

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 beginning at 6:30pm 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. He welcomed residents to the June 16, 2015 meeting. He spoke to doing some things a little differently in order for more transparency. Normally the Board conducts Firefighter and Police interviews are non-televised. This Board for the benefit of the two chiefs decide whether you want one candidate or more. The final choice is usually the chief's choice. In my experience we have not had any reason to go beyond their recommendation, if you want to shorten the process based on their opinion, if you want to see all the candidates that is up to you. Keep in mind.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

6-14 Police Interview and Appointment

6:30pm Chief Stillman explained tonight we have one candidate. He is a transfer candidate that will come before the Board and he will tell them his reason for his recommendations. He introduced Tom Perciaccante. The Chief explained he had worked a number of venues as special police prior to the town being aware of him and hired him as a dispatcher in 2011. He received two accommodations for 911 calls. He saved a life, fantastic job. We never had certified cell area. He checked on prisoners and came across one that was in distress and called for help and his actions saved that person's life. He can't say enough about him. Everyone enjoys working with him. He went to Millis and became a full time officer. We had this opening from Jim Moses. And we want him back and Tom agreed to go thru this process. There is nothing in his background. He was very professional. He is energetic and good at what he does.

Mr. Stanton thanked him for being here. He had read all the information supplied to them. Read good stuff about the candidate. He noted he is an officer in Millis, and wanted to know why leave Millis and come to Walpole. Tom explained when he was here two years ago and he left to advance his career. It is a small community and not a lot of room for advancement. Walpole is a lot bigger and he knows the officers. His dad works here. Mr. Stanton spoke to him about the ongoing opioid crisis and wanted to

know his view on this subject. Tom explained he has not had any saves with it but had two overdoses with persons he knew from High School. No one thought about heroin in High School. We had training on Narcan. One friend had six saves with it. He has no personal experience with it.

Mr. Salvatore questioned how long he has been with the Millis Police Department. Tom replied that he has been there since February. He finished academy in February and was hired as a permanent intermittent. Tom explained he spent two weeks after he graduated with the Nantucket police department. Mrs. Salvatore asked if he could speak to what he has learned on the street that he did not learn at the Academy. Tom described the first night out, which they had to use a Taser on a suspect, and he did not have training at the Academy. You have instructors which included two weeks of field training. He had dealt with this person before and the second time he knew how to deal with him differently than the first time.

Tom explained that one reason he is leaving Millis is there is no room for advancement. He would be coming here to a larger dept.

Mr. Kraus congratulated him and wanted to know if the Chief would be speaking of him in the same way a year from now. Tom hopes he will say what he said in the beginning. Hope to save more people lives. Mr. Kraus, what is the biggest challenge with limited experience? Tom suggested the call volume will be more but he desires that. There is a lot of downtime in Millis.

Mr. Snuffer is looking forward to a first class dispatch center at the new station. Your experience with the emergency side can be very beneficial.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to appoint Thomas Perciaccante Jr. as a Police Officer for the Town of Walpole beginning on June 29, 2015 at Step 3 conditioned upon passing a physical examination, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Permanent Building Committee

6-15 Nancy MacKenzie, seeking appointment

Mr. Snuffer explained the PBC is the group that gets together when the town is doing facilities. There is a statute that needs to be observed and adhered to. The individuals applying have agreed to allow the Board to postpone. He reached out to the Chair of that committee and this Board will have similar conversations with the Chair and understand the objectives of that board and the specificity of appointing people into that. They refer to the sponsoring entity; it can be a police rep or Selectmen. The town has not built a free standing police station forever. Everyone in place on the PBC is because of the library. Tabling this discussion will not have an impact. There is not a lawyer presently serving on the Committee. It was suggested that either an Attorney or maybe one of the Selectmen may have an interest in serving. Mr. Snuffer wants them to adhere to the By-law. It prevents you from getting into trouble. The Selectmen who will have the town

take ownership of the facility have to understand what is going on. We have two candidates and agreed to postponement and see where it goes from there.

7pm- Wing Wang, Green International, Kendall St. Intersection

Mr. Snuffer noted the town has fought very hard and put on the project for 2020. Mr. Wang introduced himself he is working for Mass DOT on the RT1A reconstruction project. The focus this evening is on Kendall Street extension. The RT1A project the public hearing was held last year. People expressed concerns about safety; illegal left hand turns off Kendall St. Mass DOT authorized Green International to do a study. Mass DOT has reviewed the recommendations and earlier this year they met with abutters across from Kendall St. The idea is to get an acceptance on these improvements. Mass DOT is on board, they will not move forward unless the town has accepted as well. They showed the design at the 25% hearing. They see residents violating the left hand turn restriction. Kendall Street has a stop sign. Spoke of the historic cemetery on the corner which is a major design constraint. There is a flashing warning beacon at this location and the posted speed limit is 40mph. Did a lot of traffic data and RT1A carries 17,000-20,000 vehicles per day. Although the traffic analysis only 4 reported crashes, the intersection sight distance is substandard. Vehicles have to encroach into 1A because of the limited sight distance. Want to improve safety and geometry. Their main goal is to minimize right of way takings.

They have added a dedicated left turn for RT1A onto Kendall. They added an island to help prevent left hand turns off Kendall. Left hand turn lane and widen the west side of the road to avoid impacts to the cemetery. They have takings at the Watson Candy shop, car wash, and Allied.

Mr. Snuffer wanted them to share the physical impact. It was explained the proposed sidewalk will go beyond the road. They have had meetings with those owners. To the owner of the Allied property there really is no change. The Watsons Candy Shop, they will have to move the wall. They are not taking away parking or driveways. In both option A or B they still have one way characteristics off Kendall St. For this option, the revised improvements include a speed advisory of 35 mph. Although they are improving sight distance, they can accommodate sight distance for 35 mph. They are trying to flatten out the curve. Trying to minimize the taking but still make improvements. Mass DOT needs an acceptance of this design.

It was asked if they do not agree with the improvements and leave it the way it is, does it stop the project, and does it hinder the projects acceptance. Phil Kendall explained the state was in acceptance of the 25% plan, but residents asked for improvements and that is what is shown on the plan. We would have to go back and ask the state if they would accept. It is a safer intersection. The Chairman noted this is not a public hearing but we may have opinions. The Board is not the individuals hurt or satisfied, having these conversations, have you had them with the affected properties and do you have their consent. Mr. Kendall said they do. Mike Griffin owner of Watsons candies is concerned what is going to be done in terms of his property and wants to be sure we have

input. I want to be sure these are addressed. Mr. Snuffer questioned if he has provided the Mass DOT with consent. Mr. Griffin replied that he has done nothing in writing.

Mr. Kraus wanted to know how long has this issue been going on and he was told 15-20 years. Why haven't your specific concerns been addressed? Mr. Griffin explained he wants to be sure that their property is not negatively impacted. Mr. Kraus would be hard-pressed not to take in the consideration of the businesses. He is all for public safety, if there is going to make modifications he would like to see the input of business. What is the deadline?

Mr. Kendall explained this project has been going on for a long time, this issue has only been going on since July 2014, and the issue was brought up by residents. They went back with Mass DOT to reevaluate. Mr. Kraus would like the feedback from the business. The next step in process is if the town accepts they can proceed with the overall design. As well as get the Right Of Way process. At the 75% submittal plans will be submitted to Mass DOT. If this change is to take place, it would be beneficial to get the support of the town. Mr. Snuffer asked them to come up with a date where we can have greater input, and know we are still safe. Mr. Kendall stated they are not asking for a decision tonight, they just wanted to present and give you time to think about it. It was suggested to return to the Board in a month.

The owner of Allied Michael Borr, the original plan would cost them all front parking. The second proposal, is acceptable to us.

The Board wants drawings available, copies of the letters, and wants this to become a meeting to be planned for one month when they meet. Over the next few weeks work to have a specific criteria that has to be adjudicated. Kendall is going to stay two-way. That was not a preferred option.

Town Engineer, M. Walker explained when this first came up the town was asked if we wanted one way or this option. She did not think it was viable. Mr. Snuffer, if the DOT has no interest in the one way, it should not be a part of our judgement. The preferred option is the plan on the right. It needs cooperative and intelligent planning with those involved. Get all those ducks in a row and the Board can vote. The owner of the Allied property wants more detail to know how this impacts his property.

