

Approved: March 13, 2023

Select Board Meeting: February 13, 2023

Present: Olney, Ulfelder, Sullivan Woods, Aufranc, Lanza

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board Calendar
3. Draft Vote/Resolution to participate in PACE Program
4. Detailed Sources & Uses
5. 5 Year Capital Plan
6. Initial Draft TWFP
7. 2023 ATM Warrant Article List
8. Draft Motions
9. Draft Board Code of Conduct
10. New England Medical Billing Medicaid filing
11. Wellesley College CV applications – El Table; Café Hoop
12. Draft Select Board Minutes 1/10/23
13. Correspondence re: Babson Campus Special Police Officer
14. Police Commendations
15. Registry of Deeds Letter

1. Call to Order

Ms. Olney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:36pm online.

2. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Joint Meeting with Climate Action Committee

Ms. Martello, Sustainability Director and Mr. Dolan, MassDevelopment Vice President of Investment Banking joined the Board.

Ms. Martello reviewed the information presented to the Board at its meeting on January 24th and provided an introduction of Mr. Dolan and his work for MassDevelopment. Mr. Dolan reviewed his presentation on the PACE program. He stated that he was a member of the Green Finance Team which assists owners of properties in finding ways to fund implementation of the PACE program. He reviewed the benefits of the program for municipalities, property owners, and lenders. He noted that 30 states have active PACE programs including other New England states. Mr. Dolan continued to review the Massachusetts PACE program and available guidelines provided by MassDevelopment. He noted the eligible measures for energy efficiency and renewable energy with the program. Mr. Dolan provided an overview of several projects completed utilizing the PACE program in Massachusetts noting the process flow for both the property owner and for the municipality. The Board discussed the PACE program and responsibilities of municipalities that participate.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to authorize the Town of Wellesley to Participate in the Massachusetts Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program and to approve the model resolution.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

4. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

Mr. Kaplan, Town Moderator; and Ms. McMahon, CPC Chair, joined the meeting.

Ms. Jop stated that she would be presenting ATM articles and Select Board budgets to Advisory later in the week. She added that the town-wide financial plan was expected to be voted on March 6th, noting that outstanding information included healthcare information which would be known by the end of the week. Ms. Jop stated that the FMD budget had been updated with the finalized union contract information, adding that several other union contracts had not yet been finalized. She provided an overview of the sources and uses and the Select Board departmental budgets. She noted the variance in several budgets related to increased costs and personnel adjustments. The Board discussed the budget projections.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the General Government Select Board budget at \$15,985,029 which includes an anticipated budget for contract settlements.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the FY24 Budget of \$14,467,497 for public safety that does not include contract settlements.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

Ms. Jop reviewed the articles recommended for the consent agenda, noting most were the commonly included articles. The Board discussed the consent agenda articles and potential modifications prior to recommending it to the Moderator.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to recommend to the Moderator that the following articles be included on the consent agenda; Articles 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 32, 38, 40, 47.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

Ms. Jop reviewed the discussion regarding the Housing Authority request to use CPC funds to upgrade Housing Authority properties which had been denied by DHCD due to the fact that CPC funds were not originally used to develop the properties. She noted that in order for that request to be granted the Town

would have to create special legislation to allow for the funding for Housing Authority projects to be funded through the CPC affordable housing fund. Ms. McMahon discussed the proposal adding that the CPC had been working with Town Counsel on the draft special act and asked for the Select Board's support. The Board discussed co-sponsoring the article.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to support and co-sponsor Article 24 Motion 1 with the CPC.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Mr. Kaplan reviewed his request for the Select Board's support for Article 34 to extend the term of the Moderator from one year to three years in the Town bylaws and Special Act. He noted the previous discussion with the Board and briefly reviewed the purpose of proposing the article. The Board discussed the article and decided that the Board would not take a position on Article 34.

5. Discuss Draft Code of Conduct

Ms. Olney stated that a draft had been circulated to the Board, noting it had been developed through a review of codes of conducts in other municipalities and from MIIA. She noted the time and in consideration of other meetings for the evening asked that the Board review each bulleted item and submit minor edits and note items for further discussion and submit those changes to Ms. Jop to include in the next meeting material packet.

6. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop reviewed the request to expend \$5,000 from the Babson Fund for the March 14 racialization program. The Board discussed the use of the funds and the purpose of the community program. She noted the receipt of the generous anonymous gift to be used for the Police Dog, Officer Winnie.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the expenditure of \$5,000 from the R.W. Babson Fund for the community discussion on Racialization scheduled for March 14, 2023.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to accept the anonymous gift of \$10,000 for the food and keeping of the Wellesley Police Department Comfort Dog Officer Winnie.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm.