

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 beginning at 6:30pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Mackenzie was absent the following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Christopher Timson, Vice Chairman
Clifton Snuffer
James Stanton

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMTIONS

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

Municipal Facilities plan at Superfund Site on South Street. The Board sent an invitation to residents living on South St, Gleason Court, Brown Drive, Lamplighter lane, Oakhill drive, Clark Ave. The Board presented a PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Gallivan explained the mill side is completely zero cost to the Town and will be great for both the neighborhood and entire town. The Easterly side there will be costs for us. There have been many plans for a new police and fire station. It has been 50 years since we built a new facility and that was the Library. Mr. Gallivan continued with the presentation of the Power Point, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The first phase will include a new COA center, Police Station, Fire Station; build a temporary DPW bldg. which will be for the Fire dept. Renovate the current space for the old COA. The size of the Fire trucks will not fit in any of the current garages.

Where the current mill bldg. is, will be torn down this fall. Talking with responsible parties, if they would work to demolish buildings on E. Side. The advantage to them, they are responsible, the ground water treatment facility is going there. They will put the base down for a parking lot. We will put striping down. Take care of the parking lot. On the other side, the plan is to take care of contamination with the bldgs. still there. They have to clean them up and we take them down and then test it. They are looking at their numbers now. We were hoping to have concrete numbers. Hope to have it by Town Meeting. Anytime we take a bldg. down, the responsible parties have to go back and check for contamination.

A resident questioned if you get them to take all the buildings down, will those be paved over too. What is going to be done to the land in between the tearing down of the buildings and the construction of a new one? It was explained there would be a protective barrier.

Mr. Snuffer explained our phased program to have the police and COA center built. You put protective barriers. Part of it is to let you look at this as a concept.

Ms. Chapell explained while all this is happening the town is hoping to take ownership. What is holding their side is cost. How much of a cost saving is it. They are hiring contractors to do work on that side.

Mrs. Barret wanted to know what kind of noise from a water treatment facility. It was explained it will be very quiet. Mrs. Barret, lives right down the street, I am concerned about the traffic. She spoke of the numerous large trucks that constantly go up and down the road. Mr. Snuffer noted he lived on Oak St for 49 years, we did traffic studies and that will be part of the process.

A resident questioned who is tearing down the bldgs.? Mr. Snuffer explained the reality of the settlement is that they are required to clean up around the bldgs. The cost is approximately 13 million to clean up. We are in a fair bargaining position. If the people of Walpole agree with the solution. The cost to the taxpayer is \$160 a year on the average price home.

Resident of 251 South Street asked if anyone has ever done a traffic study on South St. We have that so called farm up there that is very busy. Also questioned the water treatment plant and what it will do.

There was discussion on the Water Treatment Plant. It will clean the ground water and take about fifty years. A company will operate it. I have been designed so trucks will not park the side not closest to the neighbors.

A footprint sketch of the proposed plan was showed to the residents.

Mr. Gallivan further explained the first plan to clean up East side. Building a garage at the DPW and working on a covenant not to sue if they find other problems. Do not want to put the town in a dangerous position. The state has said they are willing to do that. He reviewed the proposed project funding plan. The library money remaining from the override is available for another municipal project. We have about 10-11 million dollars and we are looking for \$21,158,000 for override.

A question regarding the Old Town Hall's being on the National Historical Buildings and the exterior of the facility cannot be changed.

A neighbor asked why not put public safety together. Mr. Gallivan explained that after looking at different options, this looks like the best option.

Neighbors, you talk about the town does not want ownership. Concerned about something they might find? Ms. Chapell explained we have been working on the site for 20years, many borings, water samples, we feel we know everything that is on that site. There is a record of decision. For anyone living there, they did remedial action 20 years ago because of the asbestos fibers. The asbestos does not disintegrate according to a neighbor. A neighbor asked the probability of the mill bldg. being knocked down. Mr. Snuffer explained it will be done with procedure and it is about 99%. According to Mr. Gallivan that will be paved regardless of the override. The residents were asked to leave their email if they wish further communication. Looking for some way for us to easily communicate. There will be a meeting in the Fire Station, DPW, and COA. Tours of the police and fire. The tours will be published. We are going to do a series of meetings and workshops and one thing that is needed is a group of people that will go out and talk to people. We are restricted by law. Get involved. Over the next few months we need to go public.

