

Approved: August 16, 2022

Select Board Meeting: July 26, 2022

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Resume: Nathaniel Brady
3. Draft Presentation of Mr. Kornwitz
4. Norfolk County Tax Notice
5. Police Commendations
6. Update re: An Act Driving Clean Energy and Offshore Winds

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 Assistant Fire Chief Position

Chief DeLorie and Deputy Chief Brady joined the Board

Mr. Ulfelder reviewed the hiring and interview process for the position and noted that all Board members participated in the interviews. Mr. Ulfelder provided a brief review of Deputy Chief Brady's background and resume, adding that the promotion to Assistant Chief was supported by Chief DeLorie. The Board briefly discussed Deputy Brady's background and his vision for the role of the Assistant Chief within Department. Chief DeLorie discussed his support for Deputy Chief Brady in being named Assistant Chief.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to appoint Deputy Chief Nathaniel Brady to the position of Assistant Fire Chief pending finalization of contract negotiations.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

4. Presentation by David Kornwitz on House Bill 1174 Individual Medicare Marketplace

Mr. Kornwitz, Retirement Board Chair, joined the Board. He discussed the role of the Retirement Board noting that he had worked on House Bill 1174. He stated he believed that the bill would help the retiree healthcare system remain sustainable while healthcare costs continue to rise. He noted that he had been discussing the ideas presented in the bill for several years to the Board and to the former Town Treasurer,

adding that the model cannot be implemented without a change to the current law. Mr. Kornwitz provided a detailed overview of HB 1174; adding that there has been some opposition to the bill. He stated that the bill would present the opportunity for public employers to reduce retiree health costs without shifting costs to retirees by using the Medicare individual marketplace. Mr. Kornwitz continued to present the details of HB 1174 and what he believed the benefit could be for Wellesley retirees. He noted the differences in the current law and those proposed in the bill and discussed how the current system works for Wellesley retirees. The Board discussed the presentation, the proposed bill, and the potential for changes and benefits for retirees in Wellesley. Mr. Kornwitz discussed the potential opposition to the bill as well as the support for it adding that should the bill not pass a new bill would be refiled in the next legislative session.

5. Discuss and Vote sending Keno Zoning for review to Planning Board

Mr. Ulfelder discussed the Keno license request at the previous meeting and the purpose for asking the Planning Board to consider a change to the zoning bylaws regarding Keno. The Board discussed recommending the Planning Board consider the zoning change. The Board discussed making a formal recommendation to the Planning Board or asking staff to communicate with the Planning Director and Chair. Ms. Jop stated that Mr. Hamze did state at the previous meeting that two locations had monitors, though the Board had never received notice from the Lottery Commission and staff was currently reviewing how those monitors were placed and operating in the Town. The Board continued to discuss voting that the Planning Board consider the changes in the bylaw or notify the Planning Board and staff of the inconsistencies with the application of the bylaw. The Board expressed general consensus to ask Ms. Jop to communicate to the Planning Director and Chair of the potential inconsistencies and conflicts in the current zoning bylaw regarding Keno.

6. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop stated the land use departments had relocated to 888 Worcester Street and were currently operating at full capacity. Ms. Jop provided an update on the current 40B projects; noting the number of affordable units at each location. She added that the Great Plain Avenue project was almost completed and was at almost full occupancy. Ms. Jop stated that the 680 Worcester Street and 16 Stearns projects that had been under appeal from the Town and the neighbors may be moving forward in the near future. She provided a brief update on the WHDC Housing Market Analysis and would be presenting that to the Board soon.

7. Liaison Update

Mr. Ulfelder provided an update on the Town Hall interior project adding that the project cost estimate had increased and a review of the estimate and the reasoning behind the increase would be reviewed by the project team. He noted a PBC meeting would be held on Thursday and the project would be discussed.

8. New Business and Correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022 at 6:00 pm.