

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Mackenzie was absent. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
David Salvatore
Mark Gallivan

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

5-1 Municipal Aggregation Program

John Shortsleeve of Bay State Consultants gave a brief presentation of the program. They have been at this since May 2nd, 2016. Group purchasing and nothing changes on the residents bill all that changes is the tagline for the price, the price will be aggregation. Residents can opt out or you are automatically enrolled. Anytime they want to leave they can with no penalty. They started last spring and have gone thru regulatory process, DEP approval and they are waiting for final approval. They did an RFP bids due on 5/22. Price comes in on 5/22, they review and send to Jim and if you want to accept the price you must do so on that day, and they will have prices for different terms. All must be presented; it will be Mr. Johnson to decide. The contract has to be executed that afternoon. Once that happens you like what you see that launches a 6-8 education program to residents, the words have to be approved by the DPU. Series of events will public access interviews press releases. Most of the residents have until the end of the month July to. In August before they see on their bill a price change.

Mr. Johnson thanked John for the great work he has done, I think the town will save the residents some money. He needs the authorization from the Board.

Mr. Salvatore noted the Board has had several meetings and he thinks it is all good, at the beginning the price will be lower, and where do people go to compare prices? It was explained they have a website about the program tied to the Towns website. Mr. Shortsleeve will always be available. You can opt out by phone, email etc.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to authorize the Town Administrator to execute an aggregation supply agreement if the price is below the price of Basic Service at program launch, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

5-2 Moosehill Road Reconstruction Discussion, Road Work

Robert Truax, GLM Engineering explained they are going to be developing on Moosehill Road, we are partnering with Barberry homes. We are here to discuss the work that we propose to do.

Rob Truax-GLM Engineering, we met with the neighborhood to explain what is going on. This is for 150 units, we anticipate by Mid-June we would be applying for a Street Opening Permit. We have applied for the state highway permits. They have two and we have and hope to have the third in hand.

When we apply for the permit we will not have to come back to you and explain what we are doing. Basically, 8" water line ends 300' and reduces to 6 inch that is to be replaced 8" water line and putting in new stops for residents along the way. Cut a trench in the Road. While that is taking place, they will fill the trenches with gravel, come in and do a sewer line. That work will get done second, new gas line all the way done to route 1. All utility poles will be replaced, when we get done with the utilities we will grind it down and put down a new topcoat. We want to make you aware. The disruption to water service will be minimal.

Maggie has told them they cannot pave after October. We are looking at starting construction by June and done with Roadwork by November. We want the permitting process to go smoother.

Mr. Kraus, so there will be trench on either side. Mr. Salvatore wanted to know if there is an existing sewer line. Mr. Truax stated, no this is a force main and we are pumping all the way up to Route one. It is a force private main, residents will not have access. Mr. Gallivan noted the Board knew this was coming.

Ms. Walker, Town Engineer explained she wanted the Board to be aware of the trench maintenance, not pave the trench while they are working, there will only be gravel. Mr. Salvatore did not think it is a very busy street. Can you straddle a car between the two trenches? Will a vehicle be able to stay on the paved service? Mr. Truax explained they could drive on the trench. Keep the water on the opposite side and put new hydrants in. There will be an office trailer on site.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve/endorse the work within the public way as summarized above and as shown on the plans submitted to the board by the applicant, and to endorse the concept of leaving each trench gravel filled level to the existing road surface but unpaved. All asphalt work shall be completed no later than October 31, 2017, which is the same deadline imposed upon the town's contractors. A Town of Walpole Street opening permit and proper bonds shall be required. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

5-3 David Lynch, Appointment to PBC

Mr. Lynch introduced himself to the Board. He has been speaking with Jack Fisher and he asked if I would be interested. He thought my background fit.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to appoint David Lynch to the Permanent Building Committee for a three year term, seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 3-0-0

5-4 Cumberland Farms, Common Victuallers

Juliette district manager is before the Board seeking a Common Victuallers license for the Cumberland Farms on Main Street that has seating inside and outside tables.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to grant Cumberland Farms located at 1324 Main Street a Common Victuallers License, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

5-5 Award of Injured on Duty Coverage

This year we allowed other companies to come in with bids, our current provider was higher, and we have had a long-standing issue. I am recommending your board vote for this for the upcoming year. I have gone to two trainings, how to file the claims.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to award Walpole's Police and Fire Injured On Duty Coverage to Cabot Risk Strategies with MIIA serving as the agent effective July 1, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

5-6 Internal Transfer Request, Fire Department

Mr. Johnson explained Chief Bailey is coming in for an internal transfer of \$60,000 from salaries to expenses. The Fin Com supported the request. The Chief explained we did not start the new Firefighters until late December. I had an extra 126,000 dollars. We had an emergency purchase for the fire hose and some other on equipment apparatus, ambulance we had a shortfall. We had to pay out more for that, and \$3,000 for uniform line.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the request for an internal transfer from the salary line to the expense line in the amount of \$60,000.00 within the Fire Department budget seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

5-7 Declaration of Restriction, DPW Maintenance Garage

Mr. Johnson explained this is the same wording as we used for the Fire station, we will only use upstairs for employees, this allows us not to have an elevator in the new DPW vehicle Maintenance garage.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to sign the Declaration of Restriction for the new Vehicle Maintenance Garage that the second floor at 1385 Washington Street, Walpole Ma will not be open or used by the public at any time, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

5-8 Rt1A ownership, MassDOT

Mr. Johnson explained that back in 2010 the Selectmen voted to assume ownership of Rt1A, once the reconstruction work done by Mass DOT was completed. They have requested that you

reaffirm the vote taken by that Board. Mr. Gallivan they are going to do everything they said they were going to do

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to ratify the vote taken by the Selectmen on November 16, 2010 that the Town of Walpole supports the discontinuance of Route 1A from Walpole center to the Norwood Town-Line as a state highway to become a Town-owned roadway, provided that the road construction project be designed and engineered to include full-depth reconstruction of the road bed including the elimination of the existing concrete slab, installation of new concrete sidewalks, replacement of the Neponset River Bridge, intersection improvements including traffic signals at North, Gould, Fisher and Bullard Streets, and other drainage and safety improvements as proposed by Green International Affiliates, seconded by Mr. Salvatore VOTED 3-0-0

5-9 to 5-11 Resignation from Committees:

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to accept with regret the resignation of Michael Keefe from the Town hall Reuse Committee; Ronald Lestan from the Trust Fund Commission and Amy Anglin from the Cultural Council and the Board thanks them for their service to the town and really appreciates their efforts, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

5-12 June 3rd Election Warrant

The Executive Assistant has drafted the Warrant for the June 3, 2017 Annual Election for the Town. It needs to be signed and then posted.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to sign the June 3, 2017 Election Warrant and to have it posted, Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

5-13 Block Party

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the request for a Block Party on Francis Road, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the minutes of April 11, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Town Meeting- It ended last night and it went pretty well

Walpole Day- That is on Saturday. Mr. Kraus wanted to know who the Grand Marshall for the parade was.

Employee Appreciation Day-This will take place on Thursday June 8th at Jarvis farm.

New Pond Village-He will be providing a general town update to the residents at New Pond Village tomorrow morning.

Night Before the 4th- This event is set to take place on Monday night July 3rd. Started to plan this event since the site is going to be so tight with construction. The Fire Department will be selling food in front of the Blackburn. We will close town office that day to allow for setup.

Night before the 4th, running out in front of the Blackburn hall. We will be very tight; we will be likely closing the town buildings all day Monday.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to adjourn at 7:45pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0