Lois Glasgow asked if they can create fact sheet. The basic facts the top Facts and Questions. If we have that as a tool so people have all the facts on one sheet. She is willing to do that. A private entity can raise funds to promote the override.

7-20 BJ Burke, Public Access TV Committee

Ms. Burked explained she is a Lifelong resident of Walpole. She is a Tech support specialist and was approached by E. Kraus to serve.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint BJ Burke to the Committee, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Governor's Task Force, Proposal for Opioid epidemic

Deputy Chief reviewed the Governors Opioid task force program. Gave them 60 days to come up with recommendations. Walpole is not immune to the opioid overdose. We have had 7 overdoses this year. He is convening with other Governors in the region. One of the problems we run into, try to get people referrals. Run into roadblocks. They are looking at five coalitions. Focus more on the western part of the state. Ms. Chapell explained that Norfolk County has a lot of overdoses and they give our DA some of that money. They will be targeting areas that have high problems. Education is a large part of this.

More comprehensive review of health plans. DOC will have incentives and continue once they are released. We have a few resources that are going to join us. DC we will not see much of the monetary part of it. We are working a strategic plan to help people and rehabilitated. People can bring syringes to the VNA. They are working with new programs with the high school. The more education the better.

Mr. Timson noted that no town or state is proud of this issue. It is a Tribute to Walpole that we are in the forefront of dealing with the problem. Although we may not get funding, all this chipping away will help us.

Mr. Stanton stated he is not a big fan of methadone and wanted to know if the Task Force addressed that issue. It was explained there are some forms of treatment. Talked about the various drugs available today. The person has to want to get treatment.

Mr. Snuffer noted this is all after the fact. What is taking place aggressively to get the drug out of their hands? The Deputy Chief explained we are very big on education.

8pm Open Forum- no one present

7-21 Trust Fund and Committee Formation
Committee for Alcohol and Drug Awareness

Joe Moraski, presented the Board with the proposed Committee membership and the Declaration of Trust. First need to create a committee for Alcohol and drug awareness. Once they are sworn in, they would submit a declaration of trust. It will allow the trust fund to fundraise in addition to their other duties. The Board had a workshop coming up and you wanted to brainstorm. This is a follow-up to the meeting 6 months ago. Whether you want a friends organization. It is important to make a decision, Robin had to scramble to raise money for the poster and video contest. She got the donation from a business.

Mr. Timson is a proponent of this and fine with this method. I support it. Tried to get a line item in the budget. I would support a line item in the budget. We have not been able to come up with a methodology. I support it.

Mr. Snuffer has seen this model work and work well. It is the degree of involvement. I favor the committee; it is a responsible reporting committee. The trust I have seen work in the forest committee. Mr. Moraski explained this would provide more control. We want to have the committee and you can decide the number. If we can raise the funds I think we can do a lot.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to create the Committee for Alcohol and Drug Awareness consisting of 5 members as presented seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-22 Veterans Rules & Regs, Tax Work Off Program

Jon Cogan seeking the Board's approval for these guidelines, it mirrors the Senior Tax work off program. The process will go through his office. A Veteran who resides in Walpole may receive up to but not greater than \$750.00 in property tax credit. A discussion on the minimum wage language took place. The Board would like to see added to the "Treatment of Reduction" paragraph after \$8.00 an hour the words "or whatever the minimum wage is". The Board members fully support the program.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the rules and regulations for the Veteran's Tax Program with the addition of the Minimum wage, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

7-23 WSHG, James Johnson

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint James Johnson as the representative to WSHG and Valorie Donahue as the alternate. Seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 4-0-0

7-24 Primary Election Warrant

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the September 9, 2014 Primary election warrant, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-25 2014 FTM Warrant

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to open the Fall Town Meeting Warrant, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

7-26 Prop 2 ½ question

“Shall the Town of Walpole be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of architectural design and constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Police Station, Senior Center, Fire Station, and Public Works building, and the renovation of, equipping of and improvements to the Town Hall, Public Works Garage, and current Police Station (as part of the new Fire Station), along with any and all work associated with and appurtenant thereto, including the cost of a project manager and other related costs?”

