

Approved: May 17, 2021

Select Board Meeting: April 27, 2021

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board Minutes: 4/5/21; 4/9/21; 4/12/21
3. Memo to Select Board re: appointment of Trustee of Wellesley Free Library
4. Federal Realty Notice of Neighborhood Meeting
5. MAPC Legislative Update
6. Gifts to Fire
7. Gifts to DPW
8. Police Commendations
9. Living Little Report
10. Keolis Brush Clearing

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ulfelder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm online.

Mr. Ulfelder announced the meeting was being recorded for subsequent viewing on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 or at wellesleymedia.org.

2. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Babson Graduate Student Project Presentation

Babson Students: Ms. Kohl, Mr. Mountzoures, Mr. Valente, Ms. Fergie, Ms. Jaiswal, joined the meeting

The group reviewed the background of their market research study of Wellesley's business environment that included surveys of the community on the wants and needs for retail, restaurants, and downtown aesthetics. Mr. Mountzoures noted that the survey found that respondents desired a mix of small, unique, and varied businesses. Ms. Kohl reviewed the approaches toward businesses districts in Newton and Concord. She stated that Newton had been supporting business recovery through small grants and other funding. She added that Concord has many resident-owned businesses that create a strong "shop local" mindset among residents. She noted that both Newton and Concord viewed restaurants as an important driver for increasing foot traffic to retail stores, as well as providing a strong sense of entrepreneurship in the community. Ms. Fergie reviewed the results of the survey stating that the team had received 902 responses with most respondents having lived in Wellesley at least 10 years. Mr. Valente stated that most respondents wanted additional restaurants and retail options and noted the specific types of options listed in the survey. He added that more accessible options for parking was also a common theme among respondents. Mr. Mountzoures and Ms. Jaiswal reviewed the mapping of the town's business districts and provided suggestions on how the town can become a destination for shopping and dining, including communication and collaboration strategies. Ms. Jaiswal reviewed a potential implementation strategy for increasing the appeal of shopping and dining in Wellesley. The Board discussed the findings and survey results, in addition to the recommendations.

4. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop stated that the Governor had issued new reopening plans and additional information would be forthcoming from the Department of Public Health and the Wellesley Department of Health. She added that the state was looking toward 100% reopening by August 1st. She noted the updated draft minutes that were sent earlier in the day.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of April 9, 2021, and April 12, 2021, as amended.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

5. Joint Meeting with Board of Trustees of the Wellesley Free Library

Ms. Jurgensen, Library Director, and Board of Trustee members Ms. Robinson, Ms. Howley, Ms. Murphy, Ms. Rappaport, and Ms. Savage joined the meeting.

Mr. Ulfelder called the joint meeting to order.

Ms. Robinson reviewed the outreach and interview process for the vacancy on the Board of Trustees, noting that fifteen applications had been received and reviewed. She stated that Ms. Li stood out among the three finalists and was voted unanimously by the Trustees and noted Ms. Li's background and resume. The Boards discussed the recommendation of the Trustees to appoint Ms. Li. Ms. Robinson stated that the Main Library had closed for renovations but the branches would remain open and the library would open a temporary space at the former Talbots location on Central Street.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Boards were polled and voted (9-0) to call a joint meeting with the Board of Trustees of the Wellesley Free Library

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Howley – Aye

Murphy – Aye

Savage – Aye

Robinson – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Boards were polled and voted (9-0) to appoint Tom Ulfelder as Chair of the joint meeting.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Howley – Aye

Murphy – Aye

Savage – Aye
Robinson – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Boards were polled and voted (9-0) to appoint Marla Robinson as the Secretary of the joint meeting.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye
Howley – Aye
Murphy – Aye
Savage – Aye
Robinson – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Rappaport, the Boards were polled and voted (10-0) to appoint Linshi Li to the Board of Trustees of the Wellesley Free Library until the next Annual Town Election in 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye
Howley – Aye
Murphy – Aye
Savage – Aye
Robinson – Aye
Rappaport – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Savage, the Boards were polled and voted (10-0) to dissolve the joint meeting.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye
Howley – Aye
Murphy – Aye
Savage – Aye
Robinson – Aye
Rappaport – Aye

6. New Business and Correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2021 at 6:00 pm online.