

Approved: September 12, 2022

**Select Board Meeting: August 16, 2022**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board calendar
3. Draft Presentation FY22 Financial Results
4. Draft STM Checklist
5. Draft License –39 Grove Street
6. Draft Board minutes: 7/19/22, 7/26/22
7. Animal Control Report
8. Quarterly Cash Analysis
9. FMD FY22 Year End Status
10. Police Commendations
11. Police Memo re: Noise

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Olney, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm online.

Ms. Olney announced the meeting was being streamed live on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and by Wellesley Media as well as recorded for subsequent viewing on the cable channels and [wellesleymedia.org](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Citizen Speak**

None.

**3. Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel**

Ms. Olney requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of conducting strategy for negotiations as having a meeting in open session may be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Nathaniel Brady and Meghan Jop) as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would be detrimental and to invite Meghan Jop, Amy Frigulietti, and Rick DeLorie to join for the session on Nathaniel Brady, and Tom Harrington to join for the session on Meghan Jop. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session to take up the remainder of the agenda.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

**At 6:59 PM upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:00 PM

#### **4. Discuss FY22 Year End Financial Update**

Ms. Strother, Finance Director, joined the Board. She stated that FY22 had been impacted by COVID; adding that various grants from the government along with conservative budgeting assisted in increasing reserves and restoring capital appropriations. Ms. Strother noted that though the Town had committed a significant amount of free cash for capital expenses for FY23; the reserves remain at approximately 20% of the budgeted revenue. She continued to review the preliminary operating results, noting the strong permitting revenue. Ms. Strother stated that Traffic & Parking revenues were slowly recovering. She discussed the FY23 outlook adding that use of some free cash to reduce borrowing continued to be recommended for the Town Hall interior project. The Board discussed the preliminary year end financial results. The Board briefly discussed the potential for use of free cash for the Town Hall interior project.

#### **5. Discuss and Vote Assistant Fire Chief Contract**

Chief DeLorie and Assistant Chief Brady joined the Board.

Chief DeLorie discussed his support of Assistant Chief Brady, noting some of his accomplishments since joining the Department. The Board discussed the Assistant Fire Chief contract and proposed starting salary.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the contract with Assistant Fire Chief Nathaniel Brady with a starting salary of \$142,000 with an effective date of July 26, 2022 and to authorize Chair, Lise Olney, to sign on behalf of the Board.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

#### **6. Discuss and Vote Opening Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the proposed schedule for the warrant. She noted that, when the warrant was voted, the Board would need to reference whether the Special Town Meeting would be held in person or remote based on the Moderator's recommendation. Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the anticipated articles including the Town Hall interior project. The Board briefly discussed the Special Town Meeting and expected articles. Board members briefly discussed their initial thoughts about an in-person vs remote STM and agreed input from TMMs via a survey would provide valuable guidance.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to call a Special Town Meeting to be held on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 pm at**

the Wellesley Middle School located at 50 Kingsbury Street or on the Zoom Digital Platform and to set the following dates:

- Open the Warrant – Tuesday, August 16, 2022
- Close the Warrant – Friday, August 19, 2022 at 12:00 pm
- Motions due to the Select Board Office – Friday, September 30, 2022 at 5:00 pm.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

#### **7. Discuss and Vote License for Grease Trap in Right of Way – Truly’s 39 Grove Street**

Ms. Jop stated that the Town had worked with the owners of Truly’s on the plans for installing a grease trap for their new location. She added that a formal easement presented to Town Meeting was required, however in the interest of time a license was drafted by Town Counsel, to allow the owners to move forward.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve a license for the location of a grease trap within the Town’s right of way and to authorize the Executive Director to finalize the license with Town Counsel prior to executing said license on behalf of the Board.**

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

#### **8. Executive Director’s Update**

Ms. Jop stated that Morses Pond would be unmanned due to lack of lifeguard availability for much of the remainder of the season and cautioned the public that swimming would be at a person’s own risk. She added that additional park rangers would be present and the decision was agreed to in coordination with Police and Fire. Ms. Jop provided a brief update regarding the MBTA Communities guidelines and noted Wellesley had been re-designated as a “Commuter Rail Community” rather than a “Rapid Transit Community” as requested by the Town. Ms. Jop noted the proposed edits to the drafted minutes.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of July 19, 2022 and July 26, 2022.**

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

#### **9. Liaison Update**

Ms. Olney provided an update regarding the Climate Action Committee and the Climate Bill that had been recently passed by the State. She noted the information provided to the Board included in the meeting materials. Ms. Olney briefly discussed several provisions within the Bill, adding that a number of

provisions supported by the Board were included in the final bill. Ms. Olney provided a brief update on the Climate Action Committee's work on the Stretch Energy Code.

**10. New Business and Correspondence**

Ms. Olney noted several items discussed at the Board retreat held in July.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2022 at 6:00 pm.