

Approved: May 7, 2018

Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 30, 2018

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

Also Present: Robinson

Warrants approved: 2018-042 \$1,561,964.54

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Executive Director's Weekly Report
4. Council on Aging Gift information
5. Babson One Day License for 5/18/18
6. Babson One Day License for 6/8/18
7. SBC Charge
8. Correspondence regarding MSBA
9. Draft Special Town Meeting Warrant
10. 3rd Quarter Parking Meter Collection Report
11. Correspondence from Arbor Day Foundation
12. Correspondence from Kevin Collins
13. Correspondence from David Himmelberger
14. Correspondence from BAA
15. Correspondence from Henry Lyman

1. Call to Order and Citizen Speak

Ms. Gibbs, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Gibbs first thanked everyone involved with the Annual Town Meeting for their work that resulted in a successful meeting. She specifically acknowledged the Moderator and Town Clerk as this was their first meeting.

Ms. Gibbs made several announcements. First, the Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on May 2nd on the Warrant Articles for the June Special Town Meeting; in the Juliani Room at 7:00 pm. Secondly, on Thursday May 3rd the 2nd of three community forums will be held as part of the Town's housing production plan; at the Sprague School Gym at 7:00pm. She encouraged those interested in the housing production plan to review the PowerPoint presentation on the Town's website.

Citizens Speak:

None.

2. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Robinson reviewed the gifts for the Council on Aging for the Boards approval, as well as two one-day licenses for Babson College.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the following on-day licenses for events at Babson College:

- **The GSC Friends and Family Event on May 18th in Olin Hall**
- **The Alumni Dinner en Blanc in Barefoot Park on June 8th**

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the following donations to the Council on Aging from the Friends of the Council on Aging:

- **\$899.99 for workstation panels in the COA administrative suite**
- **\$1,071.00 for the March 2018 Senior Lunch Program**

3. Discuss Elementary School Projects, Process, and revised Charge to the SBC

Mr. Morgan provided an update to the Board regarding the school projects. He and others from the School Building Committee, School Committee, Planning Board, and Facilities Management provided an extensive update and presentation to The Advisory Committee on April 25th. He encouraged those interested in the projects to review the video of that meeting as it provided a detailed update of the current projects. He noted that he received support from the Advisory Committee and received feedback on ways the presentation could be improved. Ms. Freiman also encouraged Town Meeting Members to review the meeting video specifically because the order and process of the school projects is different because the MSBA is involved.

Ms. Sullivan Woods asked if the MSBA site selection process ambiguity will be cleared up before the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Morgan responded that he does not believe that the Town will have clear answers for many of the issues prior to the Special Town Meeting. He added that the MSBA has a rigid process for site eligibility which is just beginning as well as the selection of the project team, and scope of feasibility which won't begin until late fall or winter. He noted that there is going to be less dialogue with the MSBA than he had originally expected.

Mr. Morgan echoed a statement made by Ms. Gray, Chair of the School Building Committee, which she had stated; "We remain committed to a path forward that will allow us to explore the viability of both Hardy and Upham sites in a way that we have repeatedly described them to the community."

Ms. Gibbs asked if Town Meeting will have the information necessary to take action on the articles. Mr. Morgan noted that article two requests funding from Town Meeting for \$2.5-million dollars, the estimated cost to complete the feasibility study and schematic design phases of the project. He added that the language of the article allows the Town to be eligible for MSBA funding but that MSBA has been clear that they are not committed to accepting the Town to the program or for reimbursement. Mr. Morgan stated that they are asking Town Meeting to go ahead with the project while working to get MSBA funding, but the projects are not contingent on obtaining MSBA funding.

Ms. Sullivan Woods expressed concern that the wording of the warrant article does not give the indication of looking at additional sites. She believed that the MSBA always reviewed multiple sites that might be appropriate. She asked if there was something the Town can reasonably do that fits with the MSBA process to signal to Town Meeting that it is more than one site and one location. She suggested the warrant should be more general and the motion more specific. Mr. Morgan responded that the MSBA process description includes looking at alternative sites but in order to be accepted into the program the Town must use language, which has been approved by the MSBA, in the warrant and the motion. He

added that Town Meeting can decide to amend the language or vote it down but if they do the Town will not be eligible for the MSBA funding.

Ms. Robinson added that the MSBA leaves it to the individual community to decide if it is appropriate to specify the amount of money in the warrant. The MSBA expects each community to look to their by-laws to determine if additional language needs to be added; in Wellesley's case, schematic design involves the PBC and therefore was appropriate to be included. She added that MSBA is emphatic that the language they provide for the warrant and the motion must be exceedingly close to what is written or MSBA must approve it. She confirmed that Town Counsel, the MSBA and Bond Counsel all concur on the language of these articles.

Mr. Morgan stated that the Town has been clear that the funding and commitment will explore both sites. He added that he cannot provide complete assurance to Town Meeting that the MSBA will agree to the process. He expressed confidence that what the Town is doing is reasonable and consistent with MSBA guidelines. He stated that we are not asking Town Meeting to commit to the process of MSBA, but to go forward with the process that is in the best interest of the Town. Ms. Freiman suggested adding a brief primer on the order in which decisions are made be posted with the Warrant on the website and included in the Advisory Book for Town Meeting Members.

The Board continued to discuss the language of the Warrant as well as the MSBA requirements and processes.

4. Discuss and Execute Warrant for Special Town Meeting – June 5th

Ms. Gibbs noted that the Board had discussed the warrant at length. The Board had no additional questions or comments regarding the warrant for Special Town Meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to execute the Special Town Meeting warrant for June 5, 2018.

5. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Gibbs requested the Board provide individual summer schedules to prepare for Selectmen meeting schedules.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.