

Approved: July 10, 2018

Board of Selectmen Meeting: June 18, 2018

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

Also Present: Robinson, Jop

Warrants approved: 2018-049 \$10,722,640.68

Minutes approved:

Meeting 5/11/18

Meeting 6/8/18

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. BOS calendar
3. Motions
4. Letter of interest and Resume of Albert Berry
5. Letter of interest and Resume of Sheila Olson
6. Letter of interest and Resume of Patricia Mallett
7. STOP sign warrant
8. Priscilla Circle STOP sign review
9. Fox Hill Road/Sagamore Road STOP sign review
10. Public Hearing Notice
11. Complete Streets Map
12. 6/1/17 BOS Meeting Minutes Excerpt re: Complete Streets
13. 8/29/17 BOS Meeting Minutes Excerpt re: Complete Streets
14. Complete Streets Funding Program Guide
15. Memorandum to SBC 5/30/18
16. Draft BOS Meeting Minutes: 5/11/18
17. Draft BOS Meeting Minutes: 6/8/18
18. Correspondence from FEMA re: updates to the flood map

1. Call to Order and Citizen Speak

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

Citizen Speak: None.

2. Planning Board Candidate Interviews

Ms. Gibbs stated that at the July 17th Selectmen's meeting the Board will be holding a joint meeting with the Planning Board to appoint new Planning Board members to fill the current vacant positions until elections in March. Ms. Jop stated that two full member positions are open and one associate member. The Associate member to be appointed will fully participate but will only be eligible to vote on special permits or if a member recuses himself from voting. Ms. Gibbs noted the Planning Board has been working hard to find good candidates for new Planning Board members. Ms. Johnson, of the Planning Board, stated that on July 17th the Planning Board will not have a current member present and asked if it would be possible to meet with the Selectmen on July 16th.

Ms. Johnson gave a brief update on the efforts the Planning Board had taken to find new members.

Mr. Berry of 33 Avon Road and Town Meeting Member came before the Board as a candidate for the Planning Board. He discussed his background in advertising and communications. He stated he would bring a vision of what the Town is and what it can be. He stated he had organized neighborhood outreach efforts and believed the residents of Wellesley are looking for more outreach by Town offices. He became interested with affordable housing and passionate in all of the Town's interests. The Board asked questions regarding Mr. Berry's background and what he feels his contributions to the Planning Board would be.

Ms. Olson of Elmwood Road, came before the Board. She stated her interest in this position comes from her background as a realtor. She stated she is aware of the demographics of the Town and where the housing gaps are and was particularly interested in the proposed Barton Road redevelopment. She stated that in terms of enrichment she is worried the Town is squandering historical character and aesthetic appeal. She did not believe the Town is not servicing the older citizens as far as offering housing options. The Board asked questions regarding Ms. Olson's background and interest in the Planning Board position.

Ms. Mallett of 15 Wingate Road came before the Board. She works for MWRA in Chelsea as a civil engineer and has lived in Wellesley for 15 years. She became interested in the Town and planning several years ago when the house next to hers was built and had many issues. She would like more involvement and better oversight by the Town. She stated she had interest in the HHU projects and the enhancing cycling paths. The Board made inquiries to Ms. Mallett's background and her views on the importance of the role of the Planning Board.

Mary Gard of 21 Laurel Avenue, representing Sustainable Wellesley, came before the Board. She stated she wanted the Board to keep in mind there are a lot of issues regarding sustainability coming up before the Selectmen and the Planning Board. Sustainable Wellesley hopes the Boards are seeking someone with experience and a particular interest in sustainability. She added that Sustainable Wellesley is in favor of the Complete Streets program.

3. Quarterly Traffic Update

The Board was joined by the members of the Traffic Committee and Mike Regan from VHB. Ms. Gibbs opened the Public Hearing on Stop sign requests at 7:53pm.

