

**Approved: March 30, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 9, 2020**

**Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Sullivan Woods**

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: 2020-035 \$7,344,501.27**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Draft Town Wide Financial Plan
4. 2020 ATM Article List
5. 2020 ATM Draft Motions
6. Draft STM 2020 Warrant
7. Draft BOS Minutes: 2/13/20
8. Correspondence re: Merchant Events
9. Draft Wellesley Letter to MBTA
10. Drainage Easement 34 Wachusett Road
11. Correspondence: Lisa Abeles
12. MassBay CC Press Release
13. MassBay CC Press Release
14. Correspondence – Chapter 90
15. Correspondence – Retirement Board
16. Correspondence – BAA
17. Animal Control Report

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:30 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](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Citizen Speak**

None.

**3. Announcements**

**4. Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Wellesley Police Superior Officers Union, Wellesley Patrolmen's Associations Union, and Wellesley Firefighters Union.**

Ms. Freiman requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Superior Officers, Patrolmen's Association, and the Firefighter's Unions

**At 6:45 pm, upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3**

to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Police Superior Officers, Patrolmen's Association, and Firefighter Unions. As the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop and Amy Frigulietti to participate in the executive sessions. Following the close of executive session, the Board will return to open session to continue the meeting.

Freiman – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney – Aye

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session.**

Freiman – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney – Aye

#### **5. Return to Open Session**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:49pm

#### **6. Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

##### Presentation and Discussion on Citizen Petition on Article 41

Mr. Himmelberger, Petitioner for Article 41, came before the Board. He reviewed the petition background noting that current zoning bylaws had few limits other than lot size and building height in the General Resident District and the petition was seeking to set limits to the size of structures within that district. He stated that the petition was not intended to alter the permissible number of housing units allowed to be built on a general resident lot as that would be determined by other zoning bylaws. He added that the should the Planning Board Article 31 pass the petitioners would not put forward a motion at Town Meeting for Article 41. The Board briefly discussed Article 41.

##### Discuss and Vote Town Wide Financial Plan

Ms. Strother, Town Finance Director, joined the Board.

Ms. Jop stated that the Budget had been approved previously and the Town Wide Financial Plan had been updated based on previous conversations and edits received. Ms. Jop noted that current projections did not account for the Schools updated 5-year capital plan. The Board discussed the Town Wide Financial Plan and the information from the Schools that had not been received. The Board discussed additional edits to the Plan. Ms. Jop stated that after the Town Wide Financial Plan was approved by the Board and editorial changes were made, the Budget Book would be available to the public on the Town website.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the Town Wide Financial Plan.**

##### Discuss and Vote Motions and Support for Departmental ATM Articles

Ms. Freiman stated that many of the departmental Articles would be added to the consent agenda. The Board briefly discussed the remaining departmental Articles and expressed general support of hearing the discussions at Town Meeting. The Board discussed several drafted motions.

#### **7. Discuss and Vote Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Ms. Jop stated that the STM warrant would seek a special act of the legislature to extend the state mandated retirement age for Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Peterson as discussed at the previous meeting. She added that no additional Articles were received and the Special would be held within Annual Town Meeting.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the warrant for the April 6, 2020 Special Town Meeting.**

#### **8. Executive Director's Update**

Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the drafted minutes. She stated that the dates for the Wellesley Square Merchants Association events had been planned and noted the dates and request for free parking. She noted that the meters would be bagged to indicate which meters would be free. Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Merchants were planning to schedule one additional event for the upcoming year. Ms. Jop reviewed the drainage easement request from DPW for 34 Wachusett Road. Ms. Jop stated that all commuter lots in Wellesley were not ADA compliant. She noted that she had been working with residents that have difficulty utilizing the commuter rail. She reviewed the drafted letter to the MBTA detailing the need of an interim solution to the lack of accessibility to the commuter rail in Wellesley. The Board supported Ms. Jop's letter.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of February 13, 2020.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to approve free meter parking in Wellesley Square for July Jubilation on Saturday July 28, 2020 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to free meter parking in Wellesley Square for Mom's Day Out from 10 am to 6 pm on Friday September 11, 2020 and Saturday September 12, 2020.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to authorize two-hour free on-street parking in Wellesley Square, Wellesley Hills, and Wellesley Lower Falls from November 27 – December 31, 2020. This free parking does not apply to four-hour and 10-hour parking meters in commuter rail parking lots.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0) to deem satisfactory the proposed drain and drainage easement at 34 Wachusett Road.**

#### **9. Liaison Updates**

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the SBC had met and reviewed the various options for both Hardy and Upham sites. He noted that the discussion regarding the Upham site had focused on the tree canopy and ledge. He stated that the SBC had asked the architects to develop options that would preserve the tree canopy and ledge.

#### **10. New Business and Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.