

Approved: July 6, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: June 15, 2020

Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Sullivan Woods

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Wellesley Country Club Application for Change in Officers
3. Memo from Planning Department re: Historic District Commission Appointment
4. Resume of Meredith Angeli
5. Grant Brown memo for appointment to Historical Commission
6. Memo from Sheryl Strother
7. Easement and Plan for 34 Wachusett Road
8. Easement and Plan for 21 Carisbrook Road
9. Draft Article 5, Motion 7
10. Memo from Chief Pilecki
11. ATM Motions
12. Email from Chief DeLorie
13. Letter from Audit Committee

1. Call to Order

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 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

None.

3. Announcements

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Flag Day ceremony was well attended and thank the Veteran's Graves Officer, Mr. Oliveri, and Woodlawn Cemetery for their work. She thanked the COVID-19 Relief Fund for their gifts to the community that provided masks, gloves, and sanitizer to the merchants in Town as well as sanitizer stands throughout the various shopping locations in Town.

Ms. Olney stated that a Facebook Live series of discussions would be hosted by the Facebook Group "Wake Up Wellesley" beginning on June 16th. She noted that the discussions would center on racism in Wellesley and provide a forum to allow for conversations. She added that the group was organized by Wellesley High School students.

4. Vote Wellesley Country Club Change in Officers and Directors

Ms. Jop stated that the Country Club provided their annual Change in Officers application. She noted it was reviewed by staff prior to submittal and was complete.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the submitted slate of officers/directors for the Wellesley Country Club, Club Alcohol License.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

5. Vote to Appoint Historic District Commission Member

Ms. Jop reviewed the memo received from the Historic District staff requesting the appointment of Ms. Angjeli to the Commission. She noted that this appointment would fill the final vacant seat on the Commission.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to appoint Meredith Angjeli to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire on June 30, 2023

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

6. Vote to Appoint Historical Commission Members

Ms. Jop reviewed the memo from Mr. Brown regarding appointing Historical Commission members. She noted that the Board would review all additional annual appointments at its June 29th meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to appoint Elizabeth Shlala, Jacob Lilley, and Vicki Schauffler as full members of the Historical Commission with terms to expire on June 30, 2023 and to appoint Emily Maitin and Michael Racette as Alternate Board members for a term to expire on June 30, 2023.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

7. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

Vote 1/12th Budget for FY21

Ms. Strother, Finance Director, joined the meeting. She stated that the 1/12th budget had been prepared as a precautionary measure in the event Town Meeting did not vote the necessary articles prior to the state mandated balanced budget deadline for municipalities of June 30th. She noted that many municipalities were also voting 1/12th budgets as the remote participation bill for Town Meetings had not passed until recently. The Board briefly discussed the budget request.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to authorize a temporary July budget in the following amounts:

Municipal Expenditures: \$ 8,457,678

School Expenditures: \$ 854,322

Enterprise Funds: \$ 1,500,000
Total \$10,812,000

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye

Discuss and Vote Easements for Article 27

Ms. Jop reviewed the two easement plans provided from the Engineering Department. She noted that 34 Wachusett Road had been approved by the Board but was then modified slightly. The Board discussed and reviewed the plans for both easements.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the proposed drainage easements for 34 Wachusett Road and 21 Carisbrook Road

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye

Discuss and Mote Motions

Ms. Jop noted that the recently negotiated contract with the Library was updated in motion 7 for Article 5. She reviewed the costs and the tables.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to Article 5, motion 7 as drafted with the understanding the total amount will be modified to \$58,468 to reflect the inclusion of Facilities Maintenance.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye

Ms. Freiman stated that the Board had more articles that required a vote including the motion to hold Town Meeting remotely. Ms. Jop noted that there had been an adjustment in the language to include the legislative reference to remote Town Meetings.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the motion to conduct Annual Town Meeting remotely via “Zoom” videoconferencing platform the language that is MOVE that pursuant to the Acts of 2020, Chapter 92, and before taking any other vote at this Annual Town Meeting, the Town Meeting Members hereby vote to continue conducting this Annual Town Meeting remotely by means of “Zoom” video conferencing platform and to address the articles included in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye

Ms. Lanza, proponent for Article 42 joined the meeting. She read a prepared statement to the Board that she had previously sent for the record. She stated that Article 42 should be taken up at Annual Town

Meeting in June rather than waiting to the Fall. She noted that she believed the remote platform would allow for time to discuss and vote on Article 42 as well as the other motions before Town Meeting.

Ms. Freiman stated that the Board had previously stated that Annual Town Meeting would take up only essential Articles regarding matters that were critical financial issues that allow the Town providing services. She noted that based on a survey conducted by the Moderator, Town Meeting Members were not comfortable meeting indoors and preferred a remote platform over an outdoor meeting. Ms. Freiman stated that all petitioners of Citizen Petitions were contacted that their petitions would be moved to the Fall STM without having to re-gather signatures. Ms. Freiman stated that she believed the national conversation regarding race and systemic oppression had moved many to action. She added that she believed Article 42 was a timely issue that should be addressed sooner rather than later. She noted that there was a possibility that there could be an STM held in September.

The Board discussed the meaning of a motion to “lay on the table” articles on the warrant. Ms. Freiman noted that the Moderator had stated that a traditional motion to postpone an article requires that the article be heard within the same Town Meeting. A motion to lay on the table is not debatable or amendable and, if it is seconded, the motion moves immediately to a vote. Ms. Freiman stated that if the motion was made to lay on the table the citizens petitions (Articles 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46) and that motion was passed by Town Meeting, the Board intended to move the citizens petitions to the next Special Town Meeting. The Board discussed at length the motion to lay on the table the citizens petitions, with particular reference to Articles 42 and 43. Ms. Freiman stated that the motion to lay on the table the citizens petitions is currently on the warrant and any Town Meeting Member could make the motion and Town Meeting would then decide the question.

8. Executive Director’s Update

Ms. Jop reviewed the contracted employees requests to carryover vacation days that would not be used due to COVID-19. The Board briefly discussed the requests.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the vacation carryover of 15 days for Chief DeLorie and 16 days for Assistant Chief Peterson.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

9. Liaison Update

None.

10. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Freiman noted that the Board would meet prior to Annual Town Meeting on June 22nd.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 29, 2020 at 5pm-online.