

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 beginning at 7:00p.m in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
Mark Gallivan, Vice Chairman
Nancy Mackenzie, Clerk
David Salvatore
Ann Ragosta

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

Mr. Kraus called the meeting to order at 7:05pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

2-1 This proclamation is the most difficult one I have had to do. This is for Stephanie Mercandetti who was our Economic Development Officer until 2014. She was one of the most priceless individuals; everyone she came in contact with liked her. She brought sunshine into people's lives. Read the proclamation.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Proclamation for Stephanie Mercandetti, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Kraus read the following for two retired employees who recently passed away.

Allen Falconer

Allen passed away on January 12, 2018, he was raised in Walpole, he worked for the Recreation Department, and he was a custodian for the Schools and then became the first custodian for the current Town Hall. He also worked for the Water Department and then became the Septage Facility Operator. Allen was with the Town for many, many years and retired from the town in November 2003.

Mr. Kraus asked for a moment of silence.

Police LT. William Fitzgibbons

William Fitzgibbons passed away on January 27, 2018. He raised his family in Walpole and worked for the Walpole Police Department as a patrolman worked his way up to become Sergeant and then in 1993 became a lieutenant. He retired from the Town of Walpole in 2001 to enjoy woodworking, traveling and gardening.

Mr. Kraus asked for a moment of silence.

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Paul Feeney appeared before the Board to introduce himself. He was sworn in November 1, 2018 head of our legislative delegation. Walpole is one of the Towns we represent.

Senator Feeney thanked the Board and appreciates the opportunity to come in tonight. Big shoes to fill from Senator Timilty. Have had some interesting time in the senate, as we get back into session. Wanted to communicate with the Board as to how to reach me. To be responsive to the community. Update, unique district, Walpole being in the heart of the district. Quick update, capital bond bill, to make sure any items Walpole has that we would include them into the Senate bill. Try to get Walpole's needs through. That is happening this week. Walpole amendments file. Housing bond bill, budget interesting time in the Senate. Good news is revenue is going up. The senate and the house met today. We will be communicating with the Board and Schools. The Town Administrator has been very responsive. When I got elected. I want to make myself available. Office hours coming up this month and we will advertise that. Can find me on Facebook and Twitter. I am blessed to represent Walpole. I know there are some transportation issues to work on. Reach out at any time. I live on North St in Foxboro. He works great along with your representatives. Mr. Kraus told him if there are things we can do for you just ask.

Mr. Salvatore has gone to some of these seminars. We have always communicated with the representatives. Give us a heads up if something that is important to us.

Senator Feeney has reached out to the other committees in town.

Mrs. Mackenzie as far as the S. Walpole train at our grade crossing is not good. As far as we are concerned it is not appropriate. Maybe putting it underground. Senator Feeney they should be addressing safety. I will champion safety issues.

Mr. Gallivan talked about his attendance at the school. Senator Feeney supplemental budget coming out soon. You know what communities need more than anybody.

Ms. Ragosta noted we are lucky to have 4 Representatives. When we speak to you we are speaking to them as well. Senator Feeney we talk everyday. Mr. Kraus welcome and we look forward to working with you.

Mr. Kraus announced that our Asst. TA Tom Gregory is leaving to be TA in Spencer, we welcome him the best. He has done a really good job. It is our loss and thank him for his service.

2-2 RTM Apportionment

Town Clerk, Elizabeth Gaffey appeared before the Board to discuss the apportionment of Rtm's As of February 2, 2018 looks like we had a population shift. It shifts 18 RTM in Precinct 8 and 19 in Precinct 7. It's going to change the dynamics for the seats. Change what I have currently. She gets her information from a State report.

Ms. Ragosta wanted to know where she gets the source of the population. She gets it from a state report and includes all the residents, children and prisoners. Ms. Ragosta would like to get that report. It is always a moving target. I have 24,600 residents. Adding in the prisoners. Ms. Ragosta the numbers don't lie, no grey area.

Mr. Salvatore which precinct are the prisoners in. Ms. Gaffey stated precinct 5. Mr. Gallivan noted with all the development going on in the Downtown and Route 1 we will continue to see a shift.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to support the recommendation of the Town Clerk to change precinct 7 by increasing RTM by 1 member and changing precinct 8 by decreasing RTM by 1 member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

2-3 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the one day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Knights of Columbus, February 16, 2018 Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-4 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the one day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Knights of Columbus, February 18, 2018 Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-5 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the one day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Knights of Columbus, February 23, 2018 Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-6 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the one day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Knights of Columbus, March 2, 2018 Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-7 MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the one day All Alcoholic Beverages License for Knights of Columbus, March 17, 2018 Seconded Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-8 Russell Contract amendments

At the Boards meeting of January 23, 2018 in Executive session the Board voted to approve the amendment to the Russell Disposal Inc. contract for Solid Waste and recycling services.

Mr. Johnson talked about the meeting with Russell Disposal Inc. they wanted us to renegotiate the recycling. The Board voted at an executive session and I want you to ratify. We could choose to fight this and recycling may not be picked up. Mr. Kraus heard Mr. Salvatore worked to get this done. Mrs. Mackenzie wanted to know how is this change going to affect the homeowner on the curb. Everyone has the same pickup. There is nothing for anyone to worry about.

Ms. Ragosta wants to know if they need to continue to separate the paper and plastics. No they do not have to, but they can continue to do so. Mr. Salvatore if the market changes we will be looking for people to separate.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve of Amendment to Contract 2017-14 for Solid Waste and Recycling Services with Russell Disposal, Inc. seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

2-9 HESSCO Race

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request to hold annual 5K road race on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10am from HESSCO, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

2-10 Mass Works Contract

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the MassWorks contract with McMahon Associates for the Coney Street MassWorks Improvement Project. seconded by Mr. Gallivan

Mr. Johnson explained this is to assist in the design of this project. We have not received the funds but McMahon is overseeing this project.

Mr. Salvatore noted the total grant is 2.5 million. Mr. Johnson explained that if it is not enough money Siemens have to kick in money under Schedule C. Mr. Salvatore so the \$350,000 kicks in if it exceeds 2.5 million.

Ms. Walker we are not sure what exactly will happen as no design has been done, there could be a whole road widening.

Ms. Ragosta raised the issue of traffic signals, on page 2 and 3 it talks about traffic study. So there is an additional traffic light going in. Ms. Walker stated there is one going in. Ms. Ragosta is concerned if it is needed great, but we should not just do it. Ms. Walker believes McMahon said it was warranted. It is need to let people in and out of both Siemens and other nearby streets.

VOTED 5-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION MOVED by Mr. Salvatore to approve the items listed under the Consent Agenda

1. Gift Acceptance from Hollingsworth and Vose; Fire Gift account \$1,000 (2-11)
2. Gift Acceptance from Hollingsworth and Vose; Police Safety account \$1,000 (2-12)
3. A-Frame request from Junior League of Women Voters to announce Medium Event on February 23, 2018 (2-13)
4. A-Frame request from Norwood Evening Garden Club to announce Art in Bloom on April 7 & 8 (2-14)

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

Town Administrators Update

Community Planning Director- Mr. Johnson introduced Tim Higgins the new Town Planner. Mr. Higgins stated he was a senior planner in Belmont and then project manager for Gillette Stadium.

I went to the private sector one was downtown. I was impressed with the staff and the Boards. I am excited with the challenge. I am going to look at you as to what you want for Polices and I will work with everyone to implement. Looking forward to the challenge.

Ms. Ragosta is pleased you are looking for polices from us. Crafting a policy to making the process of coming to Walpole. Policy to make it easier for business to come into Walpole and want to start a business here.

Mr. Higgins is not familiar with the Zoning Bylaws yet. I agree with you.

Mr. Gallivan enjoyed meeting him in the interview cycle. He thinks he will be able to jump right in. Mrs. Mackenzie agreed.

Mr. Salvatore likes his resume that he had rewritten Zoning. Looking at the whole body of the Zoning. The global scale. People change sections and it may impact other parts of the Zoning. He looks forward to having conversations with him.

Fields workshop-That is Valentines Day and it might get moved. This will be with the various Presidents and Vice Presidents of all Walpole youth leagues.

Finance Committee- started meeting Paul Scaz is the new Chairman. They will be meeting on a regular basis Monday and Thursday evenings to deliberate the various budget requests and the various warrant articles.

Downtown parking- Meeting with MBTA officials Friday morning, state reps and senator was invited. If more than two of you can attend we will post it as a meeting

Siemens is coming in on February 20, 2018.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of January 9,2018, seconded by Mr. Gallivan (VOTED 4-0-1 (Ms. Ragosta abstained)

Adjournment

MOTION Moved and seconded to adjourn at 7:55pm, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
