

October 30, 2017

Present was Scott Bugbee, James Lehan, Jeff Palumbo, Jack Hathaway, Town Administrator, and Marian Harrington, Executive Assistant.

The meeting was held in Room 124, Town Hall. Scott Bugbee opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Scott announced that the meeting was audio and video taped. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Call Meeting to Order**

The KP Community Working Committee attended our meeting. Present was Kendra Kannally, Tracy Molloy, and Julie Redlitz of Norfolk, and Scott Manchuso from Wrentham.

Kendra said they are the King Philip Community Working Committee, and this committee represents all three towns. They are a committee working to help with the KP budget. There are many more members than the four of them. Kendra said what prompted this was that they were at last years' budget meetings and realized that there is a lot of information that They represent three facets: community relations, budget, and strategic planning.

Scott M. said they are trying to enable the School Supt., School Committee and School administration to achieve a strategy that will help them through a couple years.

Scott M. and Tracy are co-chairs and are working with everyone.

Scott Bugbee said he thinks KP is an excellent school system, and although he is an empty nester now, they are sponsoring a student so they are involved. He wanted to know if they have included this in their strategy. Scott M. said yes.

Scott M. said there is a huge food drive raised by the Middle School. The food is awarded right before Thanksgiving to local food banks. He mentioned some of the other good things that the School does.

They are holding focus groups, and find out how they use the information. Someone older may not use social media, and they want to see what people want to use, and how to access it.

Julie said she is working on strategic planning. They are doing surveys by reaching out to residents to get their perspective. Scott Bugbee suggested a

paper version as well as electronic because many older people do not use computers. Julie said they would use all avenues.

Kendra said she is budget. They are not creating a budget; that is the school's job. They want to be the folks who pressure test it. They have been welcomed in, and some of this is easy to get going on, and some of it they will plant the seed and take time to cultivate.

There is a lot of information that is unique. They need to inform the larger community of these uniques.

Jim said KP is coming off of two tough years. Last year was the worst. Jim said the more we get the community involved and notify them of the good, the better. He said they try to mitigate some common ground so that they can come together.

Jim asked what they thought of the meeting that was held by members of the three towns that they also attended, that Jim and Jack were at. He thinks these meetings are a healthy process. He said he understands that not all three towns agree. Scott M. said he is concerned. There are accelerators that are built in – National Grid, etc., and some things don't change or go away. Some are contractual. They need to work on all this.

Jim said there won't be additional funding, so we have to work through this. Jim asked them what questions they have for us? Are you going to other Selectmen? Kendra said they have asked to meet with the others, and are waiting to hear.

Julie said they want to fill in the holes. They tried to do what they think is priority and do-able. Others will be for another year. What do you think?

Jack said communication is key. He said they have been criticized for over communicating, or under communicating. This is as it relates to budget. You need to find a way to package it and present it to the public.

Scott M. agreed, and he thought it was frustrating. He didn't have enough contact to know where it was going or what were they talking about. Did we want to level fund and where would that get us? What about cuts? He didn't have enough information to understand where they were going.

Jim said that anything you can do to get the School Committee to present this in a more realistic way would be helpful. Jim said the budget needs to be broken down into a simplistic couple of page budget for most people to understand. If you give them 29 pages, they won't read it. He said they need to fix their

credibility because it was a problem last year. Jim said anything they can do to help Wrentham and Plainville, would be helpful.

Jeff applauded their efforts and said it is needed. Do you view this coming year as input where you are collecting data, so it won't be until another year that you have the input you need and complete this. What about in terms of actual allocation?

Kendra said KP has a new Finance Director, and they need to give him time to go through every single account and understand what he's working with. We need to decide what choices we need to make as to where we think the money should go and whether we want to question some of their choices.

Scott Bugbee said some things are contractual, like IEP plans and others. Jeff said it could be anything, like maintenance on a building.

Tracy said they want a handle on what the real number is; what isn't fixed and where can they work. Their survey will help them understand where residents see value and where think they want to see the money go – classrooms, technology, etc. It also isn't clear explaining where the money is going now. The facts are not laid out clearly. They can't look at a sum and know that it is going to X. People need to understand this better.

Julie said this year is a big clean up year. We need to build trust in the process and people.

Kendra said they are looking at a direction of 1.5% or less than that, and the perception is that we can only afford 1.5%.

Jim said that what you are seeing is a reflection on how bad it was last year. He said they just can't survive on 1.5%. They just can't. On average, Norfolk schools are 3-4%, and they don't pay health insurance. We pay it as a town. He said people don't understand that KP isn't all salaries. They have other things to pay for. The more we can isolate the issues and they have to pay for all the things that we pay here – insurances, etc. We have to better explain. They have a history of starting high and meeting in the middle and never making the cuts they profess they'll make. This is where they are losing credibility. They need to start low and explain why they need more.

Julie said that it would take a while for them to work the budget.

Tracy said that they are trying to make people understand what KP pays for that, makes it higher than our local schools. Jim said that you can never compare a high school with an elementary school. It costs more to run a high school.

The committee is looking at towns that touch King Philip and trying to see what their budget is like. Jim said that all schools are different and that will be a big job.

Tracy mentioned Cleargov.com. It is a company in Hopkinton that takes data from the internet and if you really look into it, you can peel down the layers and see what they have already found. Julie said they would like to have something similar to data dashboard and view where the school is at and the data would be in one place and help eliminate false information. Cleargov.com then type in King Philip. It's unlocked at Millis? Jim mentioned the HPP has a lot of information that you may want to view. It is online, or we can give you a hard copy.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **Report of Warrants**

Jack reported that the following warrants have been signed:

09/29/17 - #07SA18 for \$19,249.15 (adjustment); 10/10/17 - #15V18 for \$58,752.06; 10/10/17 - #15VSA18 for \$3,390.00; and 10/17/17 - #16V18 for \$1,670,078.00; #16VS18 for \$88,305.33; and 10/24/17 - #17V18 for \$211,262.24. Jim Lehan moved to approve. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

### **Action Items**

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Gerald Calhoun as a member of the Council on Aging, term to expire June 30, 2020. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to accept the streets as laid out in Keeney Pond – Wild Holly Lane, Meetinghouse Road, and Castle Road per the article on Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack reviewed the draft warrant with the Board. He said he numbered the warrant, but they could change the numbering if they wished. Jack mentioned the article submitted by the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust needed to be deleted because it affects the Zoning Bylaws, and the Planning Board didn't have a hearing on it. It can wait until the spring town meeting. The Board then agreed to remove the article referring to creating a Town Charter as they felt it would be more appropriate for the spring town meeting.

Jack suggested adding two articles – one regarding property on Priscilla Avenue, which the Board has had many discussions on, and Town Counsel drafted the article – referred here as Article 19. We also have Article 19 - which is the construction of a shared driveway between Town Hall, 1 Liberty Lane, and

abutting property at 18 Union Street. Jack said they would need to open the warrant to add these on. There was much discussion on the marijuana article. Jack said the Advisory Committee voted for it.

Jim Lehan moved to open the warrant. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. Jim Lehan then moved to remove the article by the Municipal Affordable Housing Trust, to delete Article 16 referencing the Town Charter, to add Article 18 referencing Priscilla Avenue, and to add Article 19 referencing the shared driveway at Town Hall with abutting property at 18 Union Street. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**. Jim Lehan moved to close the warrant. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to appoint Mary Sharkey as a Registrar of Voter, Republican, term to expire June 30, 2020. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to grant a one-day beer and wine permit to Marie Simpson for Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 10 p.m., at Norfolk Grange. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Public Safety Building Update**

Jack said the Committee hired a temporary employee to do site work; a Norfolk resident, Paul Knowles. He rented an excavator off the State Bid List and he is making great progress. Paul is putting a driveway into the sally port, and other things. Time and materials were an issue, but with the work Mr. Knowles is doing, it's catching us up.

Jack said there are issues with the new Project Manager. Jack would like to see a pro-active Project Manager to work with architect and general contractor. We've had ledge issues. The water line is a problem. The Project Manager isn't working to resolve this with the architect. Scott said if this isn't working, then fire them. Jim said that is on the table. Jim said Jack is being a lot nicer than he would have been. They have been ill-advised on many things. The tower and stairs are an issue now.

Jeff said you have a unified Board of Selectmen that is not happy about this. Jim said they are losing patience.

Jim and Jack agreed that the General Contractor is likeable and doing a great job.

## **Run And Gun License**

Scott said he met with Mike Brogan today. He told him that the Board has put together a list of penalties to his violations. Mike seemed surprised at that, and said he should have been warned. Scott told him that we have warned him. We talked about it at our last meeting. Scott said there has to be penalties for his actions. Mike argued the amount of money in the penalties, and Scott told him that if he doesn't violate the license, the amount wouldn't matter.

Mike felt there should be fair treatment around town. He felt a form of entertainment is the Haunted Train Ride. It goes late and they collect a fee for the event. Jane and Paul's do a hayride, and they charge. Jack said he doesn't have a problem with that.

The Board received questions from residents about the tack sale, yard sale and charging for tables that Mike had this weekend. They said he was violating his license by charging for tables. Jack said that isn't an event that would require a license. The Board agreed. This is something separate. Many residents hold yard sales.

Jack said that with the Train Ride, we should issue a one-day entertainment license and waive the fee. This is different because it is the Lions Club and they give back to the Town. It is private property and donated for this use. Jim said that the homeowners aren't profiting from the event. They charge, but it goes back to the Town. This isn't true with Run and Gun.

Jeff said we should get a list of types of things that might happen at his property to help protect the abutters from these things. We may not be able to protect them, but could make them aware. We need to get in front of this.

Jeff said that the farming was always in that area for Jane and Paul's, so the neighbors knew what to expect. But that isn't true about Mike's property. Neighbors had purchased their homes years before he built a business in a residential area that the neighbors weren't aware of.

Jim said that Jane and Paul's Farm has the right to sell vegetables, and corn and blueberries and have a hayride or clowns or whatever. Mike has the right to train horses, raise and sell horses, or board horses or whatever. He has the right to do that. There are many farms in Norfolk that have the right to be a farm. But Mike is having events and that is a different from the normal farm.

Jeff said that if he is going to start having a flea market every weekend with a significant amount of cars and people, then that is a problem.

Jim said Mike is 61B now, so we can't regulate a lot of this. The law allows him to conduct the business he is doing. But to Jeff's point, the neighbors built their homes without this being there. He is doing this in a residential area. The clear distinction from the others is that he is advertising a broadly based event that is attracting people from all over to attend. Norfolk literally has hundreds of 61A properties who operate as a business under the law. Jim said we need to know what is outside the law. He can do agri-entertainment. He is doing this as a business and he told us that. Jim said they are both right – he has the right to do this, and they have the right to be upset.

Jack said that when you show up for a hayride, it's a family that goes on a hayride and leaves. There aren't thirty cars parked there for 7 or 10 hours. He doesn't consider that an event. But he does think that both Community Day and Haunted Train Ride are events, and should need an Entertainment License.

Scott said there will be a yard sale this weekend, and another clinic the Saturday after Thanksgiving. He is making abutters aware by saying this now.

There needs to be consequences for not following the license.

Scott said Mike said he is not going to charge for tables from now on. But if he goes that route that can be a problem, because the more he doesn't charge, the less control we have.

The Board agreed that if Mike is inviting vendors in to sell their wares, and it becomes a flea market type business, and there are thousands of cars there, then this is not going to be a good situation. Jeff said he is not sure that we are too far from that. Jim agreed.

But if it's on a yard sale level, that is fine. It does not need a license. They noted that there are many multi-family yard sales that are large in size, so Mike's is no different.

Jim said we need to get a list from Mike of events for a year, and hold him to the license. Jim said this is where he feels for the neighbors. When you buy a house, you always ask if anyone will be building near your property. But you expect it to be a house, not a business. And this wasn't there when they bought their house. This is ongoing, and he told us he is building a business.

Jim said that there is a part of this that we can regulate and is clearly defined, and he needs to follow that. If he follows it, there are no issues. But he needs to follow it. There were a couple things in the meeting that were troubling to him. He said he didn't think that they got all the information. We didn't want to see the events back to back on a Saturday/Sunday, and that's what occurred

here. Jim said he's not going to argue over a barrel race, the real issue here is the shoots. There has to be consequences for not following the license. Jeff and Scott agreed.

Jeff Palumbo moved to approve the Addendum of October 30, 2017 to the Entertainment License of March 21, 2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jim Lehan moved to approve hourly rate increases for Contract Snow Plowing Equipment as shown on the attached sheet highlighted in yellow; and Driver/Shoveler rates as follows: Driver/Loader Operator - \$23.73 per hour; Driver/CDL - \$21.53 per hour; Driver - \$19.60 per hour and Shoveler. - \$16.73 per hour. Jeff Palumbo seconded, and it was **so voted**.

Jack said he attended the Warelands auction on Boardman Street. They didn't get the \$700,000 that they owed. The Bank took it. No one would match the price, which was highly overpriced. Jack said there was a woman there who was interested, and now she can work with the bank.

Bob McGhee and Jack met with DEP and gave them the update on the well. They are trying to get our well approved. They are optimistic that it will go smoothly.

Jack had discussions with the Fire Union. They want to fill the shift of someone who is injured and will be out for 3 months. Gus Greaves will be a provisional employee who will fill in. Jack thanked them for being team players and helping with this.

Bob and Jack met with a party in the center of town to resolve a drainage issue. Scott was present, too. We think this will be answered soon.

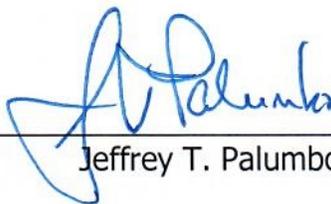
Jack said that he extended an offer to someone today for the position of IT. Michael Yang gave his resignation to go to Dedham and will still help us transition a new person and help out on his off hours, and be available by phone. We advertised and had three applicants who were all good.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Jeff Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of October 10, 2017. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

At 9:29 p.m., Jeff Palumbo moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Lehan seconded, and it was **so voted**.

This is a true and accurate report of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 30, 2017.



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Jeffrey T. Palumbo, Clerk

