

Approved: February 3, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 6, 2020

Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Morgan

Also Present: Jop

Warrants approved: 2020-024 \$5,599,321.67

2020-025 \$4,829,881.48

2020-026 \$3,059,212.81

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Draft Motions
4. Chief Pilecki's recommendation for appointment of officers
5. Memo re: Passport Contract and Pay by Phone Contract
6. Draft Passport Contract
7. Draft Pay by Phone Contract
8. Change of Manager Application
9. Memo: FY2020 Winter Maintenance Appropriation
10. 2020 ATM Article List
11. COA Gift Email
12. COA Gift Information
13. Change in DBA Application
14. Draft 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation
15. Memo re: BYOBag Month
16. Draft BYOBag Proclamation
17. Memo re: Crossing Guard Appointment Request
18. Police Commendation – Officer Harris
19. Police Commendation – Officer Dixon
20. Gift Information – Recreation Department
21. World of Wellesley MLK Breakfast Invitation
22. Monthly Parking Meter Collections

1. Call to Order

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.

Ms. Freiman announced the meeting was being telecast live on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and streamed live by Wellesley Media and is recorded for subsequent viewing on the cable channels or at wellesleymedia.org.

2. Citizen Speak

Valerie Gates of 57 Cottage Street came before the Board. She encouraged the Board to take the climate emergency seriously and to address it through a resolution at Town Meeting. She stated that she believed it was a world-wide problem and more than a climate change or a climate crisis and the Town should take emergency action.

Jill Okun of 15 Cottonwood Road came before the Board. She stated that she believed an article should be submitted before Town Meeting regarding the climate emergency. She recounted a trip to the Canadian

Rockies with her family and could see the changes in glacier melting over twenty years. She asked that the climate emergency be addressed by the Board at Town Meeting.

Patrick Kenney and Jack Kenney of 38 Summit Road came before the Board. They expressed that they were in favor of using the term climate emergency as it would help with educating the Town.

Carol Carney of 4 Essex Road came before the Board. She stated that she favored the term climate emergency. She believed that the situation was more than about change or an alert and she believed that Wellesley being proactive would encourage other communities to act and begin making a difference.

Brooke Muggia of 15 Longfellow Road came before the Board. She stated that the climate crises throughout the world were bringing people together. She noted the environmental tragedies in Australia and California. She stated that children need advocates to address the climate emergency on their behalf.

Lucy Elwy of 26 Laurel Avenue came before the Board. She stated that she was studying environmental science and geology and was supportive of having the term climate emergency on the warrant. She stated she believed the world had less than ten years to make an impact before permanent damage would be made.

Emma Goldenthal of 46 Wall Street came before the Board. She stated that she believed powerful language was needed to shape the Town's actions. She expressed concerns of environmental disasters such as those in Australia and California becoming more frequent without action.

Eleanor Cramer of 21 Laurel Avenue came before the Board. She stated that the youth in Town deserve to live on a cleaner and safer earth. She stated that she believed if carbon emissions were to stop immediately her grandchildren would witness the impacts.

3. Announcements

None

4. Vote Wellesley Police Appointments – Two Patrol Officers

Chief Pilecki and Deputy Chief Whittemore joined the Board with the candidates for appointment; Mr. Collins and Mr. Scopa. Chief Pilecki stated that both Mr. Collins and Mr. Scopa had completed the required exam, interviews, and background checks. Both candidates introduced their families present for the meeting. Chief Pilecki reviewed the backgrounds and achievements of each candidate. He noted that both had been highly recommended for the appointments from their coworkers. Chief Pilecki noted that Mr. Scopa's father had been on the Wellesley Police Department. The Board asked questions regarding the background of the candidates. Mr. Collins described his interest in the crisis intervention team. Mr. Scopa reviewed his background in teaching and writing and how that work would influence the critical thinking required for police work.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to appoint Brian Collins and Domenic Scopa effective January 6, 2020 to the position of Police Officer with the Town of Wellesley contingent upon the successful completion of the pre-screening process which includes a physical evaluation and psychological evaluation and a one-year probation.

