

Approved: July 6, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: May 27, 2020

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Town Wide Financial Plan Supplement
3. Draft Article 8 Motion 2
4. Draft ATM Motions
5. Draft BOS minutes 5/11/20
6. Gift Information
7. Correspondence from Paul Shackford
8. Police Commendations

1. Call to Order

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 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.

2. Citizen Speak

Mr. Ju-Meng Wu of Mayo Road joined the meeting. He stated he was concerned about plans to install a small cell antenna in close proximity to his home. He added that he had concerns about limited safety information of radio frequency emissions and objected to the installation.

Ms. Freiman reminded the public that the meeting would be the last for Mr. Morgan who was moving from Wellesley.

Chief Pilecki, Chief DeLorie, Mr. Murphy, Ms. McMahon, and Ms. Searle joined the meeting. All in attendance thanked Mr. Morgan for his service to the Town over many years and recalled working with him on various projects, committees and boards.

3. Announcements

Ms. Freiman reminded residents to vote via mail in ballots prior to the June 13th Town election. Ms. Jop stated that mail in ballots returned totaled a 13% turnout rate while if all requested ballots were returned, turnout would equal 25%. She added that residents should request ballots prior to June 12th.

4. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

Discuss and Vote Amended Article 8

Ms. Jop reviewed the updates made to Article 8. She noted that the majority of the changes were due to the cuts made by the various departments and approved by the individual boards. She added that many of the operating budgets remained the same. She stated that modifications to the Police and Fire budgets had

been updated based on renegotiated contracts approved by the Board. She stated that the transfers from traffic and parking, water and sewer, and MLP had been included in all previous drafts. She noted that the appropriation for Board authorization totaled \$174,793,019.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve Article 8 Motion 2 budget as presented at \$174,793,019 and to bring Article 8 Motion 2 to Town Meeting.

Morgan - Aye

Sullivan Woods - Aye

Olney - Aye

Ulfelder - Aye

Freiman - Aye

Discuss and Vote Supplemental Town Wide Financial Plan

Ms. Jop stated that additional adjustments to the draft were needed and asked the Board hold voting until the next meeting. She added that the goal of the supplement was to update Town Meeting Members with the changes in the budget due to COVID-19. She stated that revenue revisions based on expected shortfalls and modifications based on union agreements were included. She added that the Town would potentially be eligible for over \$2 million in CARES Act funds as well as potential FEMA reimbursements due to COVID-19. Ms. Jop stated that reserves remained high at 11.6% which included the \$500,000 Special Education Stabilization Fund appropriation. She added that in the fall when the FY21 budget would be reevaluated the timeline would be in line with formulating the FY22 budget. The Board discussed the drafted supplemental Town Wide Financial Plan. The Board briefly discussed the funding for the Special Education Stabilization Fund and the expected time the School Department would have updated special education costs for FY20.

Discuss and Vote Motions

Ms. Jop stated that the drafted motions included language for a remote meeting. She noted that three municipalities were seeking a court order to allow for remote participation for town meetings. She briefly reviewed motions that were expected to be moved to the Fall Special Town Meeting. Ms. Jop reviewed the Board of Selectmen articles expected to be included in the consent agenda particularly all articles relating to financial matters and transfer of debt. The Board briefly discussed the drafted motions. Ms. Jop stated that there were two motions for consent agendas, one motion would include articles to be approved by a single majority vote and another to be approved by a super majority vote. The Board discussed the articles expected to be included in both consent agenda motions.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve motions brought forth by Executive Director Meghan Jop and Chief Financial Officer Sheryl Strother.

Morgan - Aye

Sullivan Woods - Aye

Olney - Aye

Ulfelder - Aye

Freiman - Aye

5. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop noted that comments had been received and would be included prior to posting. She reviewed the grants received by Town departments from The Fund for Wellesley.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of May 11, 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 following grants from the Fund for Wellesley Covid 19 Relief Fund:

\$4,000 to the Health Department for the continuation of meals program;

\$15,000 to the Health Department for the back to business initiative for the Wellesley Merchants; and \$5000 to the Youth Commission for two 3D printers

Morgan - Aye

Sullivan Woods - Aye

Olney - Aye

Ulfelder - Aye

Freiman - Aye

6. Liaison Updates

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that Recreation Commission had met and decided that Morses Pond cannot open with staff for the safety of personnel but would be monitored per the Governor's orders. She noted that there would be no lifeguards, bathhouses, restrooms, or trash receptacles. She stated that based on state guidance the residents should expect changes and updates to the rules for Morses Pond. Ms. Jop stated that the Recreation Commission and staff had worked hard to develop a plan to ensure safety. She noted that some residents had not been compliant with current rules placed on Morses Pond and hoped that compliance from residents would increase to assist the Town in deciding how best to open more space for public use. She noted that the Police Department would continue to monitor Morses Pond and other open spaces in Town.

7. New Business and Correspondence

Mr. Morgan thanked the Board and the Town for the support throughout his time in Town. He added that he would miss serving in Wellesley.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2020 at 5pm-online.