

**Approved: July 21, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: July 6, 2020**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: none**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft BOS calendar
3. Memo from Chief Pilecki
4. Sustainable Wellesley Letter of Support – Anti-Idling proposal
5. Inter-Departmental Transfer Request
6. Special Education Stabilization Payment Request Invoice
7. Draft BOS minutes 5/27/20, 6/1/20, 6/8/20, 6/15/20
8. Draft Warrant Articles – October STM

**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](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Executive Session**

Ms. Freiman requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to pending litigation and contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Deputy Chief Scott Whittemore) and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

**At 4:00pm Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss negotiation strategy with respect to pending litigation, and to enter under Executive Session M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #2- to discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Deputy Chief Scott Whittemore) as the Chair has declared that having such a discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop, Amy Frigulietti, Scott Szczebak, Jennifer Sunderland, Ryan Foye, Joe McDonough, and Jack Pilecki to join the meeting. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session and take up the remainder of the agenda.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**At 5:25pm Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**  
**Freiman – Aye**

**3. Call to Order – Resume Open Session**

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:26pm

Ms. Kato joined the Board. She appointed the Board for their annual appointments to the Board of Fire Engineers. She appointed Chief DeLorie and Chief Pilecki for their respective annual appointments as Fire Warden/Director of Emergency Management and Keeper of the Lock-Up.

**4. Discuss and Vote Annual Performance Reviews**

Chief DeLorie and Chief Pilecki joined the Board.

Ms. Freiman briefly reviewed the process of conducting the annual reviews for Ms. Jop as well as Chief DeLorie and Chief Pilecki. She noted that it had been a particularly challenging year for each of them with the COVID-19 outbreak. Ms. Freiman highlighted the achievements of each. The Board discussed the challenging year and the successes of Ms. Jop, Chief Pilecki, and Chief DeLorie.

**5. Discuss and Vote Deputy Police Chief Whittemore Contract**

Ms. Freiman stated that the Board had discussed the Deputy Chief's contract and noted he is under an annual contract. Chief Pilecki expressed his confidence in, and continued appreciation for, the work of Deputy Chief Whittemore.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the FY21 employment contract with Deputy Chief Scott Whittemore with a salary of \$167,890.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**6. Discuss Anti-Idling Police Proposal**

Chief Pilecki reviewed the anti-idling proposal. He noted that by revising the traffic regulations the Officers would have the ability to enforce the state regulations with additional flexibility. He stated that a public information campaign would be used to help educate residents about the pollution effects of idling cars.

Ms. Theermann of Sustainable Wellesley joined the Board. She stated that she had worked with the SEC and the NRC on anti-idling projects and campaigns for several years. She added that the Police Department had been supportive in the past but had limited enforcement abilities.

Ms. Morris of the SEC joined the Board. She stated her appreciation for the proposal as the SEC had worked on education campaigns and hoped for more widespread education.

Ms. McManus of the NRC joined the Board. She stated read for the record a statement from the NRC to the Board. She noted the health concerns related to pollution created by idling vehicles.

The Board discussed the proposal as well as the educational aspect of its proposed rollout. Ms. Jop reviewed the procedural requirements for modifications to the traffic regulations. The Board expressed general support of the proposal.

**7. Discuss and Vote FY20 Year End Budget Transfers**

Ms. Strother, Town Finance Director, joined the Board. She reviewed the transfer request for legal expenses which had been extensive due to COVID-19 and the changes in Annual Town Meeting. She noted that the request would be presented to Advisory.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the transfer request of \$12,000 from Selectmen Expenses to the Legal Expenses.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**8. Discuss and Vote Special Education Stabilization Fund Expenditure**

Ms. Jop reviewed the invoice. She noted that School Committee had approved the expenditure.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) that the Board vote to authorize payment of an invoice in the amount of \$321.93 to New England Medical Billing for the Town’s Medicaid filing from the SPED Stabilization Fund**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**9. Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Jop reviewed the legislation passed by the State noting provisions regarding voting by mail and for early voting. She added that additional guidance would be issued.

Ms. Jop stated that at Annual Town Meeting both Article 42 and Article 43 were amended prior to being voted. She noted that Town Meeting voted on the amended motions for each Article. She reviewed the motions for each Article and the actions of Town Meeting. She noted that the motion that passed at Town Meeting for 42 was to change Columbus Day to Indigenous People’s Day upon voted approval at the next annual town election. She stated that Article 43 as amended did not pass. Ms. Jop reviewed the process for adding ballot questions to the local election ballot. The Board briefly discussed Article 42 as well as the process of adding a question to the ballot.

Ms. Jop noted that revisions to the drafted minutes had been sent to the Board earlier in the day.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of May 27, 2020, June 1, 2020, June 8, 2020, and June 15, 2020 as amended.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**10. Liaison Updates**

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the MLP bills would include an update on COVID-19 impacts on the summer events and Town programs.

**11. New Business and Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 5pm-online.