

The Board of Selectmen met on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 beginning at 7:00pm 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:03pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS and PROCLAMATIONS

Our thoughts and prayers are with those impacted by the hurricanes, Harvey and Irma. We wanted to recognize and send our sympathy. Tonight is a soft launch for Walpole media on you tube and you can watch this live. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks. They continue to look at innovative ways to include our citizens.

APPOINTMENTS

Chief Bailey with candidate James Gallivan from Dedham and we feel he will be a great candidate for the dept.

James Gallivan from Dedham, I have been in the workforce since 15, construction trying to find my passion. My father owns his own construction consulting company. I went to get my EMT basic and I loved the work and loved everything about it. I wanted to pursue it. I had a good down payment to buy a house and took the risk to go into paramedic school. I am state certified.

Ms. Ragosta asked how long you have been doing this. Mr. Gallivan stated he has been doing this for two years at Fallon Ambulance in Quincy.

Mr. Gallivan announced that James is my cousin's son. What kind of work you do for Fallon? Mr. Gallivan stated he does transport work and 911 calls.

Mr. Salvatore you taking courses in college. Mr. Gallivan stated none at this time but will get back into it. Mr. Salvatore wanted to know what training have you received. Mr. Gallivan I received national medical training, it is an intense program, 1-1/2 years, clinical was involved.

Mrs. Mackenzie thinks it is great you found something you are interested in. I know what it means to enjoy something you are doing.

Mr. Kraus can you talk about one situation that made you say this is my calling. Mr. Gallivan spoke about one of the 1st emergencies he had was an `18 month baby in distress and he remembers it being

so intense, it was so hectic, but he was able to calm myself. Realized he needed to do what he needed to do. To separate myself, my ability to pull myself away from that was a key factor.

9-1 Firefighter Appointment

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint James Gallivan as a Firefighter/Paramedic conditional upon successful completion of all pre-employment testing and certification from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 3-0-2 (Mr. Salvatore and Mr. Gallivan abstained)

Chief Bailey since last time review, call volume is up and consistent a year ago. Inspections are up and total calls for service is 14 a day. We had 4 fire calls this past week. The ambulance fund is at \$958,735 the new rates are showing \$11,000 a month. Budget no issues, I am happy to report received a \$92,562 AFG we apply on a yearly basis; this is for training, fire training in 5 different sessions. It is 40 hours of self-rescue training. The towns match of \$9,256. We are looking to fund this. In October do school stuff. The first 2 weeks are fire prevention week, and the detailed billing is up. The deputy is working on many projects. Many have not finished as of yet. The new station is working along, a lot more contractors in the last 2 weeks, and many repairs to several vehicles. At one point we had 2 ambulances down and using the backup. The new ambulance has a January 2018 delivery date. New captain's vehicle is in, and takes another 3-4 weeks on the rd. He is working with TA to replace our ladder truck, 28 years old. The driver training with MIIA is completed. Hires Allen Hoover started with us on July 12, 2017 the other 2 Firefighters will start December 7 and graduate in Feb 26. The stadium continues to keep us busy. Dept. Paul Barry was accepted to the chief fire officer program. He will still work with us regularly. On the Assistance to Firefighter grant I have a timeline of 30 days. I need to know if you are interest in perusing that grant. Mr. Johnson wanted to check with Board to see if you want them to pursue. We want permission to pursue this.

Ms. Ragosta wanted to know if the grant funding covers the cost of the training or labor. Chief Bailey stated it covers everything. For every member of the department and 16 will go at one time. We had a similar grant a few years ago. It is a benefit to the community. Mr. Salvatore has no problem with it. Mr. Johnson we will pursue this.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to support the funding of the grant, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Chief Carmichael- The exam Walpole police entry exam, anyone that is interested can apply and take the exam. Two incidents, one involved an individual that was assaulted on the walkway to the Gillette game off Shufelt Rd. The man is recovering in Boston hospital. The incident took place in Foxboro and they are investigating. These situations have occurred. I know a lot of people use that as a cut thru. We will increase coverage during events. This person will recover. At the Econo lodge, this year a woman was assaulted there, we went as it is close to the Walpole line. Want to thank Chairman Kraus and Mark Gallivan for going to the ABCC to testify. They have been training on the new firearms. Everyone shot very well, went over use of force polices again. There are ten officers in proactive enforcement. It is all about identifying behavior. Hazards, talked about another town where the officers were impacted by fentanyl. We have ordered protective gear. We will use this when drugs are involved. Grant from the DA office; we have never had an external audit on our property.

There are many items that we have to keep forever. Prior to moving to the new station we want a complete audit. The Camera program and home surveillance program. Residents who have cameras we are asking them to let us know. A lot of times we have a breaking and entering. These types of situations would be great if we could get some surveillance cameras. This asks residents if they have surveillance cameras the police may access them if there is a situation in their area.

The community-policing program, we had a lot of kids participate. We visited Gillette stadium. There are all kinds of activities for 7&8 graders. It went very well and looking forward to continuing.

The positive tickets program the officers have issued over 2,000 tickets. Very excited about it. These are contacts with kids we might not have had. It is a great program. Metro program went to tall ships and Boston protests.

Accommodations for officers, Officer Slavin assisted someone with a heart attack. Officer White/Foley use of Narcan. I want to recognize them. They are very skilled in what they do. Talked about being appointed to the cannabis board.

Mr. Kraus it is quite an appointment for you, congratulations. On behalf of the Board seeing you and the Fire dept. working side by side on these issues is great.

There have been 155 overdoses since 2011 this year 27 overdoses. We are still seeing overdoses. The biggest highlights in the quarterly report mostly disturbed people. There are a lot with mental health issues. Group homes settings. There are a lot of emotionally disturbed people. Trying to divert crimes with mental health issues to get the help.

Longview farm, the numbers are up with assaults and disturbances. Our arrests will be close to last year. We have met with staff. It is a perpetual thing. He is trying to keep a partnership. They are looking at the safety of the neighborhood. The ratio of residents to staff is 3 to 1.

Ms. Ragosta the Police are at a disadvantage. We are reactive, our hands are tied; there is something we need to do. How do we approach the Governor? Mr. Kraus explained this has been an issue since the expansion. The citizens around the school aren't as vocal as they once were. It is a drain on our resources. The Chief one thing we have not tried is DCF, Health and human resources. Mr. Kraus lets follow up on this.

Mr. Gallivan one of the things that I feel bad about is they are a social service provider. Some kids have had bad things had terrible things happen to them. It is terrible when assault happens to the children, but they do not have control over the kids. Ms. Ragosta they can't seem to solve their own problems. Chief they are talking about more security and Identification of staff, because we do not know who is who up there.

Mrs. Mackenzie believes they are not fulfilling their mission to keep children safe.

9-2 Two hour parking Municipal Parking Lots, Change to Traffic Rules of Order

Chief Carmichael, their focus is on the municipal parking lot downtown. He knows there is a loss of MBTA parking. Sometimes the overflow comes to the parking lot. It would deal with people that are parking and getting on the train. Make it how it is in the rest of the town, and post and enforce it. We

did the other lot across the street. It makes people move out, if we restrict that you could get them at town hall or library.

Ms. Ragosta stated she has had several residents contact her and the 2 hours does not seem to be long enough for people. We heard from a commuter, it is an issue for the residents in Town; I did go thru the lot today, it was not overcrowded. Feel that we are still in a state of flex, and it might not be the time to do this. I do not know if we should do it right now. Until we can come up with a solution, we can wait.

Mr. Salvatore wanted to what is the process for this, is there a notice? Mr. Johnson there is no notice on this. I see no issue waiting on this. It will provide a full opportunity for the neighbors and businesses to make comments. We should have that discussion soon. Take a 1/3 of the lot and make it 2 hours, whether that gives the businesses satisfactory. The employees of Main Street look for spaces. Maybe give notice in 2 weeks. Give us a range, 15 spots. Next few weeks enforce the limits on Main St of 2 hours; the employees are parking on Main St all day long. Mr. Kraus likes the idea of having input at a meeting. Mrs. Mackenzie thinks it is an important time to offer Parking for the train. Have to make sure that if someone is able find a spot to get their hair done. Invite downtown business. No Motion taken

9-3 Article III, Section 1 Traffic Signs and Signals

Chief Carmichael noted there has never been a stop sign at this intersection. The morning traffic a lot of vehicles turn onto Spring Valley and people are not stopping.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to amend Article VIII Section 8 of the traffic rules and order by inserting a Stop sign on Spring Valley Drive at Lewis Ave, seconded by Mark Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Maple Street, No parking signs

Chief we do have complaints on Maple Street, usually when there is a funeral. The fix may help during funeral times. Mrs. Mackenzie does not see a problem with that. I only see people parking out there if there is a funeral. Mrs. Ragosta wanted to know what the residents would like. Mr. Johnson, we will reach out to the neighbors before we vote.

