

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Salvatore were absent. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman  
Mark Gallivan, Vice Chairman  
Ann Ragosta

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

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

## **APPOINTMENTS**

### 7-1 Town Forest Committee

Christine Weylam appeared before the Board seeking membership on the Town Forest Committee. She informed the Board she has lived in town 8yrs. She has a background in Science, eco system balance is important. Mr. Kraus on behalf of the Board we appreciate anyone who steps up and joins committees. Great giving of residents, someone who has your credentials.

Ms. Ragosta you helped with the Town Forest celebration that is great thank you. Mr. Gallivan I thank you as well it is great to have volunteers

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to appoint Christine Weylam to the Town Forest Committee as an associate member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

### 7-2 Council on Aging

Dorothy Smith appeared before the Board seeking membership to the Council on Aging. She is a resident of town for 58 yrs. She has worked at the election poles at Fisher School. She attends the senior center for yoga classes. She wants to see how the new facility is for the Board. Mr. Gallivan told her they hope to be awarding a contract soon, a real game changer for the town.

Mr. Kraus can't think of a more exciting time to join with the new facility. Whatever is built is current today and beyond. Drive to get more people to use it.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to appoint Dorothy Smith as an Associate member to the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 7-3 Local Regulatory & Use Agreement with ALTA Moose Hill LLC

Mr. Johnson explained this is something the town received last week. It is a request from Town Counsel and Conservation for this board to sign off.

Ms. Ragosta questioned if there is a third party monitor that is part of this agreement. Mr. Johnson we are required to do local option for residents. The ZBA made it a condition.

Ms. Ragosta on page 10 Article 16, monitor agent, have we done that? Mr. Johnson replied the town has not. He is trying to get the state to help with funding. That is something your board thinks the town should engage in. Ms. Ragosta pointed out that the applicant should pay for it as stipulated in the document. Ms. Ragosta feels it is important because of the neighborhood concerns; this is a set of eyeballs. It is in here and available for every 40B we should enforce this requirement. Both Mr. Gallivan and Kraus agreed.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to authorize Chairman Kraus to sign the Local Regulatory and Use Agreement with ALTA MOOSE HILL, LLC for the housing development known as "The Residences at Moose Hill, 272 Moosehill Rd, Walpole, seconded Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

#### 7-4 Promotion of Council on Aging member

Mrs. Hanes is already an associate member of the Council on Aging. The Council is recommending she be promoted to a regular member.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to promote Dorothea Hanes from an Associate to a Regular member on the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

OPEN FORUM- No One present

#### 7-5 Jarvis Harvest

Patrick Shield spoke to his request to hold Jarvis Harvest for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. Last year they had thousands of people. Talked about the Halloween Parade. It is a great community event with partners down town. Mr. Kraus thank you and your staff for your ongoing commitment.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the request to hold Jarvis Harvest on October 14, 2017 11am to 3pm subject to approval of the Sewer and Water Commission, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

#### 7-6 Halloween Parade

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the request to hold the annual Halloween parade on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10AM and to have the assistance of Police and Fire as needed, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

#### 7-7 New Officer/Director

Andrew Upton for Pepper Dining, president of Chili's has retired. All of this occurs in Texas, they have to file. Because this includes all restaurants, the ABCC has already approved the documents submitted. The Selectmen still must take action.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Change in Directors to Christopher Green and Daniel Fuller for Pepper Dining, Inc. d/b/a Chili's Grill & Bar, 120 Providence HWY, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

7-8 Fancy That, Change in Hours

Sarah and Brad, the owner and manager were present. They are requesting to expand their hours. They are not intending to be open all of those hours but would like the flexibility. Mr. Kraus asked if there is anything the town can do to help you. Sarah we love Walpole and everyone has been supportive. Mr. Kraus we are pro business and if we can do more just ask. Ms. Ragosta loves afternoon tea and glad they are successful.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Ragosta to approve the Change in hours for Fancy That to Monday-Sunday 10am-9: 30pm Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

