

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present.

Mark Gallivan, Chairman
Chris Timson, Vice Chairman
Clifton Snuffer (7:15)
James Stanton

Also present
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Cindy Berube Executive Assistant

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

Mr. Johnson introduced Tom Gregory the new Asst. Town Administrator. He asked the board to affirm his appointment. Mr. Gregory noted that everyone has been very helpful. Thanked the Town Administrator for appointing him. Toured some of the facilities in town and met with department heads. Last night was very exciting and thrilled to be here.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to affirm the appointment of Tom Gregory, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED, 3-0-0

5-1 Proclamation ,Harry Clow III

The proclamation was read into the record.

MOTION moved by Mr. Stanton to sign the proclamation for Harry Edward Clow III, seconded by Mr. Timson, VOTED 3-0-0

Mrs. Snuffer arrived.

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

Chief Richard Stillman, quarterly update

The Chief reported the Drug 101 seminars in the last few months, well attended. He thinks it is important people know what is going on in town. Last month, met with staff and it was a productive meeting. Jim Moses has tendered his resignation. He is going to Plainville. He is very much looking forward to that. We will miss him. He was very good at connecting with people. We will be coming before you for an appointment for a new officer. Student officer Matt Mitchell is almost done with training at academy. To date there have been 12 overdoses with 2 fatalities. Dept. Carmichael, will leave for Arkansas, nation drug working group. Talking about major drug issues, paid for by this group. He noted it is a great opportunity for him. Did install cell cameras, the first day a

prisoner tried to rip them off the wall. We completed our in-house survey and got great response. In-house survey of staff and officers, next step team of citizens and officers to come up with a plan for the Police Department over the years. The goals. People in town have some good ideas. Number of Highway safety and underage drinking grants. Mr. Gallivan was pleased to see the number of responses they received.

Mr. Timson questioned if there is going to be a sting operation to make sure the alcohol establishments are not serving to minors. Chief Stillman explained the notice went out in the paper last week. Send a letter out as well. Mr. Timson feels it is great that we are keeping that up. It is disturbing about the drug issue. I know there are strong efforts to stop that. Are you seeing it getting worse? Chief Stillman noted it continues to get worse, encouraged that people are getting it. I think everyone knows heroin is dangerous. For some reason prescription meds are OK. I think younger people understand. Residents are dropping off 2-300 lbs. of drugs. It may take a few years to see improvement. The vast medications are opiate based. They are still getting officers into the schools. Mr. Timson spoke of the positive poster contest, seems like we are making some headway.

Mr. Timson, relative to Longview in terms of the numbers you gave us, indication whether the numbers are up or down or similar. The Chief reported they are lower than last year, had some issues and a lot of turnover. Had a meeting last month with staff which was a productive meeting. We have to work on it for as long as it is here. Mr. Stanton was pleased to see that calls were down.

Mr. Snuffer, your department and you what is your position on marijuana. The Chief sees it is a threshold drug. I think in 2016 it will be legalized in Marijuana. It is a money industry. We will regret it. I think Mass has turned the corner. Mr. Snuffer as you look at the country and it appears as though it is going to happen. Chief Stillman noted that some states they are really holding the line. Why is there this interest in legalizing Marijuana.

Chief Timothy Bailey, quarterly update

They are 180 runs ahead of last year. There was a total of 1,772 runs. Last month has been very good and making progress on the deficit may need to come in for a reserve fund transfer. Mr. Snuffer, because it is a reserve fund transfer, make sure you have the conversation about the funding being there. New software in January is going very well. There is training this week. Fire prevention, the Department has been working with the solar farm. Eastern Pool and Ricos Pizza are relocating. Engine 3 is in service, the training on the jaws is being trained on next week. He talked about the new thermal camera that will be trained on next week. The new Ambulance came in last week. The ambulance we kept will go in for major repair as soon as the other is in service. Go to Station 2 as a backup. The tank is in the process of being updated. There is a team that goes into schools thru a grant, waiting to hear. He talked about the Senior Safe grant. Training all medics due 4/1 extended the deadline for us. We all met it. The new engine driver training is ongoing. Burning season is over which runs from January 15-May 1.

