

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 beginning at 6:30pm 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 participated remotely

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

REMOTE PARTICIPATION

Chairman announced that Ann Ragosta will be participating remotely during the meeting due to her geographical location she can not be present. Every vote has to be a roll call vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation

Mr. Kraus, when Betro pharmacy shut their doors it was a very sad day. On behalf of the town we have two of the Betro's here. My friend Susan Maguire said that she believes the pharmacy is the third longest business in Town. And that is a track record that is amazing.

Mr. Kraus read the proclamation into the record.

Peter Betro thanked the staff and police and fire for keeping him safe for 65 years.

APPOINTMENTS

The following Planning Board members were present: Mr. Conroy, Mr. Romeo, Mr. Moraski and Ms. Khatib

6:30pm 8-19-8-22 **Planning Board Vacancy**

MOTION moved by Mr. Conroy to call the Planning Board meeting to order, seconded by Mr. Moraski, VOTED. 4-0-0

Mr. Kraus informed the audience the Boards are meeting to select one individual to fill the open seat on the Planning Board and it will be a joint vote.

CANDIDATES

Russell Jones- 735 Washington St. He was interested in running for the open position to have some involvement. He did not have time for a full campaign back in June. My career of 35 years oversight of construction. The Planning Board should have a person with real world knowledge of the permitting process. They should have someone who is aware of how things operate in town hall. The neighbor's interest and the applicant's goals, and the evaluation of the projects to determine the overall compliance requires the broad knowledge and experience he believes he has. He knows the exact requirements that is needed by the highway dept., the water dept., engineering dept., the Board of Health, the DEP, the EPA the Walpole Conservation Commission which he was a member, stormwater Management, public safety, electric, gas, sewer. He knows if the plans are buildable, if they are economically feasible. When they are friendly for neighbors and if they are to the Towns best interest. The goals he has for the Planning Board are; He would like to clean up Zoning book confusions, and make it easier for all to use the book. Try to achieve better coordination with other boards. Try to make sure master plan is updated and current with what is actually being developed in town. Seek to provide assistance and guidance to the Planning Board clients so that all parties are treated fairly, and feel the process is expeditious.

Work to streamline site plan review, from three town Boards. Try to avoid legal cases and appeals and work with Administration to resolve problems before there are steep legal fees. Help attract good clean business and support a health tax base for the community. With his years of service on the Conservation Commission he wants to protect the aquifer. Protect our conservation lands and natural resources. My family's long history and traditions of service to Walpole. He will protect the character of Walpole for the best interest of all it's residents.

Mr. Moraski asked him what do you see as the trend in residential development in Walpole? Do you have concerns, and your opinion on high-density development?

Mr. Jones sees large open tracks of land are almost gone, and the majority are small pieces looking at 1 -4 unit properties. The effort is to avoid as many 40B type properties as possible, do that through legal channels. As far as how it looks, he does most of my work out of town. Walpole development is different than it used to be.

Mr. Romeo there is a lot of development approved in the downtown area and another one maybe on the horizon, what is you position on the future of Walpole how you want to see Walpole developed? Are you looking to make Walpole friendlier to high-density market rate housing, vs. sleepy bedroom community?

Mr. Jones try to avoid any development at all, the more risk of running in to 40B. What is going on in the center of downtown was there enough focus on business attraction. He does not know. Business is a high priority. Not a lot of big tracks left

that he can think of. If they do not get their way they try to stick the 40B in anywhere they can. Balancing Act.

Mr. Salvatore if you get the position would you run for the position, and if so what would be your major theme. What would you tell the voters? He feels uncomfortable having to do this. This is something the voters should have done. Would you run in a year from now? What would you say to the voters?

Mr. Jones the ability to look at any situation to hear the sides involved. Try to make the most commonsense decision. What would campaigns involve a year from now? Fairly similar to what he just said. Probably room for change.

Mrs. Mackenzie what do you think about the permitting process? Mr. Jones it could be streamlined. Mrs. Mackenzie couple examples what is missing? Mr. Jones Accountability on the town itself these things should be turned around in a business timely fashion. As there are investments involved. Needs to be run in a more streamline business fashion. We need to be overall friendlier to business.

