

At 6:31 pm, upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 4-0 to enter into executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #2 – to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel Sheryl Strother, Finance Director and to invite Meghan Jop to participate.

**Freiman-aye,
Sullivan-Woods-aye,
Ulfelder-aye,
Morgan-aye**

Ms. Olney arrived to the meeting at 6:40 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 6:50 pm.

3. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Local 1795 the Firefighter’s union

Mr. Morgan declared that the discussion of collective bargaining strategies in open session may have a detrimental effect on the Board’s position in bargaining.

At 6:51, upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 5-0 to enter executive session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Local 1795 the Firefighter’s union as the Chair had declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Board’s bargaining position, and to invite Meghan Jop to participate.

**Freiman-Aye,
Sullivan Woods-Aye,
Ulfelder-Aye,
Olney-Aye,
Morgan-Aye**

The Board returned to open session at 7:12 pm.

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.

4. Public Comment

Ms. Crowley of 37 Linden Street came before the Board. She stated she wanted to raise community awareness regarding an email from June 17th regarding the Railroad and Tailby Lot project that would add approximately 150 units of housing to the area. She stated she had been unaware of the proposed project before the email. She stated she believed there should be more information provided to the area neighborhoods through various methods. She added that the neighborhood had experienced significant impacts from developments over the past three years.

Ms. Vicknicky of 5 Poplar Road came before the Board. She stated she has grave issues with the proposal from Trinity for the Tailby Lot project. She stated that the proposed project would impact open space in the area that currently has a green canopy. She added that the removal of trees in the area with the proposal concerned her and specifically asked the Board to hold off on proceeding with the Railroad Lot project.

5. Joint Meeting with Natural Resources Commission (NRC) – Appoint Vacant NRC Position

Ms. McManus, Ms. LaRocque, and Ms. Roberts of the Natural Resources Commission, and Ms. Braun joined the Board.

Ms. LaRocque, Chair called the meeting of the Natural Resources Commission to order at 7:24 p.m.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Boards voted (8-0) to convene a Joint meeting with the Natural Resources Commission

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Boards voted (8-0) to elect Jack Morgan as chair of the joint meeting

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Boards voted (8-0) to elect Regina LaRocque as secretary of the joint meeting

Ms. LaRocque reviewed the background of the vacancy and process of receiving and reviewing the applications by the NRC for filling the vacancy seat. Ms. LaRocque read into the record a letter she sent previously to the Board providing details of the appointment background and request. Ms. Freiman stated she had been present at the interviews for the vacancy and that she was supportive of the appointment. She thanked Ms. Braun for interest in serving the community.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Boards by a vote of 8-0 voted unanimously to appoint Nancy Braun to the Natural Resources Commission until the next Town Election.

Mr. Morgan stated for the record that the vote to appoint Ms. Braun was unanimous. The Board thanked Ms. Braun.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Boards voted (8-0) to dissolve the joint meeting.

Ms. LaRocque adjourned the Natural Resources Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.

6. Vote Year End Transfers

Ms. Strother, Town Finance Director, joined the Board. She reviewed the requested transfers for the Advisory Committee and the Building Department. She stated that should the Board approve the requests; she would present the transfer requests to the Advisory Committee for final approval.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the transfer from the Compensated Absences account in the amount of \$17,300 to the Building Department expense accounts, contingent upon final authorization from the Advisory Committee.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the transfer from the Advisory expense account to Advisory's personnel accounts in the amount of \$2,300 contingent upon final authorization from the Advisory Committee.

7. Discuss and Vote Finance Director Contract

Ms. Jop stated the proposed three-year contract for the Town Finance Director included incremental adjustments in salary over the life of the contract; starting in year one with an annual salary of \$159,000. She added that there were no changes to vacation time or other benefits in the draft contract. Mr. Morgan expressed his appreciation to Ms. Strother on behalf of the Board, noting that the demands of the position had increased over the last few years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the employment contract from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 for Sheryl Strother Finance Director/Town Account/Chief Financial Officer.

8. Discuss and Vote Signage Package for Wellesley Sports Center, 900 Worcester Street

Mr. Hannigan of Sunshine Signs, Mr. Shind, Attorney for the Developer, and Mr. DeVellis, Developer of the project joined the Board.

Mr. Ulfelder stated for the record that he and his family have used the services of Mr. Shind for personal real estate matters.

Mr. Shind noted that the project had entered the final stages of permitting and they had recently received a temporary certificate of occupancy for the facility. He pointed to the letter sent to the Board by the Design Review Board that included comments regarding the sign package and that those comments and requests were incorporated in the current sign package. He stated the electronic sign had not been approved by the Design Review Board.

Ms. Jop stated that these signs were required to be approved by the Board because the signs would be on Town-owned land. She reviewed discussions she had with Mr. DeVellis and Mr. Shind regarding the proposed signs. She noted that all recommendations from DRB had been incorporated into the proposal. She described the lighting to be used in the signs, noting they would be similar to the Whole Foods sign. She reviewed the locations of the signs along Route 9 and verified that the locations of the signs would not impact the sightline or interfere with the traffic light to be installed. Mr. Ulfelder asked if the signs would be turned off during the evening hours. Mr. DeVellis stated parking lot lights near the residential area would be phased out during the evening and could discuss turning off the other signs later in the evening. Ms. Olney suggested the light focus on the main sign only and be down-lit. The Board discussed the sign package, how the signs would be lit, and the impact of the signs and light to the neighborhood.

Mr. Shind reviewed the proposal for an electronic messaging sign. He described the location of the proposed electronic sign and the anticipated operation and messaging that would be displayed on the board. He added that the messaging was not expected to be changed often in order to minimize distraction. Mr. DeVellis stated that a similar sign operates at the Worcester facility and further described the types of messaging that would be displayed. The Board discussed the electronic sign proposed. The Board provided feedback regarding the sign and asked that the request for the electronic sign be revised.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the three sign package proposed for 900 Worcester Street as presented with the understanding that the pylon sign will minimize light spill.

9. Appoint Single Building Historic District Study Committee

Ms. Jop reviewed the background of the request to establish the committee. She stated that the Historical Society had purchased 323 Washington Street which provided for two locations for their collections. She noted that the Society intends to use the space for public events which would require many upgrades to the location. She noted the historic provisions allowed under the building code would not apply to the site. She added that Mass General Laws provide strict guidelines that include presenting a study to the state historical commission. She reviewed the proposed study committee that included members of current boards and commissions in Town. She outlined the steps that would need to be taken after the study is completed. The Board discussed the need for establishing the proposed committee and the upgrades necessary to open the property for public use.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40C, General Laws, a Local Historic District Study Committee consisting of (3-7) members, which shall make an investigation and report on the historic significance of the buildings, structures, features, sites or surroundings included in such proposed local historic district as the committee may recommend, and shall submit a final report with its recommendations after a public hearing, together with a map of the proposed district and a draft of the proposed bylaw to Town Meeting. Current members appointed to include Amy Griffin, Thomas Paine, Jared Parker, and Catherine Johnson.

10. Common Victualler Take Out License – Cheesy Street Grill

Ms. Jop reviewed the application for a take out license to be located within the 900 Worcester Street location and would be the main concession stand in the facility. She described where the proposed location would be located inside of the facility.

Mr. Moorhead, the proposed manager of Cheesy Street Grill, joined the Board. He stated he would be the first franchisee of the business and noted two other locations. The Board discussed the application and placement of the restaurant within the facility.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Common Victualler Take Out License for Cheesy Street Grill at 900 Worcester Street, contingent upon final approval by the Board of Health and Building Inspector

11. Discuss Next Steps Indigenous People's Day

Mr. Morgan reviewed background information on holidays for Town and School staff. He noted there were several options other towns and cities had taken to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day. He stated one option for action would be a voter referendum and described that process. Mr. Morgan stated that he believed Wellesley should move to align with other towns in adopting Indigenous People's Day in replace of Columbus Day. Mr. Ulfelder supported a broader discussion through voter referendum but did not believe individual Board members' opinions were important to the broader discussion. Ms. Olney stated that she believed if the Board were to initiate a ballot question, additional education in the community would be needed. The Board discussed the options and process of moving forward and the facilitation of educational opportunities.

Mr. Franco of 6 Wellesley Avenue came before the Board. He stated he had previously offered an alternative proposal to the suggested change in holiday. He stated he believed the Board held some responsibility for offering educational opportunities to the community.

Ms. McCullum of 6 Pickerel Terrace came before the Board. She stated she believed the topic was complicated and would require additional clarity of what would be asked of the voters. She believed the referendum should be in March at the annual Town election and not postponed to a general State election in November, 2020.

12. Vote to Confirm SBC Appointments

Mr. Morgan reviewed the background of the SBC charge regarding membership requirements and the role of the Board in voting to appoint members. He noted that the School Committee had voted to appoint Ms. Martin and Advisory Committee appointed Ms. Gard to fill vacancies. Ms. Sullivan Woods stated she believed the Advisory Committee appointment process had not been transparent and felt the Board should not affirm the decision. She asked the Board to vote separately on the two appointments and ask Advisory to formally vote on an appointee. Mr. Morgan stated he did not believe it was the role of the Board to ask Advisory to review its process and formally vote. Ms. Freiman noted that the SBC charge did not dictate a vote of appointments before submitting appointees to the Board. The Board discussed the Advisory appointment process and the Board's role in affirming appointments to the SBC.

Ms. Sullivan Woods moved that the Board vote separately on each proposed appointment. The motion was unsupported; the Board did not vote.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (4-1, Ms. Sullivan Woods opposed) to appoint Melissa Martin and Mary Gard to the School Building Committee.

13. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Jop provided an overview of the gifts for acceptance. She noted the gift from Wellesley College for their contribution to the Quint Fire Truck.

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

- **\$1000 from the Wellesley Junior Women's Club to the Recreation Department for an afterschool Yoga program.**
- **\$3000 from the Wellesley Junior Women's Club to the Recreation Department Camp Scholarship Fund**
- **\$150,000 from Wellesley College to assist the Town with the purchase of a Quint Fire Truck.**

Ms. Jop noted that one of the outstanding appointments included a Board appointment to the SEC, which Ms. Olney had expressed interest in.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Lise Olney to the Sustainable Energy Committee for a three-year term.

14. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Freiman thanked Mr. Morgan for his leadership of the Board as Chair. She noted some of the major business and projects the Board had worked on over the course of the fiscal year under Mr. Morgan's leadership.

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that Mr. Joyce, longtime MLP Director, would be retiring at the end of July and asked that the Board prepare a proclamation recognizing his service to the Town.

Ms. Jop reminded the Board and the community that Town Hall summer hours would be in effect beginning July 1st, and that Town Hall would remain open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and close at noon on Fridays through Labor Day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.