7-9 Award of bid 2017-26, Water Main Cleaning

Mr. Johnson would recommend favorable action for this contract, water main cleaning, we received one bid and they are a sole proprietor.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to award contract No. 2017-26 for the Water Main Cleaning at various locations to Utility Services co. Inc in the amount of \$133,584.00, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

7-10 Opening of Fall Town Meeting Warrant

Mr. Johnson set to have Fall Town Meeting on 10/16. We have started working on the Warrant articles, three contract, DPW, Fire and Dispatcher, zoning changes on there, road improvements chapter 90, pretty full warrant. The Board discussed opening the warrants a little earlier.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to open the Warrant for the Fall Town Meeting Warrant and close it on August 29, 2017, seconded Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

7-11 Letter to Mass Housing, Re: Neponset Crossing

We are working with developer on alternatives. Mr. Kraus we have to go with what the facts are today, I thought it was a strong letter. The Board thought the letter was well written. Mr. Johnson we have the feedback from dept. heads.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to Mass Housing regarding the Chapter 40B project known as Neponset Crossing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

Mr. Kraus both Ms. Ragosta and I received a call from the Boston Globe regarding 40B, can we provide a copy to that reporter. Articulate issues we face on a development. When you have a proposed 250 unit, 5 or 6 building project. The impact on the town is unbelievable, traffic, police, fire, schools and much more. That is the way we attack this, we must have a broader discussion on 40B. Good summation of what is facing the town.

#### CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

(These items are voted as one motion)

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the items listed under Consent Agenda

1. A-Frames every Thursday, Friday and Saturday on the Common and Spring Brook Park for the Farmers Market (7-12)
2. Use of Adams Farm for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration  
On September 30<sup>th</sup> rain date of October 1 (7-13)
3. Gift Acceptances: Glenn Totten, Police Safety program \$250.00 (7-14)  
Community Treasures, Police Dept. \$1,425.00 (7-15)

Mr. Kraus met with Ken Tracey and if for some reason the Farmers market creates a problem we will look at an alternate location. He has gone to the Farmers Market a few times now he would like to see a significant uptick in this. Wish them much luck. We will take a good hard look if it should expand.

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

Fall Town Meeting-As discussed earlier Fall Town Meeting will be held October 16<sup>th</sup>.

South St Center- a.k.a Council on Aging Center –The bids were received we are in the process of receiving and checking all the references and paperwork submitted by the low bidder. Should have the contract before the Board before August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Vehicle Maintenance Garage- Looking for you to award on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

MBTA received a call about a meeting next Monday at Crossing. I shared with the neighbors, the more the better.

Mr. Kraus does not want to see a shout fest. Voice concerns in an articulate manner. We are going to have to stress a number of safety issues. Glad to have an opportunity. He is planning on attending the meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Ragosta wants to take a bigger role in managing that on behalf of the residents in S. Walpole. I know my last email I asked you about studies that have been done. Mr. Kraus noted this is one of the biggest issues we need to address this year.

Mr. Kraus asked about Spectra . Mr. Johnson explained they withdrew and not pursuing it.

## MINUTES

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Minutes of May 23, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan 2-0-1 (Ms. Ragosta abstained)

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Minutes of June 5, 2017 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2017 seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Minutes of June 20, 2017 seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to approve the Executive Session Minutes of May 23, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 2-0-1 (Ms. Ragosta abstained)

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Declaration:

Pursuant to G.L. c.30A, §21(a) (3), the purpose of the session will be to conduct strategy for collective bargaining sessions in preparation for negotiations with the Fire Union

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

That the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to enter Executive Session under G.L. C30A, Section 21 (a) (3) for the purposes declared by the Board's chairman (Roll Call) seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by roll call Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Ms. Ragosta Aye

The Board had moved out of Executive session for the purposes of Adjourning.

## ADJOURNMENT

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn at 8:35pm, seconded by Ms. Ragosta, VOTED 3-0-0