is the only proposed project focused on electric liability. Savings to electric rate payers. The polar vortex savings was over 2 million dollars.

ISO- NE noted NE needs additional energy. You have also heard from the AG office back in November of this year. Rather than building additional gas lines, you can do it by burning more fuel, take about 2,400NW and add to that a dual fuel capability. ISO-NE has incentives to buy fuel winter. Electric rate payers are paying for that. A milder winter does not mean you rates drop. It is also recognized that inadequate pipeline are threatening the grid reliability.

Reviewed the winter fossil fuel mix slide. You can see as we got into February the need for gas decreased, oil and coal was discharged. Natural gas is much cleaner than fuel oil

Reductions- telling you in fact the area has made improvements in emissions because of Natural gas.

Timeline- reviewed this document with the Board. This is where we continue to do outreach. Landowner concerns. Hope to address issues upfront. There is a hearing on 5/23 Massachusetts Energy siting board. That hearing date might be shifted. We will let you know.

Frank is going to walk you thru the alignment we are looking at and how it impacts Walpole.

Frank- the line you see yellow that is the portion thru Walpole; this is an existing pipeline and continues to other towns. The difference, showed the study corridor. We did survey work. = The width of the construction area is smaller. This is a result of meetings. Initially on the south side, now we are further on the inside. Line begins at Lincoln Rd and over to RT1. Try to keep further away from homes. Over the summer and fall, contacts of property owners and 93%, have given permission, we work with the owners to survey.

Following our existing pipeline, staying with the corridor. The sewer and water board asked if the existing pipeline is w/I the 400' radius area. If we move out of the route it could require an additional 95 foot clearing. This is all town owned property. Nothing has changed within the alignment. You are seeing the results of all the survey work. Winter was good to us. Landowners may say we are outside the white lines. Should the line need to be moved.

Mr. Snuffer noted that part of this concept requires a booster system, station that pushes with greater ump the gas in the right direction. Frank only two that are proposed. Mr. Snuffer questioned, did the Town of Weymouth not approve the compressor station. Frank we look for alternate sites. Go thru analysis.

Jon Bonsal you want to know if Weymouth does not support a compressor station. Mr. Snuffer questioned if they do not support how you move up the line. It was noted the review all for the issues surround the compressor station, FERC will make a decision as to where the station should be located. The town of Weymouth has no say if the Federal regulatory approves. We continue to have outreach with them.

Mr. Kraus wanted to hear about the safety polices. They start with design of pipeline, best route, not close to homes; utilize pipe manufacture from high strength alloyed steel,

Construction phase- 100% of welds ultrasonically or x ray inspected exceed regulations, pipe and welds are sealed with protective coatings, test pipeline prior to placing in service.

Operational safety, gas control, above and below ground coating maintenance. Cathodic protection, integrity management program, ground and leak surveys, aerial patrols, valve maintenance and one call.

The lines that have been in the ground for 50 years. Most of that pipe can be taken out and reused.

Mr. Kraus wanted to know how often proactive maintenance is. Frank, if you look at all forms, it is constant. It is not once a year, it is day in and day out. It is ongoing and constant maintenance on the lines. Gas leaks, we found 2 pinhole leaks in our system and were fixed that day. If there is gas they lower the pressure and repair that line. We do not wait.

Mr. Stanton questioned how many miles of pipeline runs through Walpole. Frank about 4 miles of pipeline in Walpole. Mr. Stanton noted that Reading the report to the AG office the Pipeline is not needed. There are less carbo intensive ways to ensure electric reliability. How do you refute the study?

Mr. Gallivan is aware of the concern about being 400' within wellhead. Mr. Spillane expressed his Boards concern that something will happen. Washington 2 and 3 will be about 200 feet from them. Mr. Abbott noted there is also concern about refueling trucks within the aquifer.

Mr. Bosal noted the AG report is the outlier. Every other report says it is needed. The AG report is not correct, they looked at the cost component, and they didn't look at air emissions. The DPU proceeding, the underlying contract. They are to find if there is a benefit. The DPU will review what the stake holders and AG says they will make the decision if NE is the best interest. We have a lot of issues with the report. Close to the only report having those findings. An independent state agency will review.

Mr. Kraus noted being that close to single source aquifers, what assurance you can give us, that an issue arises we will be ok.

Frank we would turn that over to our environmentalist. We can look at outside the 400 foot area. This would mean 75feet of clearing in the forest. If you want us to look at this and get a sketch and circle back with you if we can or not do it. You will be clearing 75 to 95 feet in the town forest.

Mr. Salvatore so the concern is the construction not the pipe in the ground. Concerned about spills.

Mr. Brown does not want them fueling in the wellhead area, and no vehicles to stay overnight in the area, response team like Clean harbors on standby. Mr. Snuffer wants to be sure our public safety is trained in hazard mitigation.

They talked about what authority they have to regards to location. In general of this pipeline crossing Walpole. The Atlantic Bridge project is before the Federal commission. The construction 2017 as part of that project we have presented FERC with our hydraulic studies that we need an additional compression station. Need to provide a boost to the gas. We proposed a location in Weymouth, once FERC makes a decision. We know have the ability to go forward and construct, they can seek a hearing. We have the ability under FERC to proceed forward. If that project does not go forward we would have to relook at the NE project. It is a different customer base. If FERC approves they try to address issues, they do not need approvals from any community. FERC decides where the facilities go.

Philip Czarchorowski-talked about the Governors coming together, talked about Methane leaking. So much leakage of methane, it has a big impact on global warming. The long term should be to get away from natural gas. Do we want to invest in infrastructure? We want to get off natural gas. Understand better the AG report. If pipeline is not needed do we want to do this? There are over 20,000 gas leaks in Massachusetts. In the distribution systems. Should we not address gas leaks? Are we paying for this? The DPU will talk about increasing the gas bill. Understand the AG report more, understand global warming.