9-4 Hearing for Installation of New pole on Coney Street

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to open the hearing for the installation of a new Pole on Coney Street, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Ms. Walker explained she met on site and my only concern is that they do not preclude the handicap access; they told me they could maintain. It is only temporary while construction is ongoing.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to close the hearing, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the installation of a new pole 6/37A on the Westerly side of Coney St provide upgraded electric service to Siemens Healthcare Diagnostic with the

stipulation that the existing sidewalk remain in compliance with AAB/ADA clearance requirements, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

9-5 Relocation of Pole #6/35 Coney Street

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the relocation of Pole #6/35 Coney Street with the stipulation that the existing sidewalk remain in compliance with AAB/ADA clearance requirements, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

OPEN FORUM- Ken Southwood 4 Neponset #7, I bring you a million dollars for the Neponset river it has been designated, here we are in 2017 and have a project, it is designated for this site, use of it should come from the residents of Walpole. In the area with new police station, the COA center. It is an opportunity to create an area into the town forest environment. My goal is when this comes to Walpole. There is also in the packet our dam is due for inspection next year. We have an opportunity here. Freshen up project. Piece of history with this million we can dedicate this to Walpole, let's not lose this. We do have time to plan for this. Mr. Kraus thanked him. This would be great to get on the agenda and we have not had ponds on the agenda. Let's continue the conversation.

9-6 Sponsor an Island, East and High Plain

Jill Webb 52 High Plain Street, doing something to the island on east St. Mr. Jones will provide a small stone and perhaps put a memorial to Byron. It is a high traffic area so I am not sure as to how to approach it. Mr. Kraus if you want to put a stone to recognize Byron, or is there a better place. It is so busy there. Mrs. Mackenzie, it is where he grew up on High plain St. Continue working with Bob Leblanc and the Jones family, I think you can come up with a great plan. His union may want to help too. Mr. Salvatore it goes to an issue, we always recognize our Police and Fire and never recognize the DPW. The toil and efforts they put themselves in. It is great that you thought of him.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the request of Jill Webb to sponsor an the island at High Plain and East Street and to place a commemorative stone in memory of Byron Hurst details will be worked out with the DPW director and Robert LeBlanc, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-7 Intention to Layout Street

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that the Board intends to make a layout for La Civita Drive and Cheiftain Way and to hold the public hearing on September 26, 2017 at 7:00pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-8 Committee for Alcohol and Drug Awareness

Lauren Whelan Bratsis, has been asked to serve on the CADA. Mr. Kraus told her the Board appreciates your interest. Mrs. Mackenzie you taught middle school and high school for 18 years that brings in a great insight.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to appoint Laura Bratsis to the Committee for Alcohol and Drug Awareness as a Regular member until April 1, 2020, seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 5-0-0

NEW BUSINESS

Ambassador for Council on Aging

Mr. Johnson spoke of Clifton Snuffer being in the background of the South St center, / COA facility he wants to continue to fundraise. Rich McCarthy has been doing a great job raising funds. Mr. Kraus getting Walpole co-op bank on board was due to Cliff's involvement. Rich has been doing a great job as well. Mrs. Mackenzie, we are elected officials and it is not what we should be doing. Mr. Gallivan, Cliff has been very involved with the seniors in the town. He was very involved with the donation from the Walpole Cooperative Bank. He was very important to the process. We have \$600,000 in hand from donations. Ms. Ragosta thinks it is wonderful someone wants to head up this. Wanted to know how Rich McCarthy would fit in. Rich McCarthy has been out there raising money. We do have more fundraising to be done and it will be great to have Mr. Snuffer on board. Rich and Cliff will work together. The whole campaign is going to be very successful. Ms. Ragosta thinks it is wonderful that someone wants to do this. It is more of a title position. Is this an official or goodwill position?

Mr. Salvatore wants to know how does the donated money make it to the project. Mr. Johnson explained there is a gift account, the seniors have their funds on the side, and they raise funding. Mr. Salvatore wanted to know how the Walpole Cooperative bank money is coming into the town. Mr. Johnson stated it was received directly. Mr. Salvatore, what will the role of this ambassador be? Mr. Johnson noted it allows cliff to go out and ask for funding.

Mr. Kraus to have someone who wants to give his time. I would appoint 20 people. Mr. Salvatore we should open it up to a number of ambassadors. Mrs. Mackenzie open it up to 3 openings. Mrs. Salvatore is concerned about the comment, in his interactions with people that he is representing the town. I would rather have our TA deal with people if there are questions about fundraising.

Ms. Ragosta as an agent of the BOS asking for funding, what does his position really entail? It gives him the ability to seek funds. Mr. Kraus this gives him permission and the Board would have to accept the funds. Does not want people to feel pressured. Mr. Salvatore would like documentation as to what this is. I would like to see what it is, other than what is on the agenda. I don't know what you are contemplating. Someone said he would be speaking for us. I think there should be something that says what it is. Mr. Kraus this is someone who wants to volunteer his time, fundraise. I do not think this is that complex that it needs a job description. He is going to go out and raise money and I welcome him and anyone else who want to help.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie that we have as the South Street/COA facility Fundraising Ambassador seconded by Mr. Gallivan VOTED 4-1-0 (Mr. Salvatore opposed)

MOTION moved by to appoint Mr. Snuffer as the South Street fundraising ambassador, seconded by 5-0-0

9-9 Sign Release of Deed for Easement from Brideko Homes, 9 Timberline Drive

Ms. Walker explained this was the final step in abandonment of the easement.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign the Release of Deed for the conveyance of passive/pedestrian easement relating to 9 Timberline Drive and voted as Article 32 of the Spring Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-10 Fall Town Meeting Warrant, Signature

Mr. Johnson noted there are 29 articles on the warrant and 3 private petitions. At the next meeting talks about them and vote on them. Ms. Ragosta noticed article 28 is a resolution. What is the normal process? It was explained that it came as an article for a resolution, and it came with the necessary signatures.

Mr. Kraus sees this odd to have it here, I do not get it. Mrs. Ragosta if it is an article, they are asking the RTM to vote. It does not become a bylaw. Mr. Salvatore it is a resolution is has no value. It has no legal significance. Mrs. Mackenzie do we violate anyone's freedom of speech or thought.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to sign and have the Fall Town Meeting Warrant posted, seconded by Mr. Gallivan 5-0-0

9-11 Change of Officer/Director 99 Restaurant

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the change of Officer/ Directors for 99 West, LLC dba: 99 Restaurant seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-12 One day, all alcoholic, Knights of Columbus

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant a one-day all alcoholic license to the Knights of Columbus for September 23, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-13 One day, all alcoholic, Knights of Columbus

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant a one-day all alcoholic license to the Knights of Columbus for September 30, 2017, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-14 One day, Wine only, Adams Farm

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant the Friends of Adams Farm a one-day Wine only license for September 30, 2017 from 4-6pm at Adams Farm for the 20th celebration, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mark talked about the Adams Farm being paid for.

9-15 MBTA parking

Mr. Johnson talked to the Board about various possible locations for MBTA parking. Center Pool, at this time I ask that you not charge at this time. I walked downtown today and found 54 parking spaces. There is parking for downtown area but would not recommend that at this time.

Mrs. Mackenzie for the playground, are there a few spots marked off for them.

Allow them to park on South Street, that is 7/10 of a mile walk, it offers something short term.

Option 3 once temporary operations are done in that area we could have 30 spaces in that area in front of the Blackburn.

Construct a new lot a Johnson Middle School, Robbins Rd, if you want to pursue that we can make the staff-parking commuter parking.

Met with VFW parking and expressed concern over several items.

Mr. Johnson if we do any of these we restrict it for Walpole residents only. Ms. Ragosta why do you think we should not charge. Mr. Johnson if you want to we should develop a schedule. Mr. Kraus on the charging issue it is going to take DPW time. We could lottery them. Ms. Ragosta if we are dedicating a lot for commuter rail parking. I am not sure if lottery is the right thing to do. Mrs. Mackenzie thinks number one is great to start.

Mr. Salvatore the dirt lot across from Elm St. Mr. Johnson they closed all their lots. Commuters are 28% from Walpole and 32 are from Medfield. We are looking for an issue for commuters. We are solving the MBTA problem. It is a complicated issue. We should know the net loss is. Mr. Gallivan likes number 1; he does not want to spend money.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to direct the Town Administrator to go forward with number 1, suggestion seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Mr. Salvatore requests the MBTA to come in to talk about parking,

These two items were taken out of Consent Agenda

9-16 Pedestrian Access Improvement request for Coney Street, Siemens property

Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics replace the existing crosswalk signs. Ms. Walker is requesting they use the standard flashing beacon system.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift of the solar powered traffic signals and grant permission for placement, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-17 Pedestrian Access Improvement request for West Street

One is at 95 West Street for Liberty Village, Cochran project. I am all for it. They have worked with Engineering Dept. on this. Ms. Walker Town Engineer has some recommendations she would like them to abide by.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to accept the gift as presented in document 9-17 for the Pedestrian access improvement to West Street and grant permission to place the new crosswalk and solar beacons and to abide by the recommendations of the Town Engineer, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-18 Request to change Aicha Kelley's position from Regular to Associate on CADA

MOTION moved by Mr. Salvatore to change Aicha Kelley's position on the Committee for Alcohol and Drug Awareness from a Regular Member to an Associate Member seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie 5-0- 0

CONSENT AGENDA, (Vote Items as one motion)

MOTION moved by to approve the following items as listed.

Acceptance of Gift from Norwood Evening Garden Club of \$150 for the Walpole Public Library (9-19)

Request to hold annual Boyden School Fun Run on October 21, 2017 (9-20)

Use of Adams Farm for Birthday party on September 23, 2017 (9-21)

Use of Adams Farm for Cyclocross Race on December 16, 2017 (9-22)

Request from The Friends of Adams Farm to place signs on various Town owned locations around Town for the Adams Farm 20th Anniversary Celebration to be held on 9/30/17 with a rain date of 10/1/17 (9-23)

Seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

9-24 Street Opening Permit for Elm & East Street – Edgewood Development
aka; Liberty Village

Mrs. Mackenzie remarked that the Board got a presentation about a year ago on the proposal to this site. Item number 3 you do not need to respond.

This site is located at Elm and East Street. The gas company is shutting off the main.

This street has a moratorium until 2020 and they need to install new utilities and make repair to sewer, water drain utilities etc. It may be necessary for Columbia Gas to excavate within the confines of the area on Elm Street to abandon existing gas main and services and install new gas main and services for this site. The developer is requesting permission to install solar powered pedestrian crossing signs and equipment at that intersection of Elm and East Street.

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to grant the Street opening permit to Edgewood and accept the gift of the 4 solar powered signals and grant placement of them under out T Engineer's recommendation, VOTED 5-0-0

Jerry Lorusso, there may be another parking lot. We showed up at the bid at some point this lot would provide 50 to 51 spaces. Our offer was to do the entire paving etc. and do all the work. We had 8 people at the meeting walk thru. The Police, to have people use the crosswalk favored the sidewalk along Elm

Street nearest the bldg. He thinks the concern they do not want people that close to the Bldg. Mr. Salvatore, do you need the lots during construction. Mr. Lorusso, we will use them for employee parking.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

MBTA advisory board-it would be nice to have someone. You may want to open it up to the public. Post it for a couple of weeks.

Policy-I drafted a policy I would like your input on this. If the Board could let me know if you want to pursue this.

Fin Com-meeting this week and Cindy did post the Board of Selectmen.

MINUTES

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve the minutes of July 18, August 1, August 15,2017
Seconded by Mr. Kraus, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTON moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve but not release the Executive Session minutes of August 15, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to approve but not release the Executive Session minutes of July 18, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mrs. Mackenzie to adjourn at 9:20pm, seconded by Mr. Gallivan, VOTED 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted

Cindy Berube