

Approved: March 4, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: January 13, 2020

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

Also Present: Jop

Warrants approved: None.

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Draft Motions
4. Work Plan
5. Major Project Financing Schedule
6. 2020 ATM Article List
7. Survey of Boards/Committees meeting schedules
8. Survey of communities Town Hall Hours

1. Call to Order

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 am in the DPW Training Room.

2. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Announcements

Mr. Ron Alexander was present and notified the Chair that he was filming the meeting.

4. Discuss Status of FY20 Work Plan

The Board reviewed the status of the work plan and added and updated projects. The Board reviewed the large capital projects including the Town Hall renovation, Town Hall Annex proposal, Hunnewell and Hardy/Upham construction. Ms. Jop questioned whether the Board would want to give any consideration to doing a larger debt exclusion bundle. The Board discussed whether the Middle School debt exclusion proposed for the fall could be funded inside the levy. The Board discussed various bundle options and asked Ms. Jop to seek additional cash flow information from the Finance Director.

The Board discussed the Uber/Lyft funds and Ms. Sullivan Woods asked the Board to consider using the funds for camp transportation. At present, the discussion has been to use the funds to support a mobility study in connection with additional funds from the Planning Board. The Board discussed alternatives such as use of the COA van for camp transportation.

The Board discussed whether to pursue a new General Bylaw to have all meetings videotaped. The Board noted that Wellesley Media is amenable to expanding filming opportunities in additional town buildings. The Board discussed whether the bylaw should require a percentage of board/committee meetings to be filmed. The Board considered whether subcommittees should be taped and what exemptions might be included such as site visits and technical difficulties.

The Board noted the available meeting rooms with video capabilities and noted the use of the Tolles Parsons Center will be important. The Board discussed the cost to wire additional rooms and noted the Tolles Parsons Center cost \$100,000.

5. Discuss Liaison Updates

None.

6. ATM Preparation

The Board discussed whether they should take a position on any of the citizen's petitions that are on the warrant. The Board largely was supportive of exercising their rights as Town Meeting Members to vote on the petitions with the advice of the Advisory Committee. The Board was split as to whether to take positions on all or any of the petitions. The Board discussed whether they would hear the citizen petitions and decided that should the petitioner seek time with the Board it would be granted, but the Board would not mandate presentations.

The Board discussed the potential for a climate resolution. Ms. Freiman asked that discussion to be added to the January 21, 2020 agenda.

Ms. Jop gave a brief update on the Budget Book. The Board had several questions related to Special Education cost projections and insurance costs for Teacher's Assistants.

7. Discuss and Approve Summer Hours for Town Hall

The Board held this item until the next meeting.

8. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #7 to comply with Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 to approve minutes of September 3, 2019, September 9, 2019, October 5, 2019, October 21, 2019, and November 4, 2019

At 12:56 pm upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #7 to comply with Open Meeting Law, M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 to review and approve executive session minutes, and to invite Executive Director, Meghan Jop to join the Board. Following executive session, the Board will return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.

Freiman – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Morgan – Aye

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney – Aye

The Board exited executive session at 1:02 pm

9. New Business and Other Correspondence

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.

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