Ms. Ragosta what is your position on Walpole boosting affordable and senior stock to dissuade developers coming in? Mr. Jones, Senior housing is more attractive to the town from a fiscal standpoint. That needs to be the focus. He believes age qualified is more attractive to the town from a fiscal standpoint.

Ms. Ragosta it is my understanding one of the functions of the Planning Board is to review and revise the Zoning Bylaws. Would you be supportive to revise the Zoning Bylaws to effect or diminish dense housing development just a regular nation but more geared to senior affordable housing.

He would be supportive of the goal of what he described, what you can legally do. He is not sure. But that can be the goal.

Mr. Kraus you have outlined a number of issues to focus on should you be appointed. What is the number one priority? Mr. Jones streamline business friendly atmosphere.

John O'Leary 776 Washington St

He has lived in town my whole life. He has been attending Planning Board and Zoning Board meetings in an effort so see if the town is obeying their own laws. One thing he would want to focus on is ensuring the bylaws the town has put into place and supporting and voting laws into place and actually following as much as possible. He believes waivers have become more excessive then they were intended to be. There are always going to be conditions where something is out of whack and it is necessary to grant and is favorable for both the town and developer. We do have bylaws for a purpose, we do not want the developers with their attorneys dictate to the town what our bylaws should be. Sometimes the Bylaws need to be amended. We just had some and there is more coming up in the fall. If something is not working we need to look at it and make the changes when

necessary. If something comes to the Zoning Board and Planning Board that it goes against the spirit of the Bylaws is for, we should address them in a timely manner so it doesn't continue. But we should look at it. He has no practice in the contracting field, or engineering but he thinks he would be useful.

Mr. Moraski you brought up waivers, the Planning Board can grant waivers from Subdivision Rules and Regulations. On what basis would you support or deny a waiver or variance?

Mr. O'Leary thinks there are specifics. The situation in particular and why this piece of property cannot follow the bylaws. As far as waivers go, they are for the town to aid the developer. They can be more restrictive. What is needed in one location may not be necessary in another. Is it a cost saving for them or benefits the neighborhood community.

Ms. Khatib, at times they ask for a waiver and offer compensation. On what basis would you vote down a waiver?

Mr. O'Leary, is this beneficial to the town, how will it affect the neighbors? We do not want the waiver to be the norm for a bylaw. He thinks where a developer is asking for a number of waivers. To see what they can do for the town. It is not simply cutting their cost to a reasonable amount. Get something beneficial for the town.

Ms. Khatib asked if he plans to run. Mr. O'Leary would probably plan on running in June.

Mr. Romeo having seen you at many meetings he is impressed with how involved he is. You do your homework. Having been to a few meetings, what are your thoughts on the future of Walpole? In terms of the growth of Walpole what is your vision?

Mr. O'Leary agrees with Mr. Jones that most of the large parcels have been phased out. He thinks as much as we can do it to bring in more business. Because the tax burden on the residential community is weighing heavily on them and if we can bring in more business to absorb some of that it will be a benefit for the whole town. Until we can get the state to eliminate the 40B which probably was a misguided idea. Feels the concept of 40B is good, but the method gone about doing it, had detracted what they were planning to do. Which is to bring affordable housing. Look at a way to encourage more affordable housing that could reduce the amount of 40B projects and provide lower income housing. Walpole has developed into a community for well to do persons. Forcing a lot of people who own small homes that if they sell it someone they are probably going to build a large home. It is an issue that we need low income in some manner.

Mr. Romeo, do you want to see Walpole slow down on building?

Mr. O'Leary that is up to the owners of the property. The ones downtown are following the bylaws, when they try to bend the bylaws to get more housing in and that seriously impacts the neighborhood. That is an issue.

Mr. Salvatore if you were talking to the voters what would you say to convince them to vote for you?

Mr. O'Leary said he has been a life long resident of Town. He has been focusing on Planning Board issues for the last year or more, questioning if this is what our town bylaws want.

Mrs. Mackenzie, tell me about existing permitting process going through Planning Board.

Mr. O'Leary does not know the process well enough to speak to that. He is not familiar with that. He cannot speak to that.

APPOINTMENTS CONTD.

A hearing was scheduled for 7:00pm.