Mr. Salvatore questioned are there any sight distance concerns going south bound. Is there some kind of delineation between the properties? Mr. Wang explained the new sidewalk will be installed with curbing. Mr. Griffin said there is currently 6 feet between his wall and the road and Mass DOT is taking 6 feet. Mr. Wang stated they will design to make it work.

Mr. Gallivan thinks the plan is a big improvement and as long as they can accommodate the property owners. It should help for a long time.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to postpone further discussion until July 14, 2015, seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 5-0-0

6-17 Legacy Lane, Order of Taking and Shaker Lane Easements

The Town Engineer spoke to this being the final step in the Street Acceptance process. Town Meeting has voted and Board voted the layout back several months ago. In with Legacy lane there is an easement acceptance for the underground retention basins they have. There is a sight clearance at the corner. Storm drain and water utilities.

On shaker Lane is a private way never going to be public; they have given the town sight distance clearance we can clean the end of the road. Mr. Salvatore questioned if the town can ask the owner to maintain it. Ms. Walker believes the town could or they can tell the owner to. Mrs. Salvatore would like a definitive answer to the question.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the Order of Taking for Legacy Lane and to sign the Taking document, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept and to sign the Roadway Easement, Operation and Maintenance Plan and Covenant with the Town, Grant of Access and Utilities Easement, Conveyance of Easements and Utilities and Sight Clearance Easement for Legacy Lane, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to table the vote on the acceptance and easement for Shaker Lane, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-18 Council on Aging, Resignation Joanne Damish

Mr. Gallivan read into the record the letter from Joanne Damish. I would like to personally thank her for all her years of service. Mr. Kraus, when you think about the COA you cannot help but think about Joanne, her commitment to the seniors is remarkable; she should be recognized for job well done. Mr. Snuffer agreed, we accept with great regret. Mr. Salvatore pointed out it is remarkable to him as I learn about the people that serve on Committees. It was great getting to meet her and her family. Mr. Stanton agrees with what everyone says about Joanne, a handful of people you can say things about. Great regret that we accept her resignation.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept with regret the resignation of Joanne Damish from the Council on Aging, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

8:00pm **OPEN FORUM**
No one present.

6-20 Town Forest Committee, Paul Hunchard

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to change Paul Hunchard's position on the Town Forest Committee from a Regular member to an Associate, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-21 Adams Farm Committee, Elizabeth McAfee

Elizabeth McAfee stated she is currently an associate member; there is now a regular opening and seeking that opening. She has been involved with A. Farm one way or another. She worked on butterfly project. Has a love for A. Farm and would like to continue to work in a meaningful way. Mr. Snuffer spoke to Liz being a supporter for a long time and filling in where required.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to change Elizabeth P. McAfee's position on the Adams Farm Committee from an Associate to a Regular member seconded Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-22 Girl Scouts, A frame

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the placement of an A-Frame on the Common from June 17, 2015 to June 25, 2015, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Snuffer noted that soon the Girl Scouts will be looking to upgrade their building try to gather some people in the industry to defray some of their costs. This would be a very worthy cause. Many times people of good spirit who help with our youth do not go out and look for money

6-23 One Day Liquor, Outside, Italian American Club

Marc Romeo Manager of the IA Club, explained the night he was here a women was present who was approved for a road race and the Board approved it and you asked where is she ending the race. When he took over the club he is trying to get it more civic gathering spot over and above the business we run. Try to get more members, be more here in Town. The importance of having the party on that night it is a wonderful night to raise money for the charity. It really is about after the race. He has a background in hospitality. Do not want the building open that night. The importance of having the outdoor sale of liquor is huge, it will be gated and there will be a paid admission that money will go to the charity. The real need is to bring in the runners. So it is a race that can happen every year. Put on a great but responsible party.

Mr. Gallivan expressed his concerns about this event, the size of this. He noted he supported the race but is concerned about 500 people arriving when the roads are closed. He would probably not be against it, if it were on a different day, the size and location and how it will impact what is happening in the same general area.

Mr. Romeo explained it is a big change. The event will take place all outdoors. No access to the property without coming thru a single gate. Mr. Gallivan pointed out there are already thousands of people in the same area as what you are talking about. July 3rd, the Night Before the Fourth, we have a good thing going. If you said you were going to cook burgers and such for the runners and then leave that is different.

