

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 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.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **DOC Land, Rt 1A**

Mr. Snuffer read the public hearing notice from the EOAF regarding the 63+/- acres of land located off RT1A owned by the DOC. This land may be used for Active and passive recreation, open space and facilities. This is to begin the conveyance process from DOC to the Town of Walpole. The town has been working on this for a number of years and our delegation has been helpful, there is always shortage of fields in town and figure how to develop this land in the future. Long-term vision, fundraising going, develop a nice complex. It will take time, 4-5 years down the road it will work out well for the town. The town has the money set aside to buy land at \$400 an acre, \$25,000-\$26,000. The commonwealth just requires this notice be read. Before Planning Board on August 20 for the ANR plan. The amount appropriated at town meeting is \$40,000. A lot of groups have come forward that are offering to assist.

### **SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **8-1 Waiver from Moratorium, Winter Street**

The Board is in receipt of a request from the resident of 615 Winter Street to open the street to install Gas. The road was paved last year and the town has a 5 year moratorium on paved roads. Mark, a representative of Columbia Gas was present. The cut will take place near the passenger tire line. The road cut will be 3x5. It is between the white and yellow line. It was noted the Engineering department rejected the request. The homeowner states that his boiler will not last through the winter. Ms. Walker suggested the Board consider creating a policy of what is an acceptable hardship.

Mr. Gallivan would prefer not to dig into a street, but does understand the issue he faces. As long as Maggie feels that the protections in place will insure the road will be put back into place. The process only takes 1 day. Mr. Stanton noted the opinion of his heating expert that his boiler will not make it through another winter. Mark from Columbia Gas explained they have over

1,000 applicants. Depending on hardships, we do want to install. Ms. Walker explained the Gas company will own the road as far as repairs for one year. They have always been cooperative even if it is over one year.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to grant the waiver from the five year moratorium for a street opening permit at 615 Winter Street to allow the installation of Gas subject to the conditions set forth in a memo from the Town Engineer dated July 29, 2015 being adhered to seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

8-2 Use of Adams farm, Cub Scouts

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the use of Adams Farm on September 10 and May 15, 2016 by the Cub Scouts, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8-3 Use of Adams farm 5K race

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the use of Adams Farm on October 18, 2015 for 5K road race fundraiser, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

8-4 Block Party, Benny St

This is an annual event. No issue from the police dept.

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to approve the Block Party on September 12, 2015 on Benny Street subject to the condition that any barricade must be easily removed for Emergency Vehicle Access and Music must stop no later than 9:00pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan 5-0-0

8-5 Bid Award, Water Treatment Chemicals

This is a multiple award and Mr. Johnson recommends that you award as listed.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to award on year partial contracts to the low qualified bidders for the Water Treatment Chemicals for the unit prices bid as they appear on the memo dated August 4, 2015 from James Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM –No one present

8-6 PILOT Agreement, Bird Landfill

MOTOIN moved by Mr. Kraus that the Board of Selectmen vote to take favorable action on the PILOT agreement with WGL Energy System Inc. by recommending the agreement to Town Meeting and by signing the attached PILOT agreement as presented, subject to Town Meeting approval, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE**

### County Engineer's Request

Mr. Johnson would like to request the County Engineers assistance in Boundary survey for town land abutting 1900 Main Street.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to endorse the request to the County Engineers to survey town land abutting 1900 Main St, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

### TIF Committee

Mr. Johnson would like the Board to review his recommendations.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **MINUTES**

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to release the Executive Session Minutes of June 23, 2015, the minutes were approved on July 28, 2015, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Snuffer, Declared

Under G.L. c.30A Section 21(b)(10) the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss trade secrets or confidential competitively sensitive information

That a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session; and

That the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session for the purposes of adjourning.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to move in executive session for the purposes and reasons as declared by the Chairman , seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by Roll Call: Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mr. Stanton-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Snuffer-Aye.

The Board moved back to regular session.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus seconded by Mr. Salvatore to adjourn.