Ms. Jop provided a brief update on the traffic regulations and regulations for Stop sign requests. Ms. Jop added a brief background of the Stop sign request at Priscilla Road. Mr. Regan, the Town's traffic consultant from VHB, conducted the traffic study to determine if the location meets standards for signage. He provided background of his review and evaluation of the location. The review included a crash history and a review to see if without traffic control the intersection would be safe. He stated that for Priscilla Road there had been no crash history; however, looking north on Standish Road, the view is restricted due to the curvature of the road and vegetation. The recommendation was to install a Stop sign at that intersection. He stated that since it is not a standard intersection and is unclear which driver has the right of way it made sense to install a Stop sign at the location.

Ms. Jop then reviewed the Stop sign request at Plymouth Road. Mr. Regan reviewed his analysis of the location at Plymouth Road looking at Foxhill Road and Sagamore Road, noting it is a triangle island with two-way flow. He stated that it functions well and has good visibility with all approaches. The

intersection has no crash history. His findings were that there is no need for any traffic control. Looking at Sagamore Road and Plymouth Road, Plymouth Road is restricted with sight distance as you approach Sagamore due to the curve of Sagamore as well as property landscaping. The recommendation was to install a Stop sign on the Plymouth Road approach of Sagamore Road. The Board discussed the Sagamore/Plymouth Road intersection and the safety of adding a Stop sign.

Mr. Horn of 23 Priscilla Road, stated he is looking forward to a Stop sign at the Priscilla Road and Standish Road intersection. He stated when he moved in there was no vegetation on that road, although that which has since been planted takes away from the sightline of the street. He asked if there was a way to ask the neighbor to trim their vegetation back which would also be helpful. There are many young children in the neighborhood and a Stop sign would help control and slow traffic.

Mr. Scherrer of 12 Priscilla Circle, stated he appreciates the work the Town had done. He also noted the vegetation growth near the intersection interferes with the sightline. He stated the area has become a cut-through for traffic and there are many blind spots. He asked if there could be additional Stop signs installed.

Ms. Freiman asked if there was a zoning provision for homeowners to keep vegetation trimmed back from the street. Ms. Jop noted that zoning bylaws call for “corner clearance,” that is, a 25-foot radius for clearance and if vegetation interferes with the clearance, the Town has the ability to tell a homeowner to cut it back. The Town has reached out successfully in the past and homeowners are likely unaware their vegetation is interfering with the sightline. The Town will reach out to the homeowners discussed and ask that they adjust their landscaping.

Ms. Gibbs closed the public hearing at 8:20pm.

The traffic committee gave their quarterly update to the Board. Mr. Regan stated that the Great Plain Ave. roundabout community meeting was held on May 22nd and those who attended were supportive of the project. He stated that the neighbors were understanding of the two-lane approach from Needham toward Wellesley Avenue. Ms. Jop noted that design concepts are being finalized and there will be additional public meetings in the fall. Mr. Morgan added that additional sidewalks and a bike lane in the area would be helpful. The Board continued to discuss the area and the need for additional sidewalks and a possible bike lane. The next step will be to have a survey done of the proposed area which will be needed for design.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to amend the Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule IV, STOP SIGNS, the following:

Location	At	So as to Face
Priscilla Circle	Standish Road	Eastbound Traffic

ADDING TO SCHEDULE IV, STOP SIGNS, the following:

Location	At	So as to Face
Plymouth Road	Sagamore Road	South Westbound Traffic

4. Review Draft Complete Streets Policy

Ms. Robinson provided an overview of the Complete Streets program. The State is encouraging communities to prioritize streets that would be most relevant to make complete, meaning available for all users of the streets including trucks, bikes and pedestrians. Not all streets are appropriate such as cul-de-sacs. The team had worked to develop the policy; the Board would need to approve the policy and then it would be submitted to the State. If the State deems the policy appropriate the Town is eligible to apply for funding to develop a prioritization plan. At this point there is still State money available; however, the money will run out of the program and if it is something the Town wants to take up it should consider moving ahead soon.

Mr. Regan added that the program is becoming very competitive and funding for the planning assistance was at one time up to \$50,000 and now it is down to \$35,000 because of the number of communities participating. Ms. Freiman asked how determination is made to which streets are appropriate for truck traffic. Mr. Regan stated that most public streets are approved for all vehicles unless there is a reason for them not to be. If there is a better way for trucks to travel, the Town can impose a truck exclusion. As part of Complete Streets Program the goal is to open more streets to additional users.

