

**Approved: February 24, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: February 3, 2020**

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

**Also Present: Jop**

**Warrants approved: 2020-030 \$4,393,714.84**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Correspondence re: COA Board member
4. Summarized Status 2021 budget
5. Updated Sources and Uses FY21
6. FY21 Operating Costs by Department
7. Verizon Petition
8. Correspondence re: Verizon Petition - Engineering
9. Correspondence re: Verizon Petition – NRC
10. Draft Presentation re: Opt-Out Voluntary Renewable Energy Program Warrant Article
11. Draft BOS Minutes 12/2/19 PM
12. Draft BOS Minutes: 12/2/19 AM
13. Draft BOS Minutes: 12/09/19
14. Draft BOS Minutes: 12/16/19
15. Draft BOS Minutes: 1/6/20
16. Correspondence re: Gifts from Middlesex Savings Bank
17. Correspondence re: Fire Dept. Gift
18. Correspondence re: Police Dept. Gift
19. Babson College One Day Special License Requests
20. ATM 2020 Article List
21. Correspondence re: Request for classification change
22. Revised Advisory Calendar 2019-20
23. Correspondence: Amy Griffin
24. Correspondence: Timothy Barret
25. Correspondence: Donald Thieme

**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](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Citizen Speak**

None.

**3. Announcements**

None.

**4. Discuss and Appoint COA Board Member**

Ms. Sullivan Woods provided an overview of Dr. Ferrell's resume. She stated Dr. Ferrell had interviewed with the Chair and Vice Chair of the COA as well as herself. She added that there would be only one vacancy on the COA board after Dr. Ferrell's appointment.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Robert Ferrell to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.**

#### **5. Discuss Budget and Budget Book**

Ms. Strother, Town Finance Director, and Mr. Dwinell, Town Budget Analyst, joined the Board.

Ms. Freiman stated that the budget book was a comprehensive review of every department and provided details of how budgets were built, departmental priorities, and how each would be looking forward.

Ms. Jop stated that the goal of the budget book was to provide additional transparency. She reviewed the background of the book and how it would inform the budgeting process and Town Meeting. She reviewed the overall budget process and the departmental narrative process. Ms. Freiman noted the relationship between the budget book and the Unified Plan. The Board discussed the budget book and additional information that would be added. The Board discussed how the book would be available for public review.

Ms. Freiman stated that the budget had been reduced and was currently at a \$200,000 deficit. She noted that the School Committee had discussed its budget at its last meeting. The Board reviewed the school budget and the outcome of contract negotiations for the schools. Ms. Freiman stated that Dr. Lussier and Ms. Mahr had recommended at the last School Committee meeting \$75,000 in cuts to the Schools' proposed budget for FY21, reducing the budget request to 3.8%. She stated that the School Committee would prefer to work with the Board to find common ground on the budget. The Board discussed the school budget request at 3.8%. Mr. Ulfelder suggested the School Committee provide scenarios for reducing the budget request to the 3.5% guideline. The Board discussed the proposal of Schools providing scenarios for further reductions in the budget request. Ms. Freiman stated she would relay the Board's concerns and questions to the School Committee.

#### **6. Discuss and Vote Verizon Petition**

Ms. Jop noted that the petition had been discussed previously by the Board and that she discussed the additional questions concerning the tree impact from the work with Mr. Schmitt, NRC Director and Ms. Vlass of Park and Tree. Ms. Jop noted that Mr. Schmitt submitted a memo with his recommendations for the petition including the use of an airspade for the work. She noted the previous comments and conditions for the work from Engineering. Ms. Jop read the full order and conditions for the record.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the petition to Place 230 feet of 1-4" PVC conduit and 2 concrete hand holes, from existing pole, P.14 located on the easterly side of Livermore Road in a northerly direction to proposed Hand Hole location #1 Livermore Road. Hand Hole #2 will be located 105' from the existing pole, P.14 and 125' from new Hand Hole #1 provided the following conditions are met:**

- **Verizon shall provide a schedule and obtain a street permit from DPW.**
- **No work shall take place within the paved portion of the right of way.**
- **Verizon shall coordinate with the MLP to ensure adequate street lighting with the removal of the streetlight.**

- **Verizon shall use an airspade to dig the trench along the frontage of 61 Abbott Road and shall have a certified arborist present for the digging of said trench to advise on the preservation of tree roots.**

## **7. Presentation of Citizen Petition on Sustainability**

Ms. Theermann of 13 Aberdeen Road, Mr. Bender of 30 Ivy Road, and Mr. Gorman of 113 Cliff Road, sponsors of the petition, came before the Board. Mr. Gorman and Mr. Bender briefly reviewed their backgrounds.

Mr. Bender reviewed the Town's work of reducing carbon emissions and noted that emission reductions had leveled off. He stated that the Town would need to reduce 30,000 tons of greenhouse gases to reach the 2020 goal of 25% reduction of carbon emissions, which would be an extraordinary and highly unlikely achievement. He added that the petition would ask Town Meeting to support MLP acting in bold ways to work to meet the Town's carbon emission reduction goal. Mr. Gorman reviewed the motion development process for the petition, noting that input from various boards was being used to draft motion language. He read the drafted motion for the Board. Mr. Bender stated that the intention of the motion was to substantially increase the scale of the current MLP renewable energy program. The Board discussed and provided feedback on the drafted motion.

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

Ms. Jop stated that the MSBA performed an evaluation for an incentive reimbursement based on how the schools are maintained, noting Wellesley's score of 1.9 out of 2. She added that the state average was 1.3. She thanked the FMD for their continued work. Mr. Morgan stated that the score would directly impact the reimbursement base for the Hunnewell project.

Ms. Jop stated that revisions had been received to the drafted minutes and would be completed before posting. She reviewed the gifts received from Middlesex Savings Bank to the Police and Fire Departments of \$10,000 to each department. She stated that the Police Department would be using the funds toward the purchase of a community service dog. Ms. Jop added that a resident that wanted to remain anonymous had contacted Ms. Sullivan Woods to coordinate a donation to the Police Department's purchase of the community service dog in the amount of \$10,000. Ms. Freiman stated the funds would be used for the initial costs of the dog but annual expenses would be incurred by the department for the upkeep of the dog. Ms. Jop reviewed the one-day license requests received from Babson College.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of December 2, 2019, December 2, 2019 AM, December 9, 2019, December 16, 2019, and January 6, 2020.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the following gifts to the Town from Middlesex Savings Bank \$10,000 to the Police Department and \$10,000 Fire Department to be expended on any non-personnel related expense.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the anonymous gift of \$10,000 to the Wellesley Police Department for a community service dog.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the One-Day Licenses for Babson College to be held on February 25, 2020 at the Arthur Blank Center,**

on February 29, 2020 at Knight Auditorium, on April 24, 2020 at Knight Auditorium, and on June 10, 2020 in Centennial Park on the Babson campus.

**9. Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

Ms. Freiman stated that articles had been assigned to the Board largely based on liaison assignments.

**10. Liaison Update**

Mr. Morgan stated that the NRC had been working with stakeholders regarding the potential addition and upgrades of lights to the Hunnewell fields. He stated that the library renovation was proceeding on schedule and the architects would present before the PBC on March 12<sup>th</sup>. He added that FMD would be reviewing options for adding air conditioning to the Hills Branch. He stated the CPC continued to work on the North 40 project in determining the amount of acreage to be put under a CR. He stated that the CPC had appropriated \$200,000 for the softball field project that would go before Annual Town Meeting.

Ms. Olney stated that the multi-town gas leak initiative had begun a three-month pilot program with National Grid, MAPC, and other communities to address how to accelerate gas leak repairs. She added that the NRC had recently posted a list of leaks of significant environmental impact that National Grid had identified in Town. She provided additional updates on the SEC, Housing Task Force, and Wellesley Media. She stated that Wellesley Media would be working with a consultant to address video black-out issues and would perform a full review of the system.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that a joint meeting with the Board, the SBC, and the School Committee would be held on February 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. He briefly reviewed the drafted agenda for the meeting.

**11. New Business and Correspondence**

Ms. Freiman stated that she had drafted a letter of support of the request for a job change for Mr. Gagosian of FMD. The Board discussed the letter, and the job change. The Board expressed its support for Ms. Freiman submitting the letter with the job change request.

**12. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all municipal union and under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #2 – to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief Jack Pilecki)**

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 all unions and to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with Chief Pilecki, a non-union staff member, and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

**At 9:40 pm upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to enter into Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions, as the Chair has declared that having such a discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop to participate and to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #2 to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police Chief Jack Pilecki), as the Chair has declared that having such a discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and**

**to invite Meghan Jop to participate. Following the adjournment of 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**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to exit Executive Session.**

**Freiman – Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Morgan – Aye**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.