

**Approved: May 7, 2018**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 23, 2018**

**Present: Gibbs, Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Morgan, Ulfelder**

**Also Present: Robinson, Jop**

**Warrants approved: 2018-041 in the amount of \$3,909,823.26**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Executive Director's Weekly Report
4. Correspondence from NRC re: Rachel Carson Day Request
5. Correspondence from Enku Kebede-Francis re: Rachel Carson Day Request
6. Rachel Carson Day Proclamation
7. Rho Epsilon Omega Day Proclamation
8. Draft Warrant for June 5<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting
9. Correspondence re: Board of Registrars
10. Mass Law, Chapter 51 Section 23 re: Registrars
11. Mass Law, Chapter 51, Section 15 re: Board of Registrars
12. Notice of Green Cleaning Award to Wellesley Public Schools'
13. Green Cleaning Award
14. Notice to Abutters
15. Correspondence re: Route 9/Kingsbury

**1. Call to Order and Citizen Speak**

Ms. Gibbs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.

**Citizens Speak:**

None.

**2. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Robinson noted for the Board that there were two proclamations for approval. Given the timing of the Rho Epsilon Omega sorority anniversary this weekend she asked the Board to take action to approve both at the meeting.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Proclamation designating May 27, 2018 as Rachel Carson Day in Wellesley.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Proclamation designating April 28, 2018 Rho Epsilon Omega Day in Wellesley.**

**3. Discuss Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

The Board did not have any items to discuss for Annual Town Meeting.

**4. Review Draft of Warrant for June 5<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting**

The Board discussed the draft Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant. Ms. Robinson noted she will be asking the Board to sign the Warrant at the April 30, 2018 meeting, as the Advisory Committee has scheduled the public hearing on the STM for May 2, 2018. Ms. Robinson noted that Town Counsel has sent the draft to the MSBA and is awaiting feedback on the language.

Mr. Morgan noted the language for the Warrant and motion shall only indicate the Upham School, as the Upham School was the selected property for the program. Mr. Morgan briefly discussed several hurdles the Town is facing in clarifying the process going forward with the MSBA.

While the Town and the MSBA had several discussions with the MSBA last fall and winter, it appears that there was a lack of understanding of the intention of the Town to consolidate from three HHU schools to 2 in the context of a full redistricting. The Town is continuing discussions with the MSBA.

## **5. Discuss Stipend for Town Clerk**

Ms. Robinson reviewed the Town Clerk stipend noting in the transition of Town Clerk from Kathy Nagle to KC Kato, she was made aware that the Town Clerk has for many years been receiving a stipend for her duties related to the Registrar of Voters. The payroll clerk correctly inquired whether the stipend should continue as there was a change of Town Clerk. Ms. Robinson stated the budget includes \$2,600 for these positions. Ms. Robinson confirmed that during her tenure Kathy Nagle received \$1,700 per year, and the three Registrars received \$100 each per election that was held.

Given the modest stipend amount, the Board was inclined to continue the longstanding practice of allowing the stipend.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to authorize an annual stipend for the Town Clerk serving as a member of the Board of Registrars in the amount of \$1,700.**

## **6. New Business and Correspondence**

### **16 Mount View Road**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board of an incident at 16 Mount View Road where a retaining wall has collapsed on to the abutting property. A year ago the building inspector requested a certified engineer to sign off on the construction of the retaining wall located on the property. The building inspector never received notice of a change to the wall. Last Thursday, following the collapse the structural engineer who signed off on the original design met on site with the building inspector and verified what was currently on site was not the approved design. The Town is working with the builder Dean Behrend, building inspector, property owner, and abutter to resolve all issues

The Board asked if there had been past complaints from abutters. Ms. Robinson stated the Engineering Division indicated the neighbor had called with regards to drainage and concerns on the wall. Dave Hickey, Mike Grant, and Town Counsel met to review the project. The builder, Mr. Behrend is in violation of the provisions of zoning and the building code relative to retaining walls. A stop work order will be issued for the property, followed by a required engineered plan on how best to resolve the wall collapse. The Town is also exploring the Town's rights to hire an engineer for peer review.

### **900 Worcester Street**

Ms. Jop and Mr. Ulfelder gave a brief update on a recent meeting held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 with several of the direct abutters to the 900 Worcester Street Project. Ms. Jop stated the neighbors are extremely upset of the tree removal on the site and the lack of screening that remains between their properties and the new recreation building. The neighbors raised concerns over screening, noise abatement, and communications with the developer. Ms. Jop indicated the developer Brian Devellis has

responded promptly to calls and a second meeting has been scheduled with the developer, neighbors, and town representatives for Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

**Kingsbury/Route 9 Intersection**

Ms. Robinson gave a brief update on the Kingsbury/Route 9 intersection. MassDOT continues to investigate whether the guardrail can be installed on the north and south sides of the intersection. And following inspection will update the Town on plans moving forward.

The Board asked Ms. Robinson to verify the neighbors are updated on any new information.

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 pm.**