Mr. Romeo proceeded to speak on the event. He is aware there are road closures and they may only get 75-100 people. The goal is to make the race popular and give them a place they can end. From a security point he has that covered and the goal is try to have them stay until fireworks over. He explained he has a liquor license to protect. It is a place of business. Does not want to be in competition. They want to be part of this. The only difference we want to draw people in. He is aware of the rules, the area that will have service and drinking will be segregated. The runners will have a wrist band and a separate tent. The rest of the event is a ticketed gated event. You will get a wrist band and you will be checked again. No drinks in or out. Everyone is well aware of that. We need the Liquor license to maximize.

Mr. Stanton asked if the bands have already been booked on his entertainment application. Mr. Romeo responded that there are three bands with Walpole roots. Mr. Stanton noted this sounds like a real sophisticated event. How much is admission. The cost is \$10 per person. How many runners are signed up? Mr. Romeo last I heard is 55. Mr. Stanton, so this is open to anyone who wants to go. Yes up to 500 people. Mr. Stanton, so the club will be closed. Mr. Romeo noted their backpacks will be in there. Mr. Stanton are there going to be porta potties? Mr. Stanton talked about the tents and size. Mr. Romeo explained he is actively trying to obtain sponsors. He has three that have committed. Mr. Stanton wanted to know if his Liquor Liability insurance is agreeable to them using the coverage for the event and Mr. Romeo stated they are aware. This party will not kick off until 6pm. No more beer will be served after the fireworks Kickoff, The live bands will be over by 9:30pm.

Mr. Salvatore questioned where the road race participants were going to park. Mr. Romeo explained they want to get dropped off at Mansion Dr. There is no parking at the finish line. If people are coming down to the event, we recommend they park at the High School area. Trying to secure a trolley that will allow us to shuttle the runners. No parking behind Stone Field Mr. Salvatore is more comfortable with them stopping at 9:30pm and trusts the idea that if things get out of hand you will shut it down. There are some other parties going on that are not so secure. The chief said their presence is so large he is not worried about security because everyone is on.

Mr. Snuffer noted that he has done an enormous amount of work, but he should have started here. Do we want to see a big event within the event? He does not want to see that competition, what it does; it exasperates what he considers to be a public safety issue. It does not create a sense of calm among our public safety officers. You will then be formally inviting potentially 500 people to come to your event. Mr. Snuffer feels the best way is to have a long range plan and not to compete with the existing event. He will not approve this.

MOTION moved by Mr. Snuffer to disapprove the request for an outside All Alcohol Liquor License on July 3, 2015 to the Italian American Club, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

6-24 One Day Entertainment License, IA Club

Mr. Gallivan sees them as one of the same. He would be supportive on a different date. He thinks this is one of the same. Mr. Romeo noted the people of the race are going to be upset. Mr. Kraus does not think the Board is questioning the race. This can bring up risks he is not willing to take. You said you have been at this for two weeks and you should have been at this for year. Mr. Romeo after meeting with Mari

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to deny a one day entertainment license for the IA Club , seconded by Mr. Stanton,

Mr. Salvatore spoke of this being a perfect opportunity just for a runners and family event this year. To have a special place to go at the end. Mr. Stanton agreed if it is a place for the runners to go to have a hamburger. That is one thing. He thinks this got out of hand. It is another thing when you are going to have a stage with lighting and bands. That is the concern for me. He likes to run. The idea of what you are proposing. It needs to be something smaller. Mr. Snuffer agrees with Mr. Gallivan and thinks they are all intertwined. Mr. Gallivan is leery of the whole thing. Mr. Snuffer asked what is wrong with the upstairs of the IA club being for the runners.

VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

6-25 Knights of Columbus, One day All Alcoholic License

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to grant a one day All Alcoholic License to Frank Mosher of the Knights of Columbus from 6pm-midnight on July 3, 2015 with a rain date of July 6, 2015 for the annual gathering of the Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstained)

6-26 Keno to Go, Sunoco

The Board is in receipt of a letter from the Lottery notifying the Board they are offering “KENO to GO” to North Walpole Sunoco at 215 Main Street.