Mr. Ulfelder expressed concerns that the Town wouldn't retain local control over what is appropriate for individual streets. Mr. Hickey stated that the philosophy of the program is to look at what can work and the policy provides for best practices. He added that the funding will assist the Town projects such as missing links in sidewalks including adding ADA ramps to sidewalks. He confirmed that the Town would not lose local control.

The Board continued to discuss the program and its merits, with a number of questions posed by Ms. Sullivan Woods. Mr. Zehner noted that the Planning Board and Planning Department are supportive of adoption of Complete Streets Program.

Mr. Hickey updated the Board regarding the Route 9 and Kingsbury intersection. No decisions had been made regarding the guardrail at this time. The paving will take place the whole month of August during the evenings.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Complete Streets Policy drafted by the DPW and to submit it to the State for Approval.

5. Quarterly Police Update

Chief Pilecki and Deputy Chief Whittemore joined the Board to provide a quarterly update. Interviews for the new School Resource Officer were held; there were four candidates and Officer Kathy Poirier was selected for the position. The School Department participated in the interview process which he noted was helpful and went well. He added the workload of the two SROs is being discussed and they will work with the schools to discuss their needs.

Deputy Chief Whittemore stated that all emergency evacuation drills had been held at all the schools and they all went well. He noted that the Department had produced a video with the high school students and staff that had been shown at the high school. The video will continue to be used for training purposes. Fall evacuation training drills had been scheduled. Chief Pilecki commended the School Department on the process of working on security and noted the partnership works well, they meet every two weeks to

discuss school security. Ms. Sullivan Woods added that she had heard only positive remarks from parents regarding the drills.

Chief Pilecki stated that he is close to updating the Police Memorandum of Understanding with Babson College. The Babson College officers will be able to work details which will add another pool of officers for detail work. He added the Babson officers train and work closely with the Wellesley officers and this has been a good addition. He noted that he had been working with Wellesley College to hold defensive tactics training and they are working to improve the partnership with Wellesley College.

The Wellesley Police Department held their first Wellesley Community Crisis Intervention Team Initiative on June 11th. The initiative brought together different agencies and staff to assist with elderly and mental health issues and review the best way to help with services. The team includes staff from Police, Council on Aging, Sheriff's Department, Board of Health, Wellesley Village Church and the hospitals.

The Police will be giving an exam on June 23rd at Wellesley High School and have 100 applicants to sit for the exam. The department is hiring two officers and are looking at hiring another officer that has already been through the academy. He noted the Boston Marathon went well this year, as did the Police Department open house. He added that Lt. Showstead has been doing a great job with parking since taking on the role earlier this year.

6. Review and Approve Memorandum of Understanding with SBC

Mr. Morgan stated the memorandum is not ready for discussion; it will be presented to the Board in July.

7. Review and Approve Appointments

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated the Celebrations Committee has finalized its appointments list. Ms. Robinson noted that she was researching the background of the past Veteran's Graves Officer. The previous position received a stipend, and she will likely ask the Board to approve a small stipend for that appointment. Ms. Gibbs suggested deferring Council on Aging appointments as well as the Veteran's Grave Officer and Veterans Advisory Board to a future meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Cynthia Mahr as the School Department Records Access Officer effective July 1, 2018.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Board appoint all employee positions and volunteers to Committees included on the appointments spreadsheet highlighted in blue and grey, excluding the School Building Committee and Council on Aging.

8. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Sullivan Woods had made small updates to the draft minutes, the Board agreed that minor changes were acceptable.

Upon a motion by Ms. Freiman and seconded by Mr. Morgan, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2018 and June 8, 2018 meetings.

9. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Gibbs stated that at the Board's offsite meeting on June 8th, the Board elected new officers. Beginning July 1, Mr. Morgan will be Chair, Ms. Freiman will be Vice Chair; and Ms. Gibbs will be Secretary.

Ms. Sullivan Woods thanked the NRC and MLP for working together and completing the LED streetlight project with the exception of just under 200 lights that abut national habitat areas. She added that this process has resulted in a major cost saving for the Town.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.