

A regular meeting of Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Walpole Fire Station (20 Stone Street). Mr. Timson was absent. The following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman  
Nancy MacKenzie, Clerk  
Clifton Snuffer  
James Stanton

Also present:  
James Johnson, Interim Town Administrator  
Nancy Genesky, Principal Clerk

Mr. Gallivan called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Sponsored Agenda Items:**

6:00 Board members walked Downtown Walpole with Director of Public Works (Bob O'Brien), Town Engineer (Maggie Walker) and Assistant Town Engineer (Charles Quigley).

6:45 Reconvened at the Fire Station to continue regular meeting.

Mr. Gallivan welcomed everyone and noted that a big incentive this year is for a new Fire, Police station and Senior Center. We will be at the COA and DPW over the next few months. The Fire station will host a pancake breakfast on September 6<sup>th</sup> for the town and everyone is welcome to come and tour the station.

Continue on with the agenda.

**Central Business District Discussion**

Mr. Gallivan thanked Bob O'Brien, Maggie Walker and Charles Quigley for all their hard work.

Bob O'Brien noted that the bids came in \$12k over so they worked to downsize the scope but to include handicap ramps, street lights and trees and lights.

Charles Quigley, noted the handicap ramps are not in compliance, repairs are needed on east side of Common Street to Stone Street. Many businesses are getting water in basement. Charles noted that the supplier will match the old bricks to the new ones.

Cliff Snuffer thanked the committee for downsizing the scope that could save the town \$50-60k. He thanked Bob, Maggie and Charles. The Board agreed with the tree planning and tree removal

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the improvements to the CBD plan as submitted and recommend. Seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

8-3                    One Day All Alcohol, Knights of Columbus  
(WITHDRAWN) Mr. Johnson noted that not enough people signed up and they will try again in the fall.

8-8, 8-9            Gift Acceptances  
MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gifts for the Concerts on the Common, from the Junior Women's Club for \$500 with thanks, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

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8-10                Block Party  
MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve neighborhood block party, Thornell Ave. All required paperwork approved, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

8-6                 Adams Farm  
MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve A. Farm for birthday party on August 17, 2014, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-4

8-7                 Sandwich Board  
MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve use of sandwich board for non-profit networking by the Jr. Women's Club from 8/23/14 to 9/6/14, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

8-10                Request from Spectra Energy to access Town Property for survey

Mr. Johnson stated that Spectra Energy has already started and would like permission to move forward for survey purposes.

Mr. Snuffer noted that this town owned property is near a well head; if possible we especially need to have our conservation agent to approved (Landis Hershey). Also have Rick Mattson and Maggie Walker approve also.

Motion moved by Mrs. Mackenzie, with full comments from engineering, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

#### Town Administrator Report

Mr. Johnson noted that 4 concerts are scheduled August 7<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> and the Walpole police will be in full force to move traffic along when needed. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that the Town inspectors will be on watch to note any illegal parking. For the Country event he has authorized the police to stay for 4 hours to avoid and blocking of traffic.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted that Chief Stillman has authorization to have the Walpole parking lots open early if needed to accommodate traffic.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Johnson noted on the Wal-Mart intersection, the state signed off. The ANR Plan will go on Aug 14, 2014 and then go before planning committee they have 120 days to approve. They are moving along working with Phil Macchi.

Cedar Junction moving forward. The state was waiting on Norfolk to pay which they recently made payment. Walpole portion was paid. The state will get back to me in September and I will keep the board updated.

8-1                    Mary Ellen Barrett seeking seat on regular Trails Committee

Mr. Gallivan thanked Ms. Barrett for volunteering to the Trails Committee.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted that we have an associate member who would like to move to a regular member.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie for associate member on the Trails Committee, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

8-5                    Street Opening Permit - Columbia Gas 12 Teton Way

Ms. Walker noted that the street was paved last June, under moratorium permit was rejected by Engineering. The cut in the permit request is a 3x5, and although the house owners believe is a 100 ft. Ms. Walker needs clarification from the Gas Company before moving forward which should be standard conditions for 12 Teton Way. They would be responsible for fixing the road.

The Columbia Gas Company representative stated the best case is only a short cut but won't know until he reviews all the information. Mr. Johnson noted the new owners were unclear of the moratorium and had the contractor remove the oil tank leaving them with no heat or hot water. We pulled all the permits to ensure they were all correct.

Mr. Snuffer did not want any undue hardship on the family.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted if we had use the current tracking system these problems would not occur.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer in favor the street opening, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie. VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Snuffer asked Mrs. Mackenzie is the software permits she was referring to, was from the Planning Department. Mrs. Mackenzie noted that it was. Mr. Gallivan asked Mr. Johnson if he could look into this going forward.

(8-2)            John Powers re-appointment to MPIC Committee

John Powers to be reappointed to MPIC

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to reappoint John Powers for another terms to the MPIC. Mr. Snuffer seconded the motion and noted that Mr. Powers is a wonderful volunteer.

VOTED 4-0-0

Mr. Johnson is set to meet the, MPIC, EDIC and COA to go over facility plan. All are welcome to attend. Scheduled to meet at the COA and on 9/2/14 we plan on meeting at the DPW garage also.

OPEN FORM

Chief Stillman

Police Update

We have many problems at police station; we have been there for 30 years. It was built in 1881, when we moved over many years ago it gave us a lot more room. Certainly not build for a Police Station but it worked back then. The basement leaked day one and we have done some work to the bottom basement floor but we still have leaks in the cell area. We have never passed inspections in 30 years including the juvenile and female cells. We have done a lot to make it better but we still have major issues that cause problems during inspection. Dispatch and release are together and it's quite disturbing, this is unwelcome to those who enter the building due to no privacy for police to talk to citizens regarding the personal issues they may have. This is a very difficult situation and we do our best but not always easy.

We have our Sargent's office in which seven people share, these were once cell blocks (about the size of a closet). The female locker room is a closet. The fact that administration is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor this causes problems running up and down the stairs. We have no space for evidence; workarounds manage to get the job done. Every day it's a challenge to do your job!

Mr. Snuffer noted that the facility is just not safe and reality is that we need a new public safety space. Mr. Gallivan noted that the building is not up to current standards and you have done the best you can with what you a working with.

Chief Bailey

Walpole Fire Station.

Built in 1954 the Fire station is 60 years old, in 1983 we took over whole building. We cannot fit properly due to limited space for ambulances. Only one bay can fit properly, when we have all the trucks in the bay it's very tight to move around.

In 1997 a tent was added to the rear of the building, it now holds a squad car, ATV, along with a boat. The back garage is also all jammed with equipment. When it rains the basement get flooded so all items in the basement are on slabs to avoid getting soaked. We raised everything 3-4 ft. In 1983 we had 3 men on a shift now we have 8 each shift which is not enough room. One office has four people working in that room. Most of our calls are medical related this facility was not built to meet the requirements of a full-time Fire Department.

Mr. Snuffer noted it must create issues with personnel. Our plan is to revamp the inside of this building to work for all aspects of the Fire community. This building has great bones and can be rebuilt and usable. Mrs. Mackenzie noted that this fire station does not have female quarters; Mr. Bailey noted that is correct we have no room.

Mr. Stanton, asked what is located at fire station #2, Chief Bailey noted it closed in 2009 and has not been reopened so it is used for storage. Mr. Gallivan noted that clearly there is not enough room for all equipment and if the folks at home would like to read more about this situation a study was done called the McGuire study is on the Town of Walpole website.

#### 8-3 Change in Manager, Chiliø Grill & Bar

Anthony Rego is seeking to be the manager replacing Casey Bourret. All paperwork is in order.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Anthony Rego as the Manage of Record of Chiliø Grill and Bar located at 120 providence Hwy., seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Town Administrator Search ó Mr. Gallivan noted the meeting will be on 8/12/14 or 8/19/14. Mr. Snuffer stated that we have three firms and they all look good. Mr. Snuffer would like the entire Board to interview all three.

#### Old Business

#### New Business

#### Executive Session

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session, under G.L.c.30A, Sec.21 (a)(3), to discuss interest in land, the easement as an open meeting may have detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board. Declared by the Chairmen, with the Board returning to open session for the purposed of adjourning, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, ROLL CALL VOTE; Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Snuffer-Aye and Mr. Stanton-Aye. 4-0-0

The Board move out of Executive Session.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 10:00, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0