We only did 320 permits this year. One of the Firefighters retired, he had been out on injury for some time and we have advertised. We have 20 applicants and only 14 are Paramedics. I look at them, screening committee, then they will give me the candidates and I will interview them with the Town Administrator and then bring back to Board. Injuries, first time in 4 years no one out on injury. The Dept. is doing well now. The night before the fourth is on schedule, there is a road race on 5/17 to help fund the fireworks.

Mr. Timson, so there is no long term out on injury. The guys worked hard to get back. Mr. Timson knows this has been hard and appreciates the Chief's hard work on that. Commend the department on the Swan Pond incident, unusual situation, you stayed at the scene overnight. To make sure there was no flair up. It goes above and beyond the call of duty. That was very good action by you. The Chief explained it was a team effort; we did stay as long as the Board requested. Mr. Timson spoke of the high increase cancer risk for Firefighters. The Chief noted the cancer risk is high everywhere. Bladder cancer, lung, brain, the incidents and rates. The Firefighters do wear a mask but there is one issue that is unavoidable, absorption through the skin, the carcinogens get on there. We do whatever we can. The risk is always there. We have a safety committee and can report back to you with anything they might have.

He explained what the Thermal camera does. It detects heat, fire in walls when they are searching for victims. It aids in the search and rescue. The town has four cameras which are different variations to the new cameras. Everyone is up to speed on the use. Mr. Stanton wanted to know who funds the SAFE grant. The Chief stated, the state, we have had it for 20 years. The amount stays the same. It is about \$4,000. That goes to the children and the other is for seniors.

Mr. Snuffer noted the Mass Company in Bedford they made the cameras and they detected the bomber in the boat. At town meeting, he noticed ambulance fund gave up \$640,000. That is a huge amount. The Chief noted that is typical.

5-2 Mary Jones, COA membership

Ms. Jones is seeking to be an associate member on the Council on Aging. I go to the meetings as a spectator. Active member, assist and support in any way that I can. I do the exercise programs, Zumba, attended ten week academy. I went to Fenway Park. She would like to be involved.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Mary Jones to the Council on Aging as an Associate member, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-3 Marc Romeo, EDC

Resident of Walpole for 12 years. Runs his own business, and also general manager of IA club and we are trying to get it back on its feet. With the EDC he came to the meeting

when they were showing the plans of the downtown and he is trying to find a way to fit on a committee. Try to make a difference. Walpole is a town that is an unpolished gem. I think it is important for those not involved get involved instead of complaining. They thought I might be a good fit. He talked about his business in marketing.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Marc Romeo to the Economic Development Commission as an Associate member, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

5-4 Mark Dalton Jr., Pond Management Com
Mr. Dalton did not show up.

5-5 Christine Cochrane, Historical

She explained she lives on Peach Street, is interested in the history of Walpole and would like to get involved. It was noted she used to be the photographer for the Walpole Times.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to appoint Christine Cochrane to the Historical Commission as an Associate member, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-6 Adams Farm, Run/Walk, Camyrn Field

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the use of Adams Farm on May 24 for a Walk/Run Fundraising event, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-7 Block Party Hale/Sandra

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for a block party on May 30th at Hale and Sandra, all music shall stop no later than 9pm, the blockage will not be seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 4-0-0

5-8 Road Race, July 3

The Chiefs were asked do either of you have concerns about the road race. Chief Bailey has no concerns; it cannot get in the way of us getting the parade off. Chief Stillman, it works out fine we bring our staff there. Parade does not start until 6. Works well.

