

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on March 21, 2017 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk
Mark Gallivan
David Salvatore

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMTIONS

APPOINTMENTS

3-1 School Statement of Interests:

Nancy Gallivan, School Committee, Chairman explained they are here to talk about long term secondary school needs. They had previously submitted a proposal to the Board of Selectmen last year. It did not get approved; and they are here to put in a request again.

Superintendent Lynch- advocating secondary school building, requesting vote on Statement of interest to SBA

They began this last year, 2017 facility study, CDR Maguire architectural firm, conditions were obsolete, many rooms are lacking in size, most building material, and Current High School is overcrowded. Several spaces are undersized. Education flexibility is difficult and concerned of the impact of these shortcomings. The Walpole School Committee has voted to resubmit with minor adjustments. The deadline to submit is 4/7/17. This is just the beginning process. Does not involve the investment of any dollars, the community and state may study many options. The minor changes to the SOI, the updated enrollments, and the updated roof at Johnson Middle School the goals from the education learning study. The SOI investigation converting High School into a joint middle school. Not looking for a commitment or funding. We are asking you to participate in secondary space school needs. That will meet the needs of future generations.

Read the scope of the proposed project. Talked about the Johnson Middle School and Bird Middle School would be combined into one at the High School. The buildings are overcrowded. The new building would meet the standards. Annual savings, providing middle school with a modern facility. Ask that you vote to approve the submission of the SOI, no investment dollars, not isolating on single option. This is a community undertaking, it would take an affirmative vote at the poles to pass.

Mrs. Mackenzie was chair of the Municipal facilities committee. A lot of the buildings in schools were deficient. The fact that we are going thru this process by involving everyone and making sure everyone is invested. Going thru this process is great it is a long process knowing other towns do it is great.

Franklin has a new High School, and Natick has a beautiful facility. Norwood has a new school. We will be visiting them. Along the way we can figure out what works for Walpole.

Mr. Salvatore you stated that the buildings are overcrowded, which buildings are you referring to? Superintendent Lynch stated all of them. Superintendent Lynch stated the High School is not deficient. It is the two middle schools. Mr. Salvatore thinks it sends the wrong message to the High School that it is obsolete. You talk about other ways of solving these problems. What have you heard? Superintendent Lynch explained they have heard renovation the two Middle Schools, we have heard that the Bird Middle School location is not large enough to accommodate a new High school and keep the sports at one location.

Mr. Salvatore what investigation has been done to see what can be done to improve the Middle Schools? The Superintendent explained the Maguire does not feel renovating the two middle schools are not worth the investment. The town received a grant for DRA to look at the feasibility study to look at the new High School and fitting both middle schools into the existing High School. He feels it is feasible.

Mr. Salvatore so you are open to other options. Why is the feasibility study coming after the SOI, you are asking for a study after submitting this? The study would be a 1.4million cost. There is no guarantee that any study we do. They do their own actualities on their own. I did not think it was appropriate to ask the town for 1.4 million and have no money returned.

The Superintendent talked about the RFP. Mr. Salvatore had watched their meeting and the vote was 4-1. He voted in affirmative for the middle school. Mr. Salvatore the size of the High School labs was addressed at a joint meeting yet it was in the proposal presented to the School Board.

Mike Friscia, we re-measured and we put an average of 900 feet. Mr. Salvatore so you are saying the custodians measured wrong. The Superintendent stated it was human error. It is minor in the scope. Mr. Salvatore noted that it says that Johnson Middle has a parking issue because of the vans parking there. You have written a document that says one thing and not accurate. My frustration level has not changed.

Mr. Gallivan is supportive of the plan, and was surprised that the state changed the plan 4-5 years ago.

Mr. Kraus thinks it is prudent to get the state on Board. He is in favor of moving forward with this SOI as there is not financial requirement from the Town.

Mrs. Mackenzie as far as the cost of the feasibility study, if the State is going to be 50%, from what I heard no one gets picked up from the state the first time. We have not had someone to fill out the applications. Maybe some communities pay for the study prior to submittal. Get the community buy in and decide what road we are going to take. We will have to figure out which one works for Walpole.

Walpole High School

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan be it

Resolved; Having convened in an open meeting on March 21, 2017, prior to the closing date, the Board of Selectmen of Walpole, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form for the Walpole High School located at 275 Common Street, Walpole, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future. The scope of this project is to consider building a new High School on the current site of Bird Middle School. Once the construction of the new High School is complete, we would remove the Bird Middle School building and complete the remaining site work. All middle school students would be relocated to our current high school building, which would become the new Walpole Middle School. Johnson Middle School would be repurposed to meet the growing space needs of the Town Of Walpole. The Bird Middle School and Johnson Middle School buildings were originally constructed in 1961 and 1966 and have changed very little from their original construction over 50 years ago. The buildings are overcrowded, deficient and or obsolete when compared to modern code and guidelines. A new building would provide the core educational spaces, which are consistent with MSBA standards for new construction. The Walpole Municipal Facilities Master Plan study conducted by CDR Maguire in 2013, addresses many of the deficiencies ranging from the educational program to the building infrastructure. The consolidation of both middle school buildings would provide annual savings in addition to providing the middle school students with a significantly more modern facility and the increased space that is not available in our current buildings and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Walpole School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

The Board of Selectmen acknowledges receipt of complete copies of the SOI's provided by the School Administration for projects at Walpole High School, Bird Middle School and Eleanor Johnson Middle School and had full knowledge that we were voting on the details, specifically we received Priorities 2, 5 and 7.

Seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 3-1-0 (David Salvatore opposed)

Bird Middle School

MOTION moved Mr. Gallivan be it

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Seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED 3-1-0 (David Salvatore opposed)

Mrs. Mackenzie in the 1980's when I went to school there was a sewing room, metal shop, wood shop and music room. Space is tight and overwhelming; maybe we should do some tours for seniors.

Fire Chief Bailey, Quarterly

Call volume still very busy, having a problem getting the information as there is a glitch with the computers. There was a major house fire on Washington Street. My budget is ok my overtime is getting to a level where I may have to report back to the Board on that. The AVG grant, we have not heard yet, hoping that comes thru. Fire prevention, building in town is booming. Apparatus training on going for all staff. We do not bring in the new 5 Firefighters into the apparatus training for at least a year. Three injures, minor in nature and all are back to work. The new hires, 5 graduated last Wednesday and each group got 1 and one got 2. The groups are now at 9. We are out to hire 2 new individuals and hope to start them on Oct 1st. The Firefighters participated in the breakfast for the seniors on St. Patrick's Day. The Night before the 4th, I want to see how the temp operation has evolved. We are moving in next week on the 29th. On April 3rd the bldg. will be turned over to GNR. The abatement from April 3 to April 20 then they will begin the demolition. We came up with a tentative idea to go over it to make sure it is safe. We don't want to do it in a vacuum. Welcome any member to attend.

3-2 Surplus Fire Equipment

The Chief explained they have had that equipment for over 20 years. We cannot salvage any of the parts. The 21 Scott 4.5 Air Pack harnesses and regulators do not meet the safety requirements for the current standards. The SCBA bottles are only good for 15 years and after that they cannot be reused.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to declare the items surplus as provided by the Fire Chief in a memo dated March 16, 2017, seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 4-0-0

3-7 Ambulance fees

Talked about the Average provided by Comstar. Talked about the Governors rates for Medicare payments for ambulance. Mr. Gallivan is interested in finding out more about there. Mr. Salvatore wanted to know how much more would come in under current number. Chief Bailey \$130,000. Of the BLS runs we go to how many could have been ALS; there could be some wiggle room there. He suggested not go over \$100,000. Mr. Kraus agrees. Mr. Salvatore noted Norwood and Westwood did not have non-emergency base rates. Mr. Bailey we do not do non-emergency. We do not do specialty transport

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the proposed ambulance Rate increase as proposed by Fire Chief in his of March 17, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Chief Carmichael, Quarterly update

We have a graduates coming out of the academy tomorrow. We have worked on our organization charts. Recognize Tom Hart our school officer. He is going to be an amazing asset to our schools. Attended Walpole prison, bring the kids in and sit down face to face with prisoners who are involved in this program. Walpole youth police academy this year, we hope to get about 30 kids into the program. The students would show up for roll call. Should be a great program. The alcohol and drug committee poster contest started. A student was hit by a car on the 17th he was crossing RT27 was hit by a motor vehicle. He is now home. We had situation with 3 runaways for Longview farm. We sent officers there and state police came in. Able to get some metro assets, we found them in the 7-11 and returned to Longview farm. We got a

search warrant and able to get drugs that were located there. Officer Doherty was there that made these observations. Those are the drugs that cause overdoses. Reviewed situational drug awareness and trends. We are seeing Marijuana edibles. We are seeing Xanax and Adderall. It is treated ADHD, Xanax is a sedative to treat anxiety. We have done multiple drug treatment referrals. One kid walked into my office and wanted treatment.

