

Approved: June 27, 2022

Select Board Meeting: June 6, 2022

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board Calendar
3. Memo re: Recommendation for promotion to Lieutenant
4. Inter-Departmental Transfer Requests
5. Environmental Partners Traffic Study Response Letter
6. Draft Recommendation to Planning Board re: PSI-22-01
7. Application for outdoor parklet – Truly's
8. Draft Estoppel Certificates – Park 9
9. Access Agreement – 100 Walnut Street
10. June 3rd Select Board Appointment List
11. Animal Control Report
12. FMD Natural Gas Memo

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. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Discuss and Vote Police Lieutenant Promotion

Chief Pilecki, Deputy Chief Whittemore, and Sergeant Gallagher joined the meeting.

Chief Pilecki introduced Sgt. Gallagher and reviewed his background and accomplishments within the Wellesley Police Department. Chief Pilecki provided an overview of his recommendation to promote Sgt. Gallagher to Lieutenant and noted the assessment process for promotion.

The Board discussed the recommendation for promotion Sgt. Gallagher and congratulated him on the promotion to Lieutenant.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to promote Sergeant Robert Gallagher to the rank of Lieutenant with the Wellesley Police Department effective June 7, 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

4. Discuss and Vote FY22 Year End Transfers

Ms. Strother, Finance Director, joined the Board.

Ms. Strother provided a brief overview of the end of fiscal year transfer request process, noting her support for approval of the requests. Ms. Jop reviewed each request for transfer, noting the COA and Library requests were generally due to conversion of employees from part time to full time. She stated that the risk management transfer request was due to a modified insurance analysis and litigation matters. She added that MIIA typically does not set the rates until after Town Meeting. The Board discussed the transfer requests.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the requested transfers for the Council on Aging (\$20,000), Library Board of Trustees (\$40,000), Advisory Committee (\$3,000), and Risk Management (\$70,000) and recommend to the Advisory Committee approval of the transfers.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

5. Discuss and Vote Alteration in Premises for CV and alcohol License at The Wellesley Tavern, 165 Linden Street

Ms. Jop stated that the Board was asked by the Health Department to hold the hearing at the June 21st meeting.

Mr. Ulfelder opened the public hearing. He stated that the hearing would be continued to the next meeting on June 21st.

6. Discuss and Vote Use of Parking Space for Parklet at Truly Ice Cream 35 Grove Street

Ms. Jop reviewed the request to use a parking space in front of Truly's Ice Cream for a parklet adding that Truly's would be responsible for purchasing of materials and for the upkeep of the parklet. Ms. Jop stated that by providing additional seating, the area would contain the litter that is often a concern of residents. She noted that the Health Department had concerns regarding the construction that would be taking place in the immediate area and asked that should the Board approve the request, the opening of the parklet would be at the discretion of the Executive Director, Engineering, and the Health Department. The Board discussed the request, some noted concerns of approving the parklet while the area will also have two additional parklets and the current levels of seating areas outside the shop. The Board continued to discuss the request for a parklet as well as concerns regarding parking, trash, and the abutters to the business. The Board expressed general agreement to delegate final approval and date of installation and opening to Ms. Jop.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the use of 1 parking space on Grove Street in front of 35 Grove Street for the installation of parklet pending final approval of plans from the Health Department. Start dates of the parklet shall be approved by the Executive Director in consultation with Engineering and Health and the parklet must be removed by November 1, 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Lanza – Aye

7. Discuss and Vote PSI Traffic and Pedestrian Recommendation for Hardy School, 293 Weston Road PSI-22-01

Mr. D’Amico, of Compass; Ms. Mirick, School Committee Chair; Ms. Davis of Environmental Partners; Mr. Rebeck of SMMA; Mr. DeRuiter and Mr. Ho of BETA; and Chief Pilecki joined the meeting.

Ms. Jop discussed several of the comments in the Environmental Partners traffic study response. Mr. Rebeck addressed the traffic pattern for the afternoon noting that additional studies would be needed with respect to the potential of opening Route 9 access for the afternoon release. Mr. DeRuiter discussed the speed limit of the area and the signalization of Hardy Road at Weston. The Board discussed the traffic assessment and drafted recommendation to the Planning Board. The Board expressed agreement in revising the recommendation to add language regarding the follow up traffic study that would include an assessment for the drop off and pick up activity on Lawrence Road and Hickory. The Board continued to discuss the recommendation. Ms. Jop reviewed the conditions included in the recommendation for the record.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the traffic and pedestrian safety recommendation to the Planning Board for the Hardy Elementary School Project PSI-22-01 as presented with the understanding that Meghan Jop and Tom Ulfelder will modify it to include changes discussed at this meeting.

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

8. Discuss and Vote Estoppel Certificates for Park 9 (Sun Life) Sale

Ms. Jop stated that Beacon Properties was acquiring the Sun Life Property and have asked the Town to approve two estoppel certificates associated with the original development agreement. She added that Mr. Schmitt of the NRC has verified that Beacon has complied with the original conservation restriction.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the estoppel certificates for the Town’s conservation restrictions and development agreement with Sun Life and to authorize Select Board Chair Tom Ulfelder to sign on behalf of the Board.

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

9. Discuss and Vote Access License for MWRA at 100 Walnut Street

Ms. Jop stated that the MWRA was requesting access for test pits for a long term tunnel project, she added that Town Counsel had reviewed the agreement language as well as the insurance certificates.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the access license for 100 Walnut Street to the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

10. Discuss and Vote Norfolk County ARPA Funds for Walnut Street Construction

Ms. Jop stated that Town Meeting had approved funds for the project however, the Board had previously considered applying for ARPA funds for the project. She noted that final project costs had been slightly lower than estimated. She added that the Town could immediately move forward with application for the funds to Norfolk County.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the application to the Norfolk County for the use of \$2,551,578.16 from ARPA funds for the construction of Walnut Street.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

11. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop noted the summary memo for the annual employee appointments. She added that Town Counsel and Labor Counsel were included on the list.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the appointments as detailed in the Select Board Appointments FY23-24 dated June 3, 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

12. New Business and other Correspondence

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Merchant events held over the previous weekend had been well attended. She thanked the Ceremonial Graves Officer, Celebrations Committee, and the American Legion for their services held on Memorial Day. She noted that information regarding Flag Day would be announced shortly for residents to deliver flags for proper disposal.

Ms. Jop noted concerns regarding sight lines at the corner of Cedar and Hastings would be discussed at the next Traffic Committee meeting, adding that the fence in question appears to be installed without violation of any bylaw.

13. Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Sheryl Strother, and Rick DeLorie)

Mr. Ulfelder requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of conducting strategy for negotiations as having a meeting in open session may be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position.

At 8:07pm; 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 conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Sheryl Strother, and Rick DeLorie) as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would be detrimental and to invite Meghan Jop and Amy Frigulietti, to join the meeting. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – 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

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm.