

Approved: March 21, 2022

Select Board Meeting: February 22, 2022

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board Calendar
3. Moderator's Letter re: Remote Town Meeting
4. Draft Town Wide Financial Plan
5. ATM Article List
6. Draft ATM Motions
7. Mass Bay Community College Press Release
8. Retirement Board Election Letter

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ulfelder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm online.

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

Mr. Ulfelder requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of considering a grievance by Local 1795, IAFF as required under a collective bargaining agreement and to discuss ongoing health care negotiations with all unions as having a meeting in open session may be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position.

At 6:02 pm, upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to consider a grievance by Local 1795, IAFF and under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #3 to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions on health insurance as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would be detrimental and to invite Meghan Jop, Amy Frigulietti, and Labor Counsel Jim Pender to join the meeting for the grievance discussion and to invite Scott Szczebak and Robin Tusino to join the meeting for the health care discussion. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session to conclude the agenda.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

2. Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct a grievance hearing with the Local 1795, IAFF

3. Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #3 to conduct strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions on health insurance

At 7:07pm upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to exit executive session and return to open session.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:08 pm

4. Citizen Speak

None.

5. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

Ms. Strother, Finance Director joined the Board. Mr. Kaplan, Moderator, joined the Board.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the Moderator had asked the Board to discuss the potential for remote town meeting given that the State had recently made the option available as he believed it would allow the most participation by Town Meeting Members. The Board discussed the remote town meeting option for Annual Town Meeting using a zoom platform.

Ms. Jop reviewed the drafted motions for review. She stated that motions for articles 9 and 27 had been revised, noting that the motions had not reviewed and voted. Ms. Jop added that “motion 0” would be submitted to the Board at the next meeting authorizing remote town meeting to commence.

Ms. Jop stated that comments received from the drafted Town Wide Financial Plan would be incorporated for the Board to review and discuss at the next meeting. She added that the land use department transition information would be further detailed based on comments received. Ms. Jop reviewed how the model was developed for the five year outlook for sources and uses. The Board expressed concerns regarding how the projections would be viewed. The Board discussed at length the developed projections and how the projections should and could be viewed. Ms. Jop stated that she and Ms. Strother would review and adjust the projections based on the comments received by the Board, adding that a robust narrative regarding the projections would be included. The Board discussed the budget approved at the previous meeting. Ms. Lanza reiterated her objections expressed at the previous meeting for the Board’s vote to modify the Planning Board’s budget. . Mr. Ulfelder stated that the Planning Board would be discussing its budget at its meeting that evening based on conversations between the Chairs over the past few days. He added that he anticipated that the proposal, if supported, would be to restoring \$25,000 in study funds into the Planning Department budget and exclusion of the proposed additional full time staff member. Mr. Ulfelder stated that a new vote would be necessary after the Planning Board’s discussion, vote, and budget resubmission. The Board continued to discuss the budget as previously approved and the expectation of having to amend it and re-vote at the next meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to hold the Annual Town Meeting scheduled for March 28, 2022 as a Remote Town Meeting using the Zoom Platform in accordance with Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the motions for Articles 7. Motion 1, Articles 9, 17, 24, 27, 32, and 46.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

6. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Council on Aging would be meeting on February 24th and would be considering a vaccine policy for the COA. She added that the COA had asked for input and guidance from the Board of Health, Select Board, and Town Counsel. She stated that Town Counsel assisted in the development of the draft policy and that the Board of Health had provided a summary to the COA of its robust discussion at their meeting regarding the policy. She noted that Ms. Jop and Mr. Izzo had met with COA Acting Director, Greg Wilson, to provide staff feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm.