

**Wasley Property Committee
Board of Selectmen
March 8, 2021
Special Meeting**

Present: DeLayo, Tanner, Newton, Brodhead, Parkhouse, Chandler, Dulac

BOS Present: Angevine, Nelson, Papp

Regrets:

Recording: C Frisbie for the BOS

Meeting called to order at 7:06 by DeLayo

- 1) AGENDA Item: Discussion and possible action on the motion made at the Board of Selectman's meeting of February 16, 2021 regarding the Wasley Committee -- "that the committee make a comprehensive list of the Town assets, the pros and cons of keeping or selling the Wasley property and then a questionnaire for the Town residents to add and give their say. This information is to be returned to the Board of Selectmen for review and that not a dime be spent on any letters, postcards or other material until this has been completed and the Board of Selectmen table this matter until this work has been completed by the Wasley Committee"

DeLayo read his opening statement (attached) followed by playing the audio to the April 21, 2020 and May 5, 2020 Board of Selectmen's meeting regarding the formation of the Wasley Committee. DeLayo proceeded with his opening statement by asking Nelson and Papp six (6) questions.

Papp and Nelson said they both read the survey. Yes, they both agreed it was not approved due to the survey not giving the town enough information about the property. Many new people in town that do not know anything about this property or property the town already has and what is offered at these properties. Both would like to see the survey open-ended by asking residents what they would like seen done with the property instead of giving them particular items to pick from with a box for other. Papp explained that she has been here 5 years and just found out about the Wasley property just over a year ago. She would like the survey to have more information on what is offered at other facilities in town and what the Wasley property can do for us. Town should also know we have two (2) intents to purchase if the town choose to sell and what the town could designate those funds to: such as repairing the barn roof at the Woods, soundproof the gym at the community center, renovate the Academy, put in athletic fields/courts on a portion of the Warren Woods property that is completely accessible without disturbing anyone renting or using the other portion of the Woods.

Chandler (Wasley Committee): this is a far bigger project than what the Wasley Committee can do, and the Selectmen might consider hiring a professional to do what has been asked by the Selectmen, possibly working with Jocelyn from the NHCOC. Nelson – Jocelyn has worked with the Town based on grants received by the COG and that if this is what is to be done, it would be a line item on the budget.

More discussion continued regarding town assets, understanding of what the Selectmen are asking of the committee and what they would like to see on a survey.

Papp and Nelson both kept reiterating the Selectmen DO NOT have the right to do anything with the property. Any decision will be made by the Town and it does not matter what their opinion is. They are not saying we should or should not sell the property or whether it should or should not be used for any particular purpose. This is for the Town to decide and therefore the town should be informed about the property.

Wasley Committee kept going back 10 years ago when the property was purchased and what occurred at the town meeting. Newton read a piece of the newspaper clipping from that town meeting. Committee feels they are following all the points of the current POCD.

Nelson and Papp said they would get a listing of town assets to help the Committee with informing the Town. Maybe change the tone of the survey, asking the town what they think should be done with the property instead of giving them options to check with an "other" box. Again, you are trying to gather information on what the town would like done.

Angevine made a motion that the Wasley Farm Property Committee be allowed to continue with their survey once approved by the committee and then present it to the BOS. Angevine- this is a leap of faith and you can deny it a second time.

Papp second the motion for discussion only. Papp stated that her intentions are not to criticize or diminish the work the committee has done, and she has nothing but respect for them. But she would like the survey to be more open. Angevine stated he would not amend his motion. Papp is not asking for him to amend it, just asking the committee to consider the suggestions her and Nelson made to expand the information on the survey and not to make it so closed. Any decision made on the property will be made by the town's people, not this committee or the Selectmen.

More discussion on the motion, a motion to move the question, do not need a motion to move the question

Vote 3-0-0 to move the motion to a vote

Vote on original motion made by Angevine (above) **Angevine – Yes Papp – Yes Nelson-NO Motion passes 2-1-0**

Clarification on the vote: Papp would like the Committee to consider making the modifications to the survey and the survey will need to go back to the Selectmen for approval.

Motion (Newton/Chandler) to adjourn at 8:26pm All Approved

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