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to place the proposition 2 ½ question as read on the ballot as reviewed by bond counsel, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

7-27 7 & 11 Berkley St, St. Opening Permit

Ms. Walker explained Columbia Gas is willing to do the curb to curb. She would like the permission to decide if they need to do that or not. If by the end of the summer if it looks good do they not have to do the curb to curb overlay. Mr. Timson noted it does look good, probably because we were going to require them to do the overlay. I don't think we should change, not that I think you are not capable, maintaining the right to do the curb to curb. I do not want to give up our right. I am willing to allow and see how this works out. Ms. Walker can wait until the end of September.

Mr. Timson, can you report to them that we are taking a look at this case and asked you to ask them to hold off on the curb to curb for the next couple of months. Report back to us late summer or fall and give them a final determination. The Board took no Action on this request.

7-28 Norton/Hartshorn, Street Acceptance

Ms. Walker explained these are private ways and you own to the center lines. Part of the acceptance is the taking of that land. The legal step has to waive their right to sue. We are only missing one waiver form. If you do not have it that owner could sue the town. Mr. Snuffer asked if we go through the acceptance process. Do we provide trash pickup?

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to sign the Waiver of Appraisals and damages for the portion of land at the corner of Norton and Harshorn that is owned by the Town. , seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-29 Letter to Planning Board

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to send a letter to the Planning Board asking them for their input on the street layout for Hartshorn and Norton, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-30 Jalapeno's Grill, Change in Sunday Hours

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the Change in hours of the All Alcoholic Common Victualler's License to Sunday at 10am for Jalapeno's Grill Inc. 960 Main Street, seconded by Mr. Snuffer 3-0-1 Mr. Timson abstained

7-31 99 Restaurant

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Change of Officers/Directors for 99 West Inc., d/b/a 99 Restaurant, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-32 WHS, Track Club Road Race

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the WHS cross country road race on September 1, 2014 at 10 am starting and finishing at WHS, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

7-33 Re-Appointment to PBC

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to re appoint David Wildnauer to the PBC, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-34 & 7-35 Richard Adams, Committee Resignations

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to accept the resignation of Richard Adams from the Town Forest and Walpole Trails Committee with thanks, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

7-36 Mass Housing Program Contract

Ms. Mercandetti to clarify, this is a portion of the overall resources, putting together a Downtown plan. She explained the process of this contract. This is the portion of the grant award. Will come back in a few weeks with the contract.

Mr. Snuffer noted we are in the process of doing rehab downtown. The family has a high interest in developing the Kendall building. The governor is going to open liquor licenses. They are recommendations only. It is a Mini master plan for the Downtown. It is our ideas and what we want to see in the CBD.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to authorize the Chairman to sign the Technical Assistance program Contract, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

7-37 Amended Language for Additional Liquor licenses

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the amended language for the additional liquor licenses, seconded by Mr. Stanton VOTED 3-0-1 Mr. Snuffer abstained

Town Administrator's Report

Bid Award 2014-28- Mr. Johnson explained that the bid came in higher and they would like to reduce the scope.

Mr. Timson would like to see the conduit. Mr. Snuffer is pleased this came in a little high. The amount of disruption this will have on the DT. Mr. Gallivan noted if we are going to change the scope this much, we should have them come in and talk about the topic. I agree with Chris I would like to see the conduit. Not 100% that we need to replace the entire sidewalk. Have them come 6pm and walk the site.

Mr. Johnson sent letters to the House Ways and Means leaders regarding the Prison Mitigation funding.

Fisher School, MSBA Project update.

Meetings-Wanted to run some dates by members to make sure this is ok with them. Mr. Snuffer reported that some people want to chime in to the override question. Try to do that September.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve but not release the Executive session minutes May 13, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Stanton abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve but not release the Executive session minutes of June 10, 2014, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of May 27, 2014, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Stanton abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of June 9, 2014, June 10, 2014 and June 24, 2014

7-38 Executive Session

Chairman's Statement

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21(6) to consider the purchase, or value of real estate
- Under G.L. C.30A , §21(a)(2), the purpose of the executive session will be for the following purposes; To discuss contract negotiations with non union personnel, James Johnson as Interim Town Administrator; and
- That a discussion of the foregoing issues 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. Timson to enter Executive Session for the purposes and reasons stated by the Chairman and the board will return to open session at the conclusion of the executive session seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0 Roll Call Vote: Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Stanton-Aye, Mr. Timson-Aye and Mr. Gallivan-Aye

The Board moved out of Executive Session.

Interim Town Administrator's Contract

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Interim Town Administrator's contract with James Johnson with one correction the vacation is four weeks not five, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 10pm, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0