

Approved: May 2, 2022

Select Board Meeting: March 7, 2022

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Correspondence re: DOER Opt-In stretch energy code
3. Memo from DPW re: Winter Maintenance Appropriation
4. Moderator's Letter re: Remote Town Meeting
5. Select Board Notice of Remote Town Meeting
6. Hardy School MSBA Project Funding Agreement
7. COA gift information
8. Animal Control Report
9. Memo from Assistant Chief Peterson
10. Norfolk Registry of Deeds Letter re: CPA Funds
11. Dept. of Veterans' Services re: 2022 Supplemental Payment for Veterans
12. Police Commendations

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.

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

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 union as having a meeting in open session may be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position

At 6:01 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, Labor Counsel Jim Pender, Michael Leach and Patrick Bryant to join the meeting 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

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 7:16 pm

3. Citizen Speak

None.

Mr. Ulfelder congratulated all of the candidates that were elected at the recent Town election including Ms. Olney who had been re-elected.

4. Discuss and Vote Winter Supplemental Appropriation

Mr. Cohen, DPW Director, joined the Board. He stated that the second supplemental request was necessary as the last storm event left the department in a deficit. He noted that he believed the current request would cover winter maintenance needs through the end of the season and the department would turnback a significant amount of the funds at the end of the fiscal year. The Board discussed the second request for a winter supplemental appropriation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the second winter supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to the Department of Public Works.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

5. Discuss and Vote Climate Action Committee Request to Submit Joint Comments on DOER Opt-In Stretch Energy Code

Ms. Martello, Sustainability Director; Ms. Olton and Mr. Bunger of the Climate Action Committee, joined the Board.

Ms. Jop stated that the Climate Action Committee had voted to sign two letters and were seeking Select Board authorization. Mr. Bunger provided a brief overview of the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) opt-in stretch code straw proposal. He stated that forty towns had reviewed the DOER proposal and had created a letter in response with an analysis as well as recommendations. He noted that the Climate Action Committee had voted to sign on to the letter and created its own letter to the DOER specific to Wellesley adding that the deadline for comments was March 18th. Ms. Martello stated that the proposal followed previous State decisions around a roadmap for the goal of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, similar to Wellesley’s interim goals to meet the standard. She added that without strong State level policy, local goals would remain unachievable. The Board discussed the

DOER straw proposal response letter, the Climate Action Committee's letter, the reasons for submitting both, and the involvement of the MLP in the process.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) that the Select Board sign on to the Stretch Code Straw Proposal Comments to DOER by MA Net Zero Buildings Coalition and the Stretch Code Straw Proposal letter from the Climate Action Committee.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

6. Discuss and Vote Health Insurance MOA with All Unions

Ms. Jop stated that the negotiation team had been working with all of the unions on new health care terms. She reviewed the tentative agreement with all of the unions noting the agreement would begin on July 1 and end on June, 30, 2025. Ms. Jop stated that the town would remain as part of the West Suburban Health Group and reviewed the changes to the health care offerings and premium splits. She noted the updated health care offerings and changes in the MOA. Ms. Jop stated that the steering committee pushed for the annual rates to be set early which assisted in the negotiation process. The Board discussed the Health Insurance MOA.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the three year Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Wellesley and all Town Unions regarding health insurance benefits.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

7. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

Ms. Jop stated that the Board had voted to transition Town Meeting to remote and that vote had been posted by the Constable, she added that under the Acts of 2022 a more specific notice was required which had not been voted or posted to date. The Board briefly discussed the notice.

Ms. Jop stated that she had discussed various articles with the Moderator for the consent agenda and reviewed the agreed upon articles. She noted that in order for the articles to be included a unanimous vote was required by Advisory, and recommended by the Select Board, with agreement from the Moderator. The Board discussed the proposed articles for the consent agenda. Ms. Jop noted the Board's vote earlier in the evening for the winter supplemental appropriation required a new vote on Article 7 motion 1 to include the additional appropriation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the notice moving the Annual Town Meeting to the zoom remote platform as suggested by the Moderator and to issue the required notice.

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 place in the Consent Agenda Articles 4, 7, 8.1, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 26, 30, 34, 42, 43 and 49.

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 Article 7, Motion 1 to \$700,000.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

8. Recognize Vote from 2/28/22 to Authorize Chair to Sign on behalf of Select Board for the Project Funding Agreement for Hardy School MSBA Project

Ms. Jop noted the Board’s vote at the previous meeting regarding the Hardy School Project Funding Agreement. The Board briefly discussed the project funding agreement.

9. Executive Director’s Update

Ms. Jop stated that minutes would be deferred to the following meeting. Ms. Frigulietti provided an update on the Civil Discourse Initiative dialogue series adding that the group had finalized its series and issued a survey to participants. She noted that she would update the Board after the survey results had been reviewed and how the initiative would move forward. Ms. Frigulietti stated that on March 10th the Wellesley Public School Diversity Equity and Inclusion office was hosting a webinar “Our Moment of Racial Truth” and the community could register through the Wellesley Public School DEI website.

Ms. Jop stated that the Council on Aging had received another distribution of the Campana gift, noting it was the sixth distribution from the trust.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the gift of \$6,000 to the Council on Aging from the Richard Campana Revocable Trust for COA programs and facilities of the Tolles Parsons Center.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

10. New Business and Correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm
The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.