Approved: August 13, 2019

Board of Selectmen Meeting: June 17, 2019
Present: Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Morgan, Ulfelder, Olney
Also Present: Jop

Warrants approved:  2019-048 $1,469,083.31
                  2019-049 $15,048,956.27

Minutes approved:  April 29, 2019
                  May 13, 2019
                  May 20, 2019
                  May 21, 2019

Meeting Documents:
1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Motions
4. Draft BOS minutes: 4/29/19
5. Draft BOS minutes: 5/13/19
6. Draft BOS minutes: 5/20/19
7. Draft BOS minutes: 5/21/19
11. Gift information – DPW
12. Italo Club Change of Manager Request
13. CV Application – Next Dine
14. Charge to the School Building Committee
15. Hunnewell Elementary School Feasibility Study
16. Hunnewell School Educational Program
17. Correspondence re: HHU
18. Memo re: 2019 Waterstone Rents
19. Presentation re: Waterstone of Wellesley Rents
20. Regulatory Agreement – Waterstone of Wellesley
21. 2009 Hiring Policy – Fire Department
22. Draft revised Hiring Policy – Fire Department
23. Selectmen Appointment lists – FY20
24. Volunteer form – Jennifer Rixon
25. Volunteer form – Holly Grace
26. Volunteer form – Michael Ryan
27. Memo re: “Select Board”
28. Correspondence from Mr. Schuler
29. Email re: DPU – Gas Leaks
30. DPU Order
31. Future Act Information Sheet
32. Future Act Roadmap
33. Cambridge MA Resolution re: Future Act
34. House Bill re: Future Act
35. Indigenous People’s Day information
36. Holiday observances information

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Juliani Room.

Mr. Morgan announced the meeting was being telecast live on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and streamed live by Wellesley Media and is recorded for subsequent viewing on the cable channels or at wellesleymedia.org.

Ms. Sullivan Woods thanked Mr. Oliveri and the members of the Veterans’ community including Pete Jones and the Fire Department for their respectful flag disposal on Flag Day, and reminded the public that if they need to dispose of a flag there is a collection box at Town Hall on the first floor.

2. **Public Comment**

None.

3. **Executive Director’s Update**

Ms. Jop announced that Trinity Financial had been continuing their listening tour regarding the Tailby and Railroad Project and a community forum would be held by Trinity Financial as part of their listening tour on June 18th at 6:30 pm at the Community Center. She noted that the Assistant Executive Assistant position posting had closed and the office had received over eighty applications. She briefly reviewed the minutes for approval. Ms. Jop reviewed the gifts for approval, noting that the Wellesley Hills Junior Women’s Club gifts come from grants, and the conditions placed on the grant received by the Recreation Department required Board acceptance.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of April 29, May 13, May 20, and May 21, 2019 meetings.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to accept grants from the Wellesley Hills Junior Women’s Club to the Health Department for $1000 for summer camp transportation, and $1901 to the Fire Department for the replacement of CPR Mannequins.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the gift from the Wellesley Tennis Association to the Recreation Department $26,319.99 with the condition the funds be spent to defray the cost of lighting at the Hunnewell Courts and to authorize the Recreation Commission to expend those funds for said purpose.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the gift from Terry and Catherine Catchpole for a bench and plaque at Fuller Brook Park in the amount of $1350.

4. **Vote Change in Manager, Italo-American Club, 80 Oak Street**
Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the change in manager request from the Italo Club. She stated the application was reviewed and approved by staff and upon the Board’s approval the materials would be sent to the State for final approval.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the change in manager for the Italo-American Club License from Joe Fortini to Jimmi Bazzari.

5. **Vote Common Victualler License Request, NextDine, 93 Worcester St.**

Ms. Jop provided an overview for the café located at Wellesley Gateway located at 93 Worcester Street, noting the owner also operates a café at the Sun Life location. She noted the application had been reviewed and had received all initial signoffs from departments.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Common Victualler License for Next Dine at 93 Worcester Street.