Quarterly, calls for service, one big issue we are dealing with a mental health crises. There were fifteen Section 12 issues this year. Those are increasing. I recently trained two more officers in mental health crisis issues. We made two arrests at HFLW. These same two have been involved in many instances. HFLW did not want them back and we took them to alternative lockup. I found out that the Dept. of education early care when we do file they find out.

3-3 Public Hearing, Eversource

**The public hearing for Eversource has been postponed to April 11, at 7:15 pm in the main meeting room of the town hall.

3-4 Hearing for Eastern Pearl

**The hearing for Eastern Pearl has been postponed to April 11, 2017 AT 7:30PM at the request of their attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

3-6 Re appointments to Committees and Boards

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to reappoint the Board and Committee members as follows, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

Committee/ Board	Member	Seeking Re- Appointment Term will expire
Adams Farm	Elizabeth McAfee	4/1/2020
Board of Health	Mona Bissany	4/1/2020
	Dr. Richard Bringhurst	4/1/2020
Conservation Commission	Albert Goetz	4/1/2020
	Emidio DiVirgillio Jr.	4/1/2020
Committee for alcohol & drug awareness	Aicha Kelly	4/1/2020
	Carol Johnson	4/1/2020
Council on aging	Josette Burke	4/1/2020
	Mary Jones	4/1/2018

Cultural Council	Aicha Kelley	4/1/2020
Education Fund Com	Beth Muccini	4/1/2020
Historical Co	Christine Cocharane Kathleen Birtwell	4/1/2020 4/1/2018
Jarvis farm	Noelle Zollo	4/1/2020
Norfolk advisory board	Richard Pilla	4/1/2018
Pond management	Eric Skogesth	4/1/2020
	Michael Buckman	4/1/2018
	Shawn McDonald	4/1/2018
Trust fund committee	John Sheehan	4/1/20
Veteran's committee	David Ferrara (after 1980 member)	4/1/2020

3-8 Request from Building Commissioner to declare Weights and Measures items surplus

Mr. Johnson noted that someone from the State is interested in purchasing the items and the money will go into the general fund.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of the Building Commissioner to declare the two items listed in the memo received on March 7, 2017 as surplus, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

3-9 Update Selectmen's Policy

MOTION moved by Mr. Mackenzie to update the Selectmen policy #701-002 and #701-005 to comply with the new procurement thresholds, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

3-10 Award of RFQ/Contract No. 2017-12 Architectural design services for new Mechanics Garage

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award RFQ/ contract No. 2017-12 to UDA Architects, Walpole Ma with a negotiated fee with the Town Administrator, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstained)

3-11 Signing of Contract, Vehicle Maintenance Garage

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign a contract with UDA Architects for the design of the Vehicle Maintenance Garage in the amount of \$127,300, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Salvatore abstained)

CONSENT AGNEDA

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to accept with thanks the gift from Yvette Morrill to the Trails Committee for \$100, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-0-0

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of February 14, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of February 28, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 4-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Ground breaking ceremonies for the Fire Station is targeted for April 13 at 10AM. He asked would they prefer weekends or early evening. Mrs. Mackenzie can do anytime Thursday, but other members would prefer early evening. The Police Station ground breaking will be during the week of May 1.

He provided the members with a copy of the executive summary updates for the Police, Fire and COA projects. He has asked the project manager to provide these one a month. Mobilization of the PD site has begun and is ahead of the April 1, target date. Temp Ops is almost complete. The Firefighter will likely be in to the temporary facilities on or about March 29th Demolition of the building is set to begin on April 24th. The Council on Aging construction documents is 100% complete. The grant has been submitted to the State.

Tax bills- Marilyn is looking at changing Tax bills to two times from 4 times a year. Could you think about it? Maybe go to the COA to get some input. Put it out on social media. Mr. Salvatore suggests we give enough leeway.

Police and Fire IOD insurance Coverage. This year they went out to bid with the Police and Fire Insurance Coverage. MIIA and Cook and company were aggressive in their savings to the town. May not have final figures until after the budget is published but coverage will place prior to the start of Fiscal year.

Water management policy, The Sewer and Water Commissioners voted to maintain the policy for watering.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Declaration:

Pursuant to G.L .c.30A, §21(a) (3), the purpose of the session will be to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with dispatchers.

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 (for the purposes of adjourning)

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

The Board moved out of executive session and returned to adjourn.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 4-0-0