

**Approved: May 19, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: May 4, 2020**

**Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Sullivan Woods, Morgan**

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: none**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Cash Capital Reduction Proposal
3. BOS Departments Reduction Proposal
4. Original 21-25 Capital Plan
5. Revised Sources and Uses Over view
6. Revised Sources and Uses Long Form
7. Order Requiring Face Coverings – STATE OF MA
8. Draft BOS/BOH Order
9. Draft BOS Minutes: February 6, 2020
10. Draft BOS Minutes: April 23, 2020
11. Memo from Treasurer
12. Gift Information – Fire Department & Health Department
13. COA Gift Log
14. Draft Senate Bill on Remote Town Meeting

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm online.

Ms. Freiman 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](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Citizen Speak**

Mr. Steinberg stated that he objected to the section of the proposed order that would not allow bikers or runners on Fuller Brook path.

**3. Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

Department Heads present: Ms. Strother, Mr. McDonough, Mr. Grant, Mr. DuPont, Chief Pilecki, Chief DeLorie, Ms. Mahoney

Ms. Jop reviewed previous budget discussions and proposed modifications to the assumptions from revenue and state aid. She stated that all departments were tasked with reducing their individual budgets by 25%. She added that Public Works, Library, NRC, and Town Clerk had all voted their reduced budgets. Ms. Jop noted that she had discussed the COA budget with the director although the COA Board had not reviewed or voted on their revised capital budget. She reviewed the proposed reductions from the Selectmen department budgets including COA, SEC, Police, Fire and IT. Ms. Jop noted that FMD's proposed reductions were separate from the other departments and reviewed the changes and reductions to the FMD budget. Ms. Jop stated that departments were reviewing any potential needs and expenses

associated with reopening Town Hall noting those expenses would fall under FY20. The Board discussed the proposed reductions from the budget.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the reductions to the Board of Selectmen's Departments Cash Capital as outlined.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

#### **4. Discuss and Vote Unforeseen Measures of COVID-19 Outbreak**

##### **Vote to Extend Definition of Essential Construction to May 18, 2020**

Ms. Jop stated that the previous Essential Construction directive had an expiration of May 4<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the Governor's Essential Business Order. She added that as the Governor had extended the state order to May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board may also extend their Essential Construction definition to align with the state.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to extend the Town of Wellesley's definition of essential construction until May 18, 2020.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

Board of Health members present: Mr. Cohen, Ms. Testa Simonson, Ms. Oliver Grape and Mr. Izzo, Health Department Director joined the meeting. Mr. Harrington and Ms. Rubin of Town Counsel's Office joined the meeting.

##### **Joint Meeting with Board of Health to discuss Governor's Face Covering Order**

Ms. Freiman stated that the goal of the Boards has been balance the enjoyment of the Town's open spaces with the interest of protecting all residents from the spread of COVID-19. She added that the Governor and the CDC had addressed social distancing and wearing of face coverings many times since the beginning of the outbreak. Ms. Freiman stated that the Governor had issued an order that wearing face coverings was mandatory when maintaining a social distance of at least 6-feet was not possible indoor or outdoor. She noted that discussion would focus on if the Town would supplement the Governor's order with its own and how the order would apply on Town trails and paths.

Ms. Jop reviewed the drafted order and the points where it supplemented the Governor's order. She noted that definitions from the Governor's order were explained further within the Town's. She added that the Town would place several minor additions to the state such as requiring face coverings to be worn within enclosed worksites and mandatory signage requirements for essential businesses. She noted the addition of the temporary leash law that had been put in place by the Town previously and noted the numerous complaints of non-compliance. Ms. Rubin reviewed the changes to the order from the previous draft. The Boards discussed the drafted order and potential revisions.

Ms. Freiman stated that based on the emails received by the Board that residents have differing opinions as to the meaning of "social distancing". She added that many emails stated that residents do not follow social distancing advisories on the Town trails and paths as well as non-compliance with the temporary

leash law. She noted that residents should be aware of their surroundings and respectful to those around them. Ms. Freiman stated that the Governor's order mandates face coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained. She added that the previous draft of the Town order barred cyclists and runners from Fuller Brook Path and that provision had been removed from the current draft based on feedback. The Boards discussed the removal of the provision in the most recent draft and potential revisions under the "Outdoor Physical Activity" section.

Ms. Jop stated that the order had been updated by Town Counsel based on the current discussion. She reviewed the updated order for the Boards review.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Erhard of Seaward Road stated that he felt the public should have time to review the order before the Boards vote. He added he was pleased to see the barring of cyclists and runners from Fuller Brook Path removed.

Ms. Woodward of Kirkland Circle stated that she was pleased the cyclists and runners provision had been removed. She added that she believed additional signage and outreach to the public was needed regarding social distancing.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Supplemental Order on Face Coverings in Wellesley.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Ms. Testa Simonson, the Board of Health was polled and voted (3-0) to approve the Supplemental Order on Face Coverings in Wellesley**

**Cohen - Aye**

**Testa Simonson - Aye**

**Oliver Grape - Aye**

#### **5. Executive Director's Update**

Ms. Jop noted the draft minutes for Board approval. She reviewed the background of the annual War Memorial Scholarship Fund distribution for awards through the Scholarship Foundation. She noted the Board had not yet voted on the amount of awards to be distributed. She reviewed the recommendations from the Treasurer for the scholarship award amounts. The Board reviewed the recommendation for award. Ms. Jop reviewed the grant received from The Fund for Wellesley to the Fire Department for acceptance.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of February 6, 2020 and April 23, 2020.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to authorize the Wellesley Scholarship Foundation to award a total of \$10,000 in War Memorial scholarships for 2020.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to accept the grant from the Fund for Wellesley to the Fire Department in the amount of \$5300 for the purchase of KN95 masks for seniors and those in medical need.**

**Morgan - Aye**

**Sullivan Woods - Aye**

**Olney - Aye**

**Ulfelder - Aye**

**Freiman - Aye**

## **6. Liaison Updates**

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Community Fund for Wellesley had received \$12,500 in a challenge grant.

Ms. Olney stated that she participated in the Metrowest Regional Collaborative meeting regarding the challenges of remote meetings and public engagement and noted various lessons learned from several communities.

## **7. New Business and Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11 at a 5:00pm -online.