

Mr. Morgan congratulated all candidates that ran for various Town offices and welcomed all newly elected Town Meeting Members and others that ran successful campaigns. He welcomed Ms. Lise Olney to the Board.

3. Public Comment

None.

4. Execute Proclamation – Eagle Scout Candidate

Mr. Ulfelder provided review the background information regarding the Eagle Scout project Mr. Klinck had been working on. He read the Boards proclamation congratulating Mason on his accomplishment.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to execute a proclamation recognizing Mason Klinck attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

5. Consider Advisory Committee feedback on FY20 Budget as submitted

Mr. Morgan discussed the feedback the Board received regarding the Budget from the Advisory Committee at their meeting on March 2nd. He noted that Advisory had taken supportive and unsupportive votes on particular budget items that had been over guideline reviewed several of the votes taken by Advisory with respect to Article 8. He stated that Advisory had voted 10-3 unsupportive of the Health Department budget regarding the mental health and social services expenses, particularly the addition of a new position of a . Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW). He stated the major issue for the unfavorable position is that Advisory felt that the proposal had not been a satisfactorily analyzed and planned.

The Board discussed the social services position and the funding added to Article 8 given the unsupportive vote from Advisory. The Board reviewed the timing of the update and Board discussions regarding the position and the lack of information available to Advisory prior to its meeting.

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that she understood Advisory's concerns given the lack of advanced notice and stated that the working group had been assembled and preparing the proposal for over a year. She stated the Health Department had been drafting a job description which would address concerns related to the priorities of the position and its reporting structure. She stated that as part of the working group process all stakeholders had agreed that the Town was not servicing mental health emergencies adequately and further described the reasoning behind the funding request. She noted that part of the proposal was the Wellesley/Weston Police contract for shared services and stated that Weston will move forward with or without Wellesley.

Ms. Freiman stated that she had met with Chief Pilecki and Deputy Chief Whittemore regarding the partnership for shared services with Weston. She noted that the police department would like to be able to do more to service mental health issues and is committed to the issue. She added that the report was received late by the Board and that the Advisory vote was important when considering what the Board should bring before Town Meeting.

Mr. Ulfelder stated he was supportive of the shared services between Wellesley and Weston police departments but did not believe the Board or town should move forward with the LICSW position given the lack of time to prepare prior to Town Meeting. The Board continued to deliberate the funding increase for mental health and social services and the comments received from Advisory. Ms. Freiman

stated she remained supportive of the funding but did not feel comfortable bringing it before Town Meeting without further discussions with Advisory. Mr. Morgan stated that the funding request could be added to the warrant for Special Town Meeting in May to provide additional time for the Board to have discussions and prepare its presentation.

Mr. Morgan stated that he had been unhappy with the school budget discussions and that the Board and the School Committee had not reach an agreement prior to the vote by Advisory. He stated Advisory had been clear in favor of a school budget at 3.5%. He added that he was concerned about the steady increases of the schools' budget while shifting resources from other Town departments. The Board continued to support a leaner school budget. Ms. Freiman stated that the school budget had continued to increase even while enrollment decreased and would prefer to see the school department put forward a budget that is more aligned with other departmental requests. The Board discussed requesting the School Committee to reduce the budget request to 3.5%. Ms. Freiman stated her agreement in removing the funding for the mental health and social services from Annual Town Meeting only if the proposal would be added to Special Town Meeting in May. Mr. Morgan asked staff to update the budget information.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (4-1; Sullivan Woods opposed) that the proposal for mental health services for \$160,000 be removed from the Board of Selectmen budget for the annual town meeting.

6. Execute Street Acceptance Plan – Polaris Circle

Mr. Morgan stated the street acceptance plan had been voted on by the Planning Board and accepted at its meeting on March 7th. Mr. Ulfelder stated that the subdivision was newly built and the Town did not need to take land in order to widen street or add drainage. The Board discussed the street acceptance plan.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Polaris Circle Street Acceptance Plan as approved by the Planning Board at its meeting on March 7, 2019.

7. Approve Drainage Easement – Ravine Road

Mr. Morgan reviewed the proposed easement. He stated that typically the Board was not required to provide approval for drainage easements. He noted the DPW Board had met previously and approved the easement.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Abandonment of existing drainage easement and grant of drainage easement at 37 Ravine Road as approved by the Board of Public Works.

8. Set Special Town Meeting Date

Mr. Morgan reviewed the process of having a Special Town Meeting and reviewed discussions the Town had with John Hancock regarding the redevelopment of the Wellesley Office Park. He stated the Town stood to gain from working with John Hancock and the first phase of the redevelopment would result in a total of 350 rental units that would qualify toward the subsidized housing index and take the Town into a safe harbor protection from 40B developments. He also noted there would be incentive payments from the state for the 40R development. He reviewed additional benefits for the Town with the proposed project.

He noted a Special Town Meeting would be necessary as the project would not be ready for presentation at Annual Town Meeting. He stated that both the 148 Weston Road and Delanson Circle would be included on the warrant as the Town was working to a favorable resolution with the developers and those projects. He stated that after working with Advisory a date of May 13th was agreed upon for a Special Town Meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to set Monday, May 13, 2019 as the date for a Special Town Meeting.

9. Gift Acceptance

Mr. Morgan reviewed the gifts for acceptance.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to accept a gift in the amount of \$1,290.00 from Elizabeth Ryan for a memorial bench to be installed in Boulder Brook Reservation.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to accept a gift in the amount of \$635.50 from The Rotary Club of Wellesley to be used for 500 tree seedlings for the Annual Arbor Day Program.

10. Review and Approve Revisions to Playing Fields Task Force Charter and Playing Fields Policy

Ms. Sullivan Woods reviewed the need for the approval of the charter and policy. She noted the changes had been approved by the NRC, School Committee, and Recreation Department. She reviewed the overall changes and updates to the charter and policy. The Board discussed the charter and policy changes and made suggestions for future edits.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the revisions to the Playing Fields Task Force Charter and Playing Fields Policy.

11. Approve One Day Special Licenses – Babson College

Mr. Morgan reviewed the two special license requests for approval.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve a one-day special license to Babson College on March 29, 2019 in Olin Hall, Markey Commons & Knight Auditorium for its Sustainability Conference Event.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the one-day special license to Babson College on April 5, 2019 in Park Manor West FME Workshop for its Latin Entrepreneurship Forum event.

12. Elect Secretary

Mr. Morgan reviewed the role of the Secretary for the Board and noted the necessity of electing a member to serve in the role. Ms. Sullivan Woods and Mr. Ulfelder both expressed interest in serving as Board Secretary. The Board agreed to deliberate further and come to a unanimous decision at a future meeting.

13. New Business and Correspondence

Mr. Morgan stated that the next Board meeting would be held on March 18th in the Juliani room at Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm.