

The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 beginning at 7:00pm in the Main Meeting Room of the Town Hall. Mrs. Mackenzie and Mr. Stanton were absent. The following members were present.

Eric Kraus, Chairman
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 PROCLAMATIONS

APPOINTMENTS

11-11 Appointment to Historical Commission

Melissa Totten, grew up in E. Walpole very active village, went on and became a Historian, worked with media, photo archiving, documentary making. I am back in Town for the past 6 years, and want to take part in the preservation of the Historical aspects of Walpole

Mr. Kraus firmly endorses her. Mr. Salvatore your talk about photo archiving, the Veterans Agent keeps getting pictures from residents and maybe this is something you could work on with him when they move to the new facility. Mr. Gallivan feels she has a great background for the commission. Thanked her willing to put in time to serve.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to appoint Melissa Totten to the Historical commission as an Associate member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0

11-12 Wal-Mart Traffic Signals, Grant of Signal Maintenance Easement

Phil Macchi jr, attorney on behalf of Wal-Mart, this is combination of almost 10 years of work, worked with the town to get the light put in. MW has inspected it and I believe they are satisfied. MG It has been going on forever. EK I have one question, there was concern by businesses that it would hurt them. Has there been any look at whether those businesses been impacted. PM we have no way to track their customers. PM DD is very happy, the 1 time I was out and Mr. Goodman had concerns and I believe we have addressed them. His issue was fixed.

MOTION to authorize the Town Administrator to execute the documents for the Walmart traffic signals on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Walpole on such terms and conditions as he deems appropriate

NEW BUSINESS

11-24 Amending Walpole Coalition for alcohol & drug awareness

At the meeting held on October 25th the Board was asked to reduce the regular membership from 7 to 5 and we discussed Associate members serving. The Coalition is seeking either 2 or 3 associate members.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to amend the membership of the Walpole Coalition for alcohol & drug awareness to add two Associate members, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

11-25 Contract 2017-11, Memorial Pond Dredging

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to award Contract 2017-11 to ESS Group, Inc. in the amount of \$60,000 for the Engineering & Permitting of Memorial Pond Dredging seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 3-0-0

CONSENT AGENDA

11-16 Jalapenos , One Day Entertainment

Ricardo was present and explained it would be acoustic music. He thanked the Town for their support during the recent incident.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the one-day entertainment license for Jalapenos for November 23, 2016 from 6pm to 11pm seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the following items listed in the Consent Agenda as requested

1. Request to place A-Frame on Common for Lacrosse Registration (11-15)
2. Request from Knights of Columbus, one day All Alcoholic license 11/26/16 (11-17)
3. Request from Fancy That for one day entertainment permit 11/27/16 (11-18)
4. Request from Knights of Columbus, one day All Alcoholic license & One day Entertainment 12/3/16 (11-19)
5. Request from Knights of Columbus , one day All Alcoholic license 12/10/16 (11-20)
6. Request from Knights of Columbus, one day All Alcoholic license 12/17/16 (11-21)
7. Request from Knights of Columbus, one day All Alcoholic license 12/18/16 (11-22)
8. Acceptance of a Gift, from JWCW to Turner Lodge Programs \$250 (11-23)

Appointments Contd.

11-13 MAPC, Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Martin Pillsbury and Carlos Montanez appeared before the Board to review through a PowerPoint presentation for the Walpole Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan Update.

The Federal Disaster Mitigation Act requires towns to adopt and update a plan to be eligible for FEMA Mitigation grants. FEMA oversees this nationally, and Walpole has participated in this since 2009. I prepares the Town to be less vulnerable to hazards. They want to send this to FEMA so the plan is updated. It will last for five years, and you would be able to apply for grants. This is different than other hazards. This is on natural hazards that could potentially occur in Town. Examples are flooding, high winds, hurricanes, tornadoes, winter storms, snow and ice, brush fires, earthquakes, landslides, extreme temperatures and drought.

What is hazard mitigation? The goal is to permanently reduce or prevent losses of life, injuries and property damage. You do this before a hazard occurs, preventive actions are being taken now to reduce future risks and damages. The Federal Government is trying to get away form the cycle of disaster, rebuild and disaster, rebuild.

He explained how the plan update is developed. MAPC provided technical assistance. The Town coordinated through its local hazard Mitigation Team. They have a draft plan. Showed the Hazard Identification & Mapping . There are electronic copies available on line. The first step is to identify and map the areas in Town. They look at lands subject to fires and coordinate with the local team to get local information on hazard areas.

One example of flooding took place six years ago in the Neponset River at Norwood. The flood state is nine feet. There were three different storms and the two peaks on the map show the flooding.

There other hazards such as: geologic, high winds and record snow. Looked at and identified locally hazard Areas for Flooding; RT 27 @ Elm St, Hoover Rd, Cobbs Brook at Gould Ave and Smith Rd; Bird ark at Wolcott Ave and Appletree Lane.

Brush fire areas; Adams Farm, Town Forest and Summer St at the rear of Cofsky property. They looked at areas of potential future development including New police station on South St, Future Solar Farm at Bird Machine, Lincoln Rd. Landfill, Kendall Building, 1034 East St, Siemens property on Coney St, Gould trucking on Union & RT1. They identified 102 critical facilities and infrastructure.

Reviewed the Existing Mitigation Measures and the update. They talked about vulnerability Analysis for estimated Damages for Hurricanes, Earthquake and Flooding.

Explained the process for Approval and Adoption. They will keep this open for comment and debate until November 30, 2016 Will touch base with the Team and then go into MEMA and

FEMA. They review the plan and comment. It needs both MEMA and FEMA and then the Selectmen vote to adopt the plan. It is in effect for 5 years. This would make the town eligible for FEMA mitigation grants.

Ms. Walker is very pleased with the update and the Team is pleased. It is important for it to go to MEMA and FEMA,

Mr. Kraus wanted to know what is the likelihood of obtaining grants. Mr. Pillsbury explained if this plan is finished for June you could apply the following year. Mr. Gallivan wanted to know if this could help with grants for Dams. Ms. Walker will explore that.

OPEN FORUM-No One Present

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

1. Memorial Pond- Design and permitting kickoff meeting will be held November 16, 2016.
2. Fire Station-The Temporary Operations site in front of the Blackburn Hall was paved today.
3. Cannon Relocation-He is seeking the Board's permission to move the cannon currently in front of the Fire Station over to the site right next to the river for now as they have a concrete pad that is available. Mrs. Mackenzie wants it near the New Police Station on South Street but it is not a good place while construction is going on. Mr. Kraus has no issue with the temporary move. The Board agreed that it should not be currently located at either the Fire Station or Police Station during construction.
4. Jarvis Farm-Asked the Board if they would be interested in attending a work session with Jarvis Farm Committee and the S&W Commissioners sometime between now and Christmas to discuss the continued usage of Jarvis Farm? He suggested either 12/13 or 12/20 at 6pm prior to their meeting.
5. Woodworkers site-The Town has received an inquiry from a company to build a 250 unit Age Qualified Village on the site. They may need some assistance with the Zoning Bylaws in the Spring. Liz and I are waiting to hear back from them.
6. West St. Project-Last week we had two large filings come in, both for the West Street/Kendall Site for the ZBA and Planning Board. These projects will be progressing through the Land Use process in the near future.
7. Thanksgiving-We will be closed on November 24th and 25th. The non-union staff will have to use Vacation or Personal Time if they do not wish to work on Friday.
8. Energy Aggregation-(Walpole Power) He attended a meeting in Boston yesterday to testify on behalf of Walpole's energy aggregation plan. He is expecting approval soon and the town may be able to implement this sometime in the winter. Will continue to keep the Board updated on this

7:40pm Public Hearing, Alteration of Premises, 99 Restaurant

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to Open the public hearing for the 99 Restaurant, seconded by Mr. Salvatore, VOTED 3-0-0

Attorney Joe Devlin appeared on behalf of the establishment. With him were Nate Stensfied, the Manager and Mark Fuity facilities Manager. All the 99 restaurants are getting a refresh of the establishments making it more family friendly. There will be less seats but no change to the structure or footprint. Putting in more booths.

Mr. Salvatore wanted to know if there is increase on the bar side. Attorney Devlin stated no, a reduction. The restaurant was built thirty years ago, it is very tight quarters and we feel less is more. It will be a more efficient place to work and the staff can perform better. Let put in family type table throughout the brand chain.

Mr. Gallivan is glad to see them reinvesting in their restaurant.

Mr. Kraus asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak. No one present.

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to close the public hearing seconded by Mr. Salvatore VOTED 3-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the Alteration of Premises for the 99 Restaurant located at 55 Providence Highway subject to the applicant meeting the requirements of the Board of Health and Fire Department, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 3-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Kraus reported that earlier in the day Mr. Salvatore and I sat down with MASS DOT to discuss the Patriot Station line being reinstated. This was the initial discussion for the Town. The Foxboro Board of Selectmen will be discussing this tonight. In a nutshell, the line is not new to Walpole and there is not a lot to report. Should the Board of Directors of DOT approve it will be a two year project. The Town can voice our concerns if the decision is made and we will fight whatever we can get for safety along the line which would be paramount to us. The trains are going 20mph. We do not have the safety measures in place, we stressed that DOT has to go through an open process with us. We want our voice heard and addressed. It is a serious issue.

Mr. Salvatore thanked the Chairman for having them come in. We wanted an updated and we heard things were going on in Foxboro. The Pilot project from the stadium facility through our town without stopping. One of the lines crosses where the commuter trains pass by the Walpole Station. About 32 homes the train will pass behind them. I do not know how much input we have but I know kids cross the line on Oak street to get to the store, need to mitigate safety concerns.

Mr. Kraus, open communication and safety. Mr. Johnson encourage residents to attend the meeting on November 21.

Mr. Kraus wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Declaration:

I hereby declare Under G.L. C. 30A, § 21(b)(3) the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining

That a discussion of the foregoing in open session could compromise the purpose for the executive session; and

That the Board of Selectmen shall return to open session at the conclusion of the Executive Session for the purposes of adjourning

Board Member:

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session, under G.L. c30A, §21(b)(3) for the purposes and reasons declared by the Board's chairman, with the Board returning to open session for the purposes of adjourning seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye

The Board had moved out of Executive Session

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to adjourn at 8:10pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 3-0-0