

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday December 23, 2014 beginning at 6:30pm in the Town Administrators office. Mrs. Mackenzie was absent and the following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman  
Christopher Timson, Vice Chairman (by Telephone)  
Clifton Snuffer  
James Stanton

Also present:  
James Johnson, Interim Town Administrator  
Cindy Berube, Executive Assistance

Mr. Gallivan called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m. and announced that Mr. Timson will be participating remotely due to geographic distance via the telephone and will arrive shortly.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Stanton to enter Executive Session in accordance with MGL C 30A, Sec. 21(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, as a discussion in open session could have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Snuffer-aye, Mr. Stanton-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Timson-Aye.

The Board moved out of Executive Session and to the Main Meeting Room to continue the Open Session. (Mr. Timson was present)

#### Health Insurance

Mr. Gallivan informed the audience the board had a discussion in Executive Session regarding the memorandum of Agreement between the Town and the Unions. He looks at this as budgeting. The WSHG was looking at 15% increase. The question is do we want to lay people off. The Governor wants to take money back from the Town and they did take away the prison mitigation funds. The Board will Hold off on Chapter 32 Section 21. He thanked the Union Representatives for their cooperation. It puts the town in a better budgeting position.

Mr. Timson thanked the Unions for letting the Board know what it was they were doing. He is glad to see there was successful negotiations. Mr. Snuffer also thanked them for their professionalism. Mr. Stanton echoed their comments.

Mr. Gallivan thanked Mr. Johnson he has been juggling a lot.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan that the Board accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Walpole and the DPW, Fire, Police, Clerical and Library Unions, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION to adjourn at 7:20 pm made by Mr. Snuffer, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0