8-23 PUBLIC HEARING, Minuteman Fire and Rescue Apparatus, Inc.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to open the Public Hearing for Minuteman Fire and Rescue Apparatus, Inc. seeking a Class I license, seconded by Mr. Gallivan Roll call: Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

MOTIN moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to continue the hearing until after the interviews, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, roll call vote Mr. Gallivan-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

Planning Board Vacancy contd.

John O'Leary Contd.:

Ms. Ragosta, in terms of apartment unit vs. home ownership. Do you think apartments benefit Walpole? Do you think more of a detriment?

Mr. O'Leary, a homeowner is going to be more interested in the town than someone renting in the town. A large rental development can bring in more children. If we can keep the development in a situation bringing in more couples without Children that is swamping our school system. That is something to look at. It depends on how they are designed. What their target customers are. They could be empty nesters. They could be people with children. The state of our school system that takes a large portion of our budget. I think we need to look at anything that could stress it further.

Mr. Kraus asked where do you see your biggest impact is going to be with your four colleges on the Board? Mr. O'Leary trying to focus on the plans that are presented and keeping in mind the bylaws we have in place and make sure what is before you are following the bylaws. When it goes against we say no it does not work or work with the developer for an alternative plan.

Catherine Turco Abate 21 Diamond Street

She had prepared a statement before hand and gave it to you. Thought that would help the members know more about her. She stated she is here as she saw there was an opening and she has been interested in getting involved with Planning Board and never felt the time was right because of the age of her children.

She thought this was a good opportunity and she likes to get involved with different things in Town. She has a lot to learn but have a lot to offer the Board. She came from different views, parent, business owner, and as someone who volunteers. She can see how things can affect many groups in towns. She thinks she can take that into account. She has been before the Boards many times before boards myself both as a homeowner and business owner and she sees how you are treated and most of it is good. She saw a need and thought she thought could fill it.

Mr. Moraski, what do you see as the trend in residential developmental in Walpole? Do you have any concerns and your views on high-density development?

Ms. Abate, with what was approved downtown that is good, but she thinks we have to pause as we took a lot on and it could impact schools, fire and police. It could be positive and revive business. It can bring new life to the downtown. We are on a learning curve and should stay on top of it, and if we watch what is going on and help it to grow in a positive way.

Ms. Khatib, do you plan to run?

Ms. Abate stated yes. She would want to see how she does, but that is her intent.

Ms. Khatib, regarding how the Planning Board works, do you have any suggestions for things that can be done differently?

Ms. Abate, thinks the Planning Board cant just vote how you want personally. You have bylaws and Rules and Regulations and you should follow them. When she went to the Planning Board the Town Planner was very helpful. Guiding us to what was next and if we were missing someone and how we are going to deal with it. The T. Engineer was very helpful. As someone already in town we were not afraid to seek it out. Work ahead of time.

Mr. Romeo, are you pro expansion, or do you want to slow things done?

Ms. Abate, what we just took on downtown is a lot but she thinks it can be positive but we need to pause and see how that is going to impact the services. We are not a

sleepy town anymore. She thinks affordable elder housing is important. She sees elders that struggle. Many have to leave their homes or take out reverse mortgages.

Mr. Salvatore, why should the voters choose you? Ms. Abate can see many different views and has been involved in many people different walks of life and it gives her a good basis. She has nothing to gain. She wants the best for the town. That is my only goal.

Mrs. Mackenzie, what are your thoughts on the existing permit process? Ms. Abate there are things that can be approved, but felt the Town Planner and Ms. Walker were great working with us. The process is not bad. Need to foster it a bit more. Let people know they can come and ask questions. So you know ahead of time before you get to that meeting. Take frustration out of it.

Ms. Ragosta heard her say she thinks the growth downtown could be good thing. What would you propose doing to slow down growth? Ms. Abate there is not a lot of large parcels but as they come about if we can work with them and see what their plan is and try to curve it so it is better for the town. It is important to foster what is going on downtown. She thinks the entire Town Administration needs to do whatever we can for positive growth. She worries about 15 years down the road what it is going to be like. That is why we have to help it to work in our favor and make downtown better.

Ms. Ragosta, would you support the amendment of Zoning Bylaws to encourage affordable senior housing in the town?

Ms. Abate would have to look at it, but she is in favor of affordable senior housing.

What does success look like for you? Ms. Abate these members smiling when I arrive at the meeting.

Mr. Kraus suggested they get a consensus on which candidate each Planning Board and Board of Selectmen would choose.

Mr. Conroy supports Catherine Abate.

Mr. Moraski noted it is unfortunate that we are not a seven-member board because he could work with all three candidates. He likes what Mr. Jones had to say and protecting the aquifer and character of the Town. He liked what Mr. O'Leary said specific guidelines for variances. When he campaigned he said variances for hardships that is an important criteria. For Catherine Abate he likes the apartments downtown and agrees with the pause. He thinks town meeting may something to that affect. Depending on our proposed articles, I also like what she said that you vote according to the bylaws and Zoning Bylaws. My vote would be for Catherine Abate.

Mr. Romeo thinks all three candidates would be an asset to the Board. Their passion they all have to be on the board. He would be inclined to vote for Mr. Jones

Mr. Salvatore thinks all three are great candidates. Would hope that even the candidates that do not win look for other boards. Mr. Jones said the concept of the balance between the owners vs. what the town prefers. What the landowner wishes to do. Several comments about balancing trying to work with them when they come to the Board. Mr. O'Leary made some good comments. He thinks he made some great argument looking at the landowner's request and what the town needs. Balancing with neighbors concerns. The issue that is boiling up is affordability and thinks there is an issue; there should be something between apt living and 40Bs. New neighborhood with ranches and capes and affordability. Ms. Abate comments about coming from a different perspective. Comments about encouraging pre meetings and having the applicant mapped out for them. That would make for better meetings. A lot of tension when they appear before the Board they can get someone nervous. He would vote for Mr. Jones and we had a previous discussion about the affordability housing committee. I would suggest Ms. Abate and Mr. O'Leary look at serving on that committee.

Mrs. Mackenzie thinks Ms. Abate and Mr. Jones have the passion. At this time my recommendation with Ms. Abate

Ms. Ragosta, Mr. Jones has the most relevant experience with all the Boards that one would be dealing with. To go through the permitting process. He really is an advocate of cleaning up the bylaws. Changes to the bylaws in order to maintain the character of the town. Mr. O'Leary, she thinks it is wonderful he follows the Planning Board and trying to come up with solutions. Ms. Abate agrees with her position with slowing down the extreme growth. She is going to support Mr. Jones

Mr. Gallivan thinks all three are great candidates but would support Ms. Abate

Mr. Kraus wishes they were a seven-member board. I can't remember where we have had three so qualified and different individuals. This is a 9-10 month seat and he hopes the two people that do not win tonight consider running. Mr. Jones has incredible experience.

MOTION moved by Mr. Moraski to appoint Catherine Turco Abate to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board seat to expire at the next election VOTED the Roll Call Mr. Conroy-Aye, Mr. Moraski-Aye, Ms. Khatib-Aye, Mr. Romeo-No, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-No, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (7-2-0)

Mr. Kraus would like a vote of acclamation for Ms. Abate.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to have a vote of acclamation for the appointment of Catherine Abate and recognizing the accomplishments and competences of the other candidates as well seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie the Roll Call Mr. Conroy-Aye,

Mr. Moraski-Aye, Ms. Khatib-Aye, Mr. Romeo-Aye, Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (9-0-0)

Mr. Moraski motion to adjourn the Planning Board meeting at 7:35, seconded Mr. Conroy VOTED 4-0-0

Minuteman Fire hearing

Attorney Harris handed in the green cards. Mr. Salvatore, this is Minuteman they sell vehicles. Mr. Harris you will have one that sells trucks and now you will have fire and rescue that sells to municipalities. Mrs. Salvatore wanted to know if it is on the same parcel. Mr. Harris there will not be a lot of fire trucks on site, it will not create a burden to the property. As their counsel, they had two separate corporations and notices they should have two licenses.

Mrs. Mackenzie they share the space we do not have a large volume of fire trucks, some times it goes to the municipality. You will not have big volumes. To clean up the corporation wanted them to comply.

Mr. Gallivan appreciates you identifying it as an issue.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by roll call: Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie To approve the Class I license for Minuteman Fire and Rescue Apparatus, Inc. located at 2181 Providence Highway, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED by roll call; Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

7:40PM OPEN FORUM

Resident of 60 Hitching Post drive asked the Board in connection with the planning going on downtown what about the commuter rail parking. There has been a removal of service of about 40% of the parking, appear to have lost about 260 spots It was crowded. What is the plan to provide parking?

Mr. Johnson explained this is an MBTA issue, those lots were privately owned. I have asked the Assessor to take a look at one-mile radius properties. We are looking into it. I understand there is a need, I am not making any promises, and there is not much space there. A lot of the land is wetland. Mrs. Mackenzie explained the T had been renting from the Mango's, and we did not know there was an agreement made with the property owner. It has nothing to do with us. Maybe when summer ends maybe in the winter the pool parking could be used.

Mr. Salvatore noticed that one of the Sharon lots is for Sharon residents only. About 32% of the people in Medfield use this, maybe if we can get parking just for Walpole residents only. Mr. Kraus we do not have a solution at this time.

8-24 **Junk Dealer License**

Daniele Hefez, 996 main St, Walpole appeared before the Board.

They have been in business for several years and need this to sell and buy gold.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie To grant Hfez & Sons, Inc. , 996 Main Street a Junk Dealers License, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

8-25 **Retail Beverage Partners, Change of Beneficial Interest, Change of Manger**

Attorney Andrew Upton we were here transferring ownership and at this time. We are looking for three things. Remove two previous officers; make him the manager of record. It is a family business. Steve and his wife are all TIPS trained. They had a scanner delivered. They card everyone, two young patrons, left their potential purchase and ran out the store.

Mr. Salvatore questioned if there is any more work to be done. Attorney Upton, it is up in running. Mr. Salvatore asked how is the separation made between the store and Stop and Shop. Mr. Kesaris explained they have a gate that locks up front and alarmed. Mr. Salvatore does not like what is there, I think the wheels can be moved someone can reach into the gate and get alcohol, should be secured to the floor and cant be rolled in and some merchandise can be moved. Mr. Kesaris, We can address that. Mr. Salvatore, on wheels it is not secure enough and could lead to some people that can't buy alcohol to get a hold of it. I believed that Stop and Shop is going to close earlier and they will close then.

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore, To approve the Change of Manger and Change of Beneficial Interest, Pledge of License, and Pledge of Stock for Retail Beverage Partners d.b.a Liquor Aisle, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED roll call vote Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

8-26 **Council on Aging, Associate**

Janet Fascenello stated has been involved for some time and been in the town for a long time. I have different views.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Janet Fascenello to the Council on Aging as an Associate Member, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by roll call Mr.

Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

NEW BUSINESS

8-27 Award of Contract 2018-01, Water Treatment Chemicals

Mr. Johnson reported the town opened 6 bids. Mr. Salvatore asked why we don't go with the state. Mr. Johnson stated we usually get better prices.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract 2018-01 to the low qualified bidders for Water Treatment Chemicals for the unit prices bid, seconded by Mr. Gallivan voted roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

8-28 Award of Contract 2017-27, Cleaning & Repainting of OPR Water Tank

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to award contract 2017-27 to Amstar of Western NY, Inc. for \$469,900.00, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye(5-0-0)

8-29 Article for Town Meeting, reduce tax rate

Ms. Ragosta, at our last meeting we had a lengthy discussion, the proposed article would ask the town to appropriate from free cash a sum of money to reduce the tax rate. I researched back to the 1980s and we have put similar articles on the warrant. I did not go up to more recent times. I have researched other towns what they have done. I put together the packet, what has been done. To use free cash to reduce the tax levy. Proposing that we put this on the warrant in the fall and vote on it tonight.

Mr. Salvatore, one thing, the research is great and other towns doing the same thing. The warrant closes next week; I am not sure at this point what money would be put into this article. I see no reason why this should not be on the warrant and we should always be looking to see what we could do to reduce the burden. Next year we will have two apartment buildings and two hotels. We should begin and do it every year and hopefully there will be funds that can be identified. Like funding OPEB we should look at yearly basis.

Mrs. Mackenzie, the packet is great, the examples, Westwood is a community preservation community they have another pocket of money available. That provides money to do things that we use free cash for. Going thru the budget process the auditors, their input on this. Joe Moraski is saying less government is better government. We can say to do this. We do not need an article. The Sewer and Water does it without an article. Until we have all OPEB liability. We are not doing justice for the town. Concerned state budget. Commitment we made as a Board to Finance Committee that we would work together.

Mr. Gallivan, Ann did reach out to me. Having said that I am still against the article at this time. The process is a good process. Take a look at free cash. I like the way the budget works right now. Would like to get a date to start the conversation with Fincom and Schools. Having free cash helps with bond rating. It is a big piece and encourages us to do this.

Mr. Kraus appreciates the documents and homework you have done. My concerns remain the same. I made a commitment to the Board that we would not put anything on the warrant with out talking with them. We use to do this back in the days of James Merriam. I do want to get the Auditors. I think this is a discussion for the Spring Town Meeting not the fall. I have more questions than answers. I would like to get input. Do you have a number in mind?

Ms. Ragosta does not have a precise number, but I do have some thru Mr. Johnson. Are these funds available for any legal purpose? Mr. Johnson we appropriate the funds. I am at a disadvantage. I know the levy limit is about 1.7 million but it would be great if you would give me number like if you said 1.5 million. Ms. Ragosta thinks we need to know where the funds are. I do agree with Mrs. Mackenzie that this can be done during the budget process. The Average single taxes have increased 42%. I would like to go back at the Spring Town Meeting, the town found \$70,000 to fund Kindergarten tuition. I do have to say that it is my position. We should reward the taxpayers with a reduction in taxes.

Mr. Gallivan I have a different opinion. When I listen to all the needs and there are many we can award thru the budget. Thru a joint session, I am happy to talk about it. I think there are many needs. We need to look at the big picture.

Mr. Salvatore, I think giving Town Meeting the option to take that money instead and give them back to the taxpayers. We all come with different opinions, backgrounds. This will allow us to have the discussion going forward. We are not giving the option to town meeting. This article would facilitate a discussion.

MOTION moved by Ms. Ragosta to sponsor an article on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant to reduce the tax rate and article to read as follows: "To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money, and if so, what sum to meet the appropriations fro the ensuing fiscal year and authorize the Assessors to use said sum in fixing the tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto." seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED by roll call; Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-No, Mr. Gallivan-No and Mr. Kraus-No (2-3-0)

8-34 **Special Primary Warrant**

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to open and close the Special Primary election warrant and to sign said warrant for September 19, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED by, roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to approve the following items listed under consent Agenda

1. Bike to Beach for Autism, Permission to use Walpole Roads(8-30)
2. Use of Adams Farm, to use as a water station for Bike to Beach For Autism riders (8-31)
3. Repurchase Cemetery Lot from Mary and John Carter for \$200.00 (8-32)
4. Acceptance of Gift from Community Treasures to the Police Dept. In the amount of \$450 in gift cards. (8-33)

seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie VOTED roll call vote Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-Aye, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

FSCMB the Foxborough MBTA pilot program will begin, I was not allowed to speak. They are addressing the crossing and they did not get into the buffers or fencing. We will continue to work with them. They may be an Executive Session in the future.

MBTA parking we touched on that we will work with some of the folks on this. I like the idea of the pools, but I think you would need to address polices. Restrict to Walpole Residents.

Fall Town Meeting we have about 30 articles on the warrant.

Finance Committee will start meeting on August 28

MINUTES

**Hold for next meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

CHAIRMAN'S DECLARATION

I hereby declare that:

- Under G.L. C.30A, §21(a)(3) the purpose of the executive session will be to discuss strategy for collective bargaining with the DPW and Fire Unions
- 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 end of Executive Session

•Chairman asks Ms. Ragosta if she is alone in the room as she is participating remotely. Ms. Ragosta moved to a location where she was by herself.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to enter Executive session for the purposes stated by the Chair, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie roll call vote Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-No, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

The Board returned to the regular meeting.

DPW Contract

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to support the contract between the DPW and Town of Walpole, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-No, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (4-1-0)

MOTION moved by Mr. Gallivan to adjourn AT 8:55PM, seconded by Mr. Kraus VOTED by roll call Mr. Salvatore-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, Ms. Ragosta-No, Mr. Gallivan-Aye and Mr. Kraus-Aye (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted
Cindy Berube