Mr. Salvatore noted there will not be a screen but by approving this could they put a screen there or would they come back to us if they put a screen there. Will people be lingering at the place with their phones? Mr. Stanton suggested the Board send a letter; noting we have a specific concern with a Keno license. The Board has a policy and we

do not want them to be located at gas stations. The Board should file an objection and see what kind of a response they send. Maybe they should explain it to us a little more.

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to send a letter to the lottery regarding our concerns, seconded Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-27 Gift Acceptance, Jr. Woman's Club

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from the Jr. Woman's Club for concerts on the common in the amount of \$500 with thanks, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-28 Gift Acceptances, Veteran's Committee

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from the Veterans Committee for the Veterans Gift Account in the amount of \$301.60 with thanks, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-29 Gift Acceptance, State Police

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from the State Police Association for the Cathy Winston park Bench in the amount of \$750 with thanks, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-30 Gift Acceptance, Patrick Shield

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from Patrick Shield in the amount of \$250 for the Cathy Winston park Bench with thanks from the Selectmen and town, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-31 Gift Acceptance, Friends of St. Patrick

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept the gift from Friends of St Patrick in the amount of \$2000.00 for the program scholarship with thanks from BOS, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

6-32 Memorandum of Agreement, Health Group

This is the agreement that involves all groups of employees in regards to insurance. Part of the agreement was they will get a percentage year one. We agreed not to change insurance for two years. It is signed by all union employee groups.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve and sign the Memorandum of Agreement between town of Walpole and the various employee groups that work for the town pays them back 220, 000 15% of our savings, seconded by Mr. Kraus

Mr. Gallivan spoke to this being a monumental agreement with the unions. If we had not come up with this agreement I think this saved jobs. Everyone worked together.

VOTED 5-0-0

6-33 Constable Charge

At a previous meeting the Selectmen were interviewing a candidate for Constable. The current Constables stated they did not see the need for any additional. The current charge reads the Board can appoint up to 7 two of which are police officers. After discussion the Board felt they should amend the charge to 5 two of which are police officers leaving three Constables.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to amend the Charge for Constable by changing the number of members from 7 to 5 and two of those shall be police officers, seconded by Mr. Gallivan Voted 5-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Town Hall Sign

Mr. Johnson reported the new Town Hall Sign was done by Jennifer Casey of Casey Creations. She did a beautiful job at no charge to the town. He wanted to acknowledge her generosity.

Reserve Fund Transfers

Mr. Johnson wanted to make the Board aware of the need for internal transfers. The Police Department ,COA and Recreation have requests and he is asking for their vote.

Police Dept

Mr. Salvatore questioned why the police need additional funding. Mr. Johnson explained they are expecting to be \$15,000 short. Mr. Snuffer noted the only budget that can go from Expenses to Salaries is schools. Mr. Salvatore noted that during a meeting of May 5 the Chief said he had enough money to provide an employee with a raise. The Board will defer this to the meeting on June 23.

Council on Aging

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the request of the Council on Aging to transfer \$5,000 from expenses to Salaries to cover the payout costs of the outreach worker and the Recreation Dept. to transfer \$6,500 from Salaries to expenses, Seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

Recreation Dept

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the Reserve Fund Transfer for Recreation Expense budget in the amount of \$10,000, The engineering 14,200 and legal for \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 5-0-0

WCTV Agreement

Mr. Johnson stated the final contract will be presented to your Board.

Turner Pond Dam

He is working with Town Counsel and finances to layout some options.

Mr. Snuffer spoke to the turner pond dam is actually the roadway and roots are ruining the dam. This sounds like it is getting out of control. We are threatened \$500 a day. Mr. Johnson will have options in two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Snuffer wants to encourage communications amongst this board. I am fastidious that I peruse the things in Walpole. The stuff from snuff items, I ask you to take a look at it and put it in 10 range. Talk about goals from 7-8pm next week.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the minutes May 19 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton VOTED 3-0-2 (Mr. Kraus and Mr. Stanton abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to approve the minutes of June 2, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton VOTED 3-0-2 (Mr. Kraus and Mr. Stanton abstained)

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 9:30 seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 5-0-0