

Approved: August 18, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: August 4, 2020

Present: Freiman, Ulfelder, Olney, Sullivan Woods

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Voting Presentation
3. Draft 2020 State Primary Warrant
4. Draft Special Town Election Warrant
5. Request for Temporary Construction Parking
6. MassDOT Speed Regulation
7. Draft BOS Minutes: 07/21/20
8. Correspondence re: Shared Streets
9. Hanover & MLP Agreement
10. MCPPO Certificate

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.

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 collective bargaining with the Dispatchers, DPW Production Unit and the DPW Supervisors Unit and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

At 4:02pm, 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 strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Wellesley Police Dispatchers Association, AFSME 93, Local 335 DPW Production, and AFSME 93, Local 335 DPW Supervisors as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop, Amy Frigulietti, Dave Cohen and Scott Szczebak to join the meeting for the DPW discussion.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

At 5:09pm 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 5:10pm

Ms. Meagher and Ms. Hawkinson of the Selectmen’s Office joined the meeting

Ms. Freiman thanked Ms. Meagher and Ms. Hawkinson for their work on behalf of the Board and the Town during the COVID crisis.

Ms. Jop stated that Thursday, August 6th was Purple Heart Day, a day to recognize service members that had been wounded or died in battle. She added that the VSO, Sarada Kalpee, was deploying on August 8th and wished her a safe return. Ms. Freiman stated that the acting VSO, Ms. Blanchard, would be filling in while Ms. Kalpee is deployed.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the SBC would be meeting on Thursday August 6th at 4:30pm. He noted it would be a very important meeting for the SBC. He encouraged the public to watch the meeting to keep up to date on the sites for both Hardy and Upham. Ms. Freiman stated the SBC was expected to make its recommendation for a determination in the Fall.

4. Citizen Speak

None.

5. Elections

Town Clerk K.C. Kato joined the meeting

Ms. Kato stated that the polling proposal provided to the Board previously had been revised. She provided an update on the number of requests for mail in voting and absentee ballots. She added that mailing of ballots would begin in the coming week. She reminded the public that postage for the mail in ballots for the local election would not be pre-paid. Ms. Kato stated that mail in ballots would be processed prior to election day per Chapter 115 of the Acts of 2020. She noted that early in-person voting would be available for the Town Election as well as the Primary, which were being held on the same day. She noted the new drop box would be installed in time for residents to bring their ballots to Town Hall. Ms. Kato stated that Dr. Lussier had agreed to the use of some schools for polling locations for several of the precincts rather than using the MLP for a polling location. She reviewed each of the proposed locations for the precincts. She added that the locations would be the same for September and November elections. She reviewed alternative sites that had been discussed. She continued to review the logistical plans for the elections and early voting. Ms. Kato stated that the legislation stated that when ballots are received at Town Hall the ballot would be cast. She reviewed the plan for central tabulation at Town Hall. The Board discussed the proposed polling locations, alternative locations, and the plans for early voting and central tabulation. The Board expressed general support for keeping the polling locations the same for all elections as presented in the original proposal that included the use of the MLP garage rather than the schools. Ms. Jop stated that the use of the Village Church would require street parking. She noted Ms. Kato had previously requested that the Board extend free parking for the elections. The Board expressed general support for offering free parking for voting. Ms. Jop stated that the League of Women Voters had offered to allow for “Vote Safe” signs posted at various locations to encourage voting in the elections.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the warrant as amended with the early voting provisions at Tolles Parsons,

the polling locations for the September 1, 2020 elections, and in-person early voting for the September 1, 2020 State Primary Election and the September 1, 2020 Special Town Election and to authorize Meghan Jop to apply digital signatures to the Warrant as shown.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the Central Tabulation Facility at Wellesley Town Hall, Great Hall for the following hours:

● Tuesday August 25- Thursday August 27, 9 AM – 3 PM

● Friday August 28, 9 AM – 12 noon

● Saturday August 29, 9 AM – 12 noon

● Monday August 31, 9 AM – 6 PM

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

6. Discuss and Vote MassDOT 25MPH Speed Regulation for Dean, Old Town, Ox Bow and Boulder Roads

Ms. Jop stated that the Traffic Committee had received many complaints along Dean, Old Town, and Ox Bow Roads regarding excessive speeds from vehicles using the area as a cut through. She reviewed the process of the speed study conducted in the area. Ms. Jop provided an overview for the process of changing the speed limit for a given street. She noted other reduced speed signs in streets in the area of the study locations. Ms. Jop noted that the Town received approval from MassDOT to lower the speed in the areas. She added that until the signs are in place the Town cannot enforce the speed reductions. The Board discussed the changes in the speed limit for the area.

Upon a motion by Ms. Olney and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve Special Speed Regulation#7962 in accordance with MGL Chapter 90, Section 18 to establish a 25 MPH speed limit on Dean Road (Northbound and Southbound), Old Town Road (Eastbound and Westbound), Ox Bow Road (Northbound and Southbound), and Boulder Road (Northbound and Southbound).

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

7. Vote Advisory Representative to the School Building Committee

Ms. Freiman stated that the Advisory Committee had voted to appoint Ms. Quigley to replace Ms. Gard as the Advisory representative to the SBC. She noted the School Committee would vote at its next meeting.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to appoint Patti Quigley to the School Building Committee

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

8. Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Jop stated that the Library had a soft opening for browsing. She noted that patrons could only browse and could not use the copiers or computers. She reviewed the options for borrowing and the safety measures in place for patrons and employees.

Ms. Jop noted that the minutes had been revised and sent for review. Ms. Jop stated that the State’s Shared Streets grant program had awarded a grant in the amount of \$61,312.25. She noted the proposed plan including creating a seating area in Elm Park in the parking areas and to provide pedestrian and bike connections to Fuller Brook Park to Elm Park. She further reviewed the proposal including a bike rack and a parklet. Ms. Jop stated that the grant required to have the plan executed by October. She stated the Town would own the materials and could potentially test out the parklet in other sections of the town. The Board discussed the grant proposal and ideas for the future use of the equipment.

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 July 21, 2020 as amended.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the Shared Streets Grant in the amount of \$61,312.25

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

9. Liaison Updates

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the SBC meeting on Thursday August 6th would focus on sustainability issues at both the Hardy and the Upham sites. He added that the meeting would be important in understanding the potential for building on either site. He encouraged interested parties to review the previous SBC meeting to fully understand the information that would inform the SBC decision making process.

Ms. Olney stated that she had received feedback from students that had been working on the “Let’s Talk” initiative to discuss various issues that center around anti-racism efforts. She noted that the Board had been invited to participated in one of their calls to discuss how Town government works and how to engage. She noted that the calls had been well attended.

10. New Business and Correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 5:00pm online.