6. **Discuss and Vote Vacant 2019 Board/Committee Appointments**

Ms. Jop stated that there were several appointments with terms that would expire at the end of June, and provided an updated list of appointees who had stated they would like to be reappointed to their positions. She added that after review of the appointments, staff had determined several that should be recommended for reappointment for an additional term. She noted there were recommendations to hold a few of the appointee terms for a future meeting. She reviewed the appointees recommended for an additional terms including Cultural Council, Historic District Commission, and the Veterans’ Ceremonial Graves Officer. She noted several appointments were being deferred including those that had not confirmed their desire to serve additional terms. The Board briefly discussed the reappointments based on recommendations from staff and from Boards/Committees.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint:

- Kathleen Vogel to a 3-year term for COA
- Vita Weir to a 3-year Term for Cultural Council
- Edwina McCarthy and Emily Maitin to 3- year terms on the Historic District Commission
- Kepes Panel Committee members each to a 1-year term; Robert Murphy, George Roman, Salvatore DeFazio, Dante DeGruttol, Joel Slocum, Sylvia Hahn-Griffiths
- Joe Oliveri to a 1-year term as Veterans’ Ceremonial Grave Officer
- Philip Juliani and Kevin Flynn each to a 1-year term as Constables
- Robert Kenney and Robert Goldkamp each to a 3-year terms as members of the WHDC
- Walter Adams and Derek Redgate each to 3year terms as ZBA Associate Members

7. **Discuss and Vote SBC Recommendation for a Newly Constructed Hunnewell School**

Mr. Morgan recognized that members of the SBC, Facilities Department, and SMMA were present and available to answer questions.

Ms. Gray of the SBC, Mr. Pitkin of SMMA, Mr. Bonfatti of Compass, and Mr. McDonough of FMD, joined the Board.
Mr. Ulfelder stated that there would be no formal presentation at the meeting. Mr. McDonough provided a brief review of the feasibility study work that had been performed and noted the large scale of the project and site investigations that had been completed. Mr. Pitkin noted that the team followed the MSBA process of feasibility study that typically includes schematic design. He added that there would be more planning and developing of the proposed design. The Board discussed the MSBA charge, the feasibility study background, and the process of developing a design option for the project. The Board discussed the design and several elements to be taken into consideration as the design evolved, including the building orientation and consideration of the Library. Mr. Ulfelder stated that the current design had taken into account the requests from the Library, among others, and that additional input would be considered. The Board continued to discuss the proposed current design and the background of the process.

Ms. Sullivan Woods asked that the Board add as a regular agenda item “SBC updates” every few meetings. Mr. Ulfelder stated that he would provide the Board with updates regarding SBC projects more often.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to affirm the vote of the SBC to recommend new construction for the Hunnewell School.**

8. **Discuss Renaming Board of Selectmen to Select Board**

Mr. Morgan stated that approximately 80 towns out of 320 had changed to “Select Board” rather than “Board of Selectmen”. Ms. Olney noted that at a recent Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting, there was a robust discussion regarding the topic. Mr. Morgan stated that any change would require Town Meeting action and asked that the discussion be centered on whether the Board would like to bring an action before Town Meeting. Ms. Olney stated she strongly favored making the change and noted that Select Board is a more inclusive term. She noted that in the towns that had made the change there had been little resistance. Ms. Freiman stated that when asked previously she had stated she was not opposed being called a Selectmen, however, she would support the proposal as it aligns with the Board’s diversity pledge. She added that she believed it was important to take a step of showing support for other appointed and elected women. Ms. Sullivan Woods stated she believed the name change was not a high priority for the town but was uncomfortable with the term Select Board and “Select Board Member”. Mr. Ulfelder stated he was in favor of uniformity of terms for the Board and would appreciate additional information from Town Counsel regarding the process of making the change officially. Staff would follow up with additional information from Town Counsel and from other towns including Needham.

9. **Vote Waterstone at Wellesley 2019 Affordable Rent**

Ms. Jop reviewed the background of the Town’s role in working with the Department of Community Housing Development (DHCD) and Waterstone to set affordable rates. She pointed to the compliance report submitted by Waterstone that had been used to set the rates. She provided details regarding the matrix used that had included family size and total income and identified the increase in costs for operating the facility. She stated that she and Ms. Sullivan Woods had worked with Waterstone to reduce the increase from the original proposal included in the compliance report. She detailed the proposed rents for the affordable units, noting the market rate unit rent increases. She reviewed her conversations with Waterstone and commended them for working with the Town to decrease the initial proposal, noting that in other towns most facilities would not negotiate. The Board discussed the rate proposal and the matrix used in the determination.
Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Waterstone at Wellesley 2019-2020 rental rates as proposed.

10. **Discuss and Vote Revised Fire Department Hiring Policy**

Mr. Morgan briefly reviewed the background of hiring policies of the Fire Department and the request that the Board work with the Fire Chief and the Fire Union to update the policy. He noted that the policy had not been revised in over seven years. Ms. Jop reviewed the proposed revisions and noted the structure of the Board overseeing the policy development and adoption of policies for the Fire Department. She added that the updates bring the policy more in line with the process followed by the Police Department. The Board discussed the revisions to the hiring policy.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the revised Fire Department Hiring Process as proposed.**

11. **New Business and Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Juliani Room.