5. Discuss and Vote Passport Contract Renewal and Pay by Phone Contract

Lieutenant Showstead joined the Board. He discussed the updates and changes to payment methods that would be needed when the Cale machines were removed. He stated that the Cale machine technology was

no longer supported and had become outdated. He reviewed the use of the Passport App in the Town and noted that the app covered two-thirds of the payments for metered spaces in Town where the Cale machines are available. He stated that the target date to remove the Cale machines and begin using Passport at all Town lots and meter spaces was July 1st and the addition of the Pay by Phone option for payments. He added that the only difference for Pay by Phone would be for downloading the application to smart phones which many users had already done. He reviewed the information campaign that would begin for those customers that currently use the Cale machines. Lieutenant Showstead noted that Pay by Phone had been used in all commuter rail lots throughout the state. He added that non smartphone users would have an options for payment. Ms. Jop noted that the Town continued to offer yearly parking passes for residents and non-residents that use the commuter lots daily. The Board discussed the parking changes and the draft contracts.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the new three-year contract with Passport Parking and a new three-year contract with Pay by Phone for all Town paid parking lots and parking meter spaces pending final edits by Town Counsel, and to authorize Meghan Jop to sign the finalized contract on behalf of the Town.

6. Discuss and Vote Change in Manager for Alcohol License – Whole Foods

Ms. Hall, proposed manager for Whole Foods, and Mr. Libardoni, Whole Foods Counsel, joined the Board.

Mr. Libardoni reviewed Ms. Hall's resume and background with Whole Foods. He noted Ms. Hall had read and understood the Town alcohol regulations. The Board discussed the application and the background of Ms. Hall.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the change in manager for Whole Foods Market Group, Inc. License from Kimberly Pinelli to Kimberly Hall.

7. Discuss and Vote Supplemental Winter Maintenance Budget Request - DPW

Ms. Jop reviewed the memo received from Mr. Cohen, DPW Director, regarding the winter maintenance budget. She stated that due to DPW's response to the early storm events in November, the DPW had a shortfall from their original appropriation. She noted that DPW anticipated additional storms and recognized the DPW would likely require additional appropriations for the season. The Board discussed the memo, the anticipation of additional storms, and the DPW budget process for snow and ice removal.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the supplemental winter maintenance budget request from the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$300,000.

8. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Jop reviewed the gifts received for the Recreation Commission for their summertime special events that were accepted on behalf of the Board from Roche Brothers, Henry J. Burke & Son's Funeral Home and Green's Hardware. She stated that the 2020 ATM article list from other departmental boards and citizen petitions were received, noting the Board would need to discuss and vote on any Board articles to be added to the warrant. The Board briefly discussed potential additional articles.

Ms. Jop stated that the COA had received the second distribution of the gift from the Richard A. Campana Trust. She added that the amendment of the dba for “The Wok” had been received, noting the application was in order and no other changes to the license were requested. Ms. Jop reviewed the request for the proclamation for 2019 Arbor Day in order to submit the proclamation as part of their annual submission for the Town’s “Tree City USA” designation. She stated that the NRC had requested that the Board proclaim January as “Bring Your Own Bag Month” for the third year in a row. Mr. Morgan read the Bring Your Own Bag Month proclamation. Ms. Jop reviewed the recommendation for appointment memo and application for the School Crossing Guard.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to accept the gift of \$100,000 from the Richard A. Campana Revocable Trust for COA programs and facilities of the Tolles Parsons Center to be held in trust by the Town and that any and all interest earned be used for the same purposes of the original bequest.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the change in DBA for the All Alcohol License for The Wok at 120 Worcester Street to Great Wok.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the 2019 Arbor Day Proclamation.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to proclaim January 2020 as Bring Your Own Bag Month in the Town of Wellesley.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to appoint Joshua Madden as a School Crossing Guard until June 30, 2020.

9. Liaison Updates

Mr. Ulfelder stated that on January 15th the SBC would host a community forum on Hardy and Upham from 7-9pm at the Wellesley Middle School. He added that the forum would be an important event and expected many questions would be brought forward that evening. He added that a joint meeting with the SBC had been proposed for January 16th to discuss the updated potential designs for the Hardy and Upham sites and to learn of the MSBA feedback on the designs. The Board discussed the SBC meeting on January 16th.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the NRC requested an evaluation of the tree at the Hunnewell School to see if the tree could be relocated. He noted that the tree had formed a large crack since the site had been reviewed by the designers. He stated that the Town Arborist, in consultation with the NRC Director, had indicated that the tree would need to come down due to its deteriorated state. He added that the report would be available to the public and discussed at the upcoming School Committee meeting.

10. New Business and Other Correspondence

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.