Ann Marie, work for the Norfolk Advocate. We work with the DA's office in an effort to raise awareness. We would like to have this road race. I would not want to do anything but enhance. I deferred to them on the time. We are going to be the recipients of whatever funds are raised. I am a 20 year Walpole resident.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to hold a road race on July 3, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

5-9 OPR, 50th Anniversary Fair

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant approval to the OPR PAC to conduct a fair, including game booths, rides, food and a DJ on May 31 at Old Post Road School. This approval is subject to the rides being inspected prior to use Building Inspector, Wiring Inspector, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Board of Health, seconded by Mr. Snuffer VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Stanton abstained as his wife is a member of the PAC)

5-10 Memorial Day Observance

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request to use both commons and block the area of Elm St between the commons for Memorial Day, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-11 Entertainment License, Xtreme Action Sports

The establishment received a special permit under Section 5.B.Q.iii in 2009 to allow paintball/laser tag. The Building Commissioner does not see the need for an additional special permit as it was already granted and a coin operated machine falls under the same section.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant the entertainment license for a coin operated machine at Xtreme Action Sports, seconded by Mr. Snuffer 3-0-1 (Mr. Stanton abstained as he was on the ZBA when the Special permit was approved)

5-12 One Day liquor, and One Day Entertainment Sportsman's Club

Liquor

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the one day all alcoholic license for June 21, 2015 and September 12, 2015 to the Sportsman's Club but no shooting after alcohol is being served, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

Entertainment

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Live Entertainment license to Sportsman's club for September 12, 2015, seconded Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

5-13 Gift

MOTION CT to accept the gift from Junior Women's Club for the Carolyn Woodward Playground in the amount of \$525.00, seconded JS 4-0-0

5-14 Lease Extension for Mylod Fields

The Lease agreement with Walpole Youth Soccer is going to expire and they are seeking a five year extension.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant an extension of 5 years to Walpole Youth Soccer Association for the Mylod Fields property, seconded by Mr. Timson VOTED 3-0-1 (Mr. Gallivan abstained as he is still part of the association)

5-15 Bid Award, 2015-31

Mr. Johnson explained this is for potholes. The town identified the three worst streets in town including parts of South St. We have \$115,000 we level from curb to curb. The money has to be spent by June 30th. Mr. Johnson there were some question about the bidders, I was concerned about the lowest bidder. This is per unit price. We can award this and make it clear it is based on per unit and 115,000 is the most we can spend. The worst case scenario I could have gone off the State bid list. I will make it clear that we only have \$115,000. Jodi will have to sign off on available funds.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to grant the contract No. 2015-31 to JH Lynch and Sons provided the award letter not to exceed the amount from the state for potholes \$115,000, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS UPDATE

Veterans Reserve Fund Transfer- He will present to the Fin Com. Mr. Timson one thing I noticed we have had a few new Veterans. Does it make sense to increase the budget? Mr. Johnson did increase it. He went to Jon. I noticed historically he has seen an increase. We do submit a request from the state to be reimbursed.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the request for RFT for Veterans Benefits, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 4-0-0

South St- The Attorney General has authorized the covenant not to sue. The AG wants the document back. T. Counsel suggested the Board authorize you to me to sign. The AG did not involve the DEP. Mr. Timson noted they have been working for this for a long time.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the agreement and authorize James Johnson to execute the covenant not to sue for south street, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

Interest rate- We received an interest rate at 2.39% that saves us over 1.6 million dollars over 20 years. We went to Standard and Poor and got a AA+ rating. Mr. Timson noted it is nice to be recognized to be a credit worthy risk. Mr. Snuffer, that puts a spin on the posture you might take on borrowing.

Walpole Day is May 16th, close to reaching the number of tables we did last year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Snuffer noted that Liz Dennehy has indicated that RT1A project after waiting 25 years, a certain town may be ahead of us on the TIP list. There is a meeting this Thursday and she has indicated it would be beneficial to help in that event. Jim Stanton and I can make it. Meet here at 8:30 for the 10 am hearing. This has been going on for so many years.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of March 24, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of April 7, 2015 seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the minutes of April 14, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Executive Session minutes of January 6, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to approve the Executive Session minutes of March 24, 2015, seconded by Mr. Stanton, VOTED 4-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 8:35pm, seconded by Mr. Snuffer 4-0-0