Ken Southwood-precinct 5, Walpole has the Neponset River, some reports say that when the gas lines come thru. We have an ability to bring clean water protection and back up green energy. Do not want someone to take the river away from us.

Carolyn Bartholomew, Mendon-funding for this project is for us to pay for the construction of the pipelines 20 year contract, pay surcharge on our electrical bill. What is going to be the cost to homeowners? Mr. Bosal in fact it is not a cost increase you have a lower cost. She wanted to know what the cost to us will be to construct.

Mr. Snuffer suggested that at some point it would be beneficial to have a cost beneficial analysis.

Pat Riley-Canton Mass Not sure if this project is really for us. Concerned it will be exported.

Mr. Bosal neither is designed to export. Explained how it will work. .

She believes this is tied to the construction of L&G in Canada. Frank there are two, no gas will be liquefied. There are no tanks and no line. There is no contract to build a pipeline in Canada. Bearhead project and we have no project before the Canadians.

Jean Duffy, concern about the conservation lands, is it protected. What protections are you giving if you are going thru? They have not been before conservation. Are still in process to identify that type of land and sit down with the municipality. Need to identify the parcels impacted.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer that the Board of Selectmen strongly oppose any pipeline development within a 400' radius of any Town well, as the siting of the pipeline in such close proximity to the Town's water supply would propose an unacceptable threat to public health as the contamination of the Town's drinking water supply would create incalculable damage, to the public health, the natural environment and the built environment. It is simply unacceptable and

any new pipe line must be routed as far as possible from drinking water wells and other drinking water sources. Seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstain)

Mr. Salvatore will abstain, he agrees we need to protect the water supply and he wants to see the alternate route first and see what that does to our forest. He would be in favor of a motion working on that issue. He is moving it closer to a neighborhood, damaging other natural sites. Want more information on what we can do to minimize the impact.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer that The Board of Selectmen votes to endorse the analysis and position of Attorney General Healy, as supported by the regional electric reliability options study, which concluded that new gas pipelines are not need “to keep the lights on” and that, to the contrary, the regional can maintain energy reliability through 2030 without any new gas pipelines; and, furthermore, there are cheaper, less carbon intensive options, than a new pipeline, better options such as energy efficiency and demand response, all less costly and less risk intensive, seconded by Mr. Stanton

Mr. Salvatore stated he learned a lot there are concerns about the AG report. I have enough trouble worrying the economics of the town and educating our kids. My vote means nothing. My role is to protect our town property and wellhead that will be where I will focus my attention.

Mr. Kraus stated he has to abstain from this.

VOTED 3-1-1 (Mr. Kraus abstain, Mr. Salvatore opposed)

9:45 pm 4-7 Veterans Reserve Fund Transfer

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for a Reserve Fund Transfer for Veterans Benefits in the amount of \$12,000.00, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

4-8 Use of Adams Farm for Wedding

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to grant permission to Beth Crehan use of barn, pavilion and grass area between the barn and the white fence at Adams Farm for a Wedding on October 22, 2016 from Noon to 10pm. This approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. The applicant must abide by the approval of the Fire Dept.
2. The applicant must abide by the Temporary Food Permit Regulations at Adams Farm from the Board of Health.
3. If the applicant wishes to serve Wine and Malt they must acquire permission and a license from the Board of Selectmen and a police detail will be required.
4. The Applicant shall have someone direct parking so as to efficiently use parking spaces.
5. All Trash is to be removed from the site.

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0



4-9 Use of Adams Farm for church Service

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to grant permission for the Grace Community Church to use the Pavilion at A. Farm on May 15, 2016 from 5-7pm, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

4-10 One Day Wine & Malt, Fancy That

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to grant a one day wine and malt to Fancy That for May 7, 2016 from 11am to 5pm, second by Mr. Gallivan VOTD 5-0-0

4-11 One Day All Alcoholic, Norfolk County Aggie School

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to grant a one day all alcoholic license to the Norfolk County Agricultural School for June 18, 2016 from 7pm-11pm, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

4-12 Re-appointment, Recreation Committee

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to reappoint Michael McGrath to the Recreation Committee as an Associate member seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

4-13 JWCW, A-Frame

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to grant permission for the Junior Woman's Club to place an A-Frame on the Common and the S. Walpole Common to announce their Fashion Show fundraiser, Seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

4-14 New Life home Refurnishing, 5K Walk

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to grant permission for the New Life Home Refurnishing to hold a 5K walk on June 18, 2016 starting at 9:00am, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

4-16 Acceptance of Gift

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from Cumberland Farms with appreciation in the form of \$128 coupons for the Positive Ticket Program, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

4-17 Acceptance of Gift, Tree Replacements

Mr. Johnson explained this is part of a compromise for removing shade trees. Mr. Snuffer had a conversation with Mr. LeBlanc he felt it was a fair compromise.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept the Gift from Mr. Fox in the amount of \$6,500 to replace public shade trees, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Budgets: The Board is going to need to vote on the budgets soon. If you have any questions please let me know. You can vote it tonight.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to recommend Favorable action on Article 4, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Chapter 90: The Town received notification that Chapter 90 allotment is \$778,879. Will present to town meeting in Fall 2016 or Spring 2017.

Town Forest Celebration- spoke of the Lt Governor. It is scheduled to take place Sunday May 1 at 11am.

Snow and ice- was hoping to turn in \$300,000

Voting machines-maybe able to cover this cost out of the reserve fund.

## OLD BUSINESS

## NEW BUSINESS

## MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the minutes of March 15, 2016, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the minutes of March 29, 2016, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 10pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0