

**Approved: September 1, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: August 18, 2020**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: none**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Memo re: MWRA Local Pipeline Assistance Program Loan Approval
3. Sewer Bond information
4. PSI Application
5. WCC Recent Project List
6. Municipal Systems Impact
7. Plans
8. Environmental Partners Peer Review Letter
9. Draft PSI Recommendation
10. Correspondence & statements of interest re: Cultural Council Appointments
11. Draft BOS Minutes: 8/4/20
12. MassBay CC Press Release
13. Granite Street Plan and Memo

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Citizen Speak**

None.

**3. Discuss and vote the sale of \$345,457 Sewer Bond of the Town dated August 24, 2020 to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority**

Ms. Condon, Assistant Water Superintendent, joined the Board. Ms. Jop stated that the Water & Sewer Division continually reviews opportunities to reduce the infiltration and inflow (I&I) to the Town's sewer system. She added that the MWRA provided an opportunity to enhance efforts to reduce I&I with a \$811,739 grant for the Cliff Road sewer improvements completed as part of the Cliff Road project. She noted the remaining portion of the grant was a 0% five-year bond.

Ms. Condon stated that the approval of the Bond provides the Town the opportunity to take advantage of all of the grant funds provided from the MWRA. She noted that after submittal of the bond approval the Town would be awarded an additional \$950,000 in the form of grant funding and an interest free loan. She added that the program allows the Town to take advantage of opportunities for continued maintenance and improvements to the sewer systems. The Board discussed the bond information and the updates completed on Cliff Road.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) that the sale of the \$345,457 Sewer Bond of the Town dated August 24, 2020, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on August 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2021	\$69,091.40
2022	69,091.40
2023	69,091.40
2024	69,091.40
2025	69,091.40

**Further MOVED:** that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Olney - Aye

#### **4. Discussion with Wake Up Wellesley Members**

Ms. Sydorenko, Ms. Jordahl-Henry, Mr. Stoddard, and Ms. Jaffier-Williams, of Wake Up Wellesley, joined the Board.

Ms. Olney stated that Wake Up Wellesley had been holding public conversations regarding race in Wellesley. She noted that the group had joined the meeting to discuss what they had learned that would be beneficial to the community.

Mr. Stoddard discussed the meeting that had included representatives from the local universities. He stated that often schools would ask students of color to remove personal experiences from political dialogues. He noted that separation of personal experience and politics was impossible as the two are closely tied together and shape the conversations. He stated that combating racism on campus consumes a lot of personal energy and time. Ms. Jordahl-Henry stated that she had hosted two sessions that included administrators from Wellesley Public Schools. She added that she had heard disappointment from attendees and that they felt the conversation from the School side was not focused on personal answers or solutions. Ms. Jaffier-Williams stated that overall the discussions on race go beyond the students and believed the broader community needs experts to hold open discussions. She stated that it is important for people of color need to see action after they share their experiences.

Ms. Sydorenko stated that she believes the white community needs to step back and actively listen to people of color. She asked that the Board consider taking action as community leaders to provide more opportunities for community discussion. Mr. Stoddard stated that overall Police make people of color uncomfortable including in Wellesley. He encouraged more anti-bias training and ways of encouraging the recruitment of minority officers. Ms. Jordahl-Henry stated that she believed School Resource Officers in particular need more training working with students of color. She noted that there is an overall lack of understanding with how Wellesley government is structured. Ms. Jaffier-Williams asked that the Town

work to include more diverse members on the Boards and Committees. Ms. Sydorenko suggested the Board create a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion sub-committee.

Ms. Frigulietti stated that the Town was applying for a R.E.M.A.P (Racial Equity Municipal Action Plan) grant from MAPC. She noted the grant provided for a plan that identifies the needs within the community and government as well as goals to implement racial equity within Wellesley. She noted the grant was highly competitive, and that many of the discussion points from the evenings meeting were included in the application. Ms. Olney stated that **even if Wellesley does not receive the REMAP grant, the project will still provide a model that communities can follow. She noted that the Board is committed to determining next steps to advance town goals of diversity and inclusion.** The Board discussed the experiences and take-aways of the Wake Up Wellesley Group meetings and discussion of the evening.

**5. Discuss and Vote Project of Significant Impact Traffic Recommendations: Wellesley Country Club Racquet Facility PSI 20-04**

Mr. Himmelberger and Mr. Ryan joined the Board on behalf of Wellesley Country Club. Mr. Fitzgerald and Ms. Davis of Environmental Partners, traffic consultants joined the Board. Mr. Cordeiro, Ms. Mallett, Ms. Braun on behalf of the applicant and Ms. Theermann of Sustainable Wellesley joined the Board.

Ms. Jop reviewed the background of the PSI application process and noted the Board's role in reviewing the traffic component. She stated that the proposal is to remove the existing tennis bubble and replace it with a new structure. She added that the plan would shift the number of indoor and outdoor tennis courts as well as adding ancillary amenities.

Mr. Himmelberger reviewed the overall plan and proposal to replace the existing tennis court area. He noted that there was no immediate plan to add an additional court but rather just exchanging the number of indoor and outdoor courts. Mr. Cordeiro, Engineer for the project, stated there was no increase in membership predicted and as a result no additional traffic expected. He noted that there would be no realignments or curbcuts that would impact sightlines or traffic flow. Mr. Cordeiro stated that the plans would be updated with ADA compliance information when submitted to the ZBA. Mr. Fitzgerald reviewed comments that had been identified and submitted to the applicant. Ms. Jop stated that the Traffic Committee was concerned with the condition of Brookside Road and recommended repaving discussions with the Club take place as part of the project. She noted that the Board had received comments and concerns from Sustainable Wellesley related to the project. Ms. Jop stated the comments were sent to the Planning Board and ZBA.

Ms. Theermann stated that Sustainable Wellesley wants each Board to take into consideration the Town's greenhouse gas reduction goal when reviewing this and any project. She reviewed the concerns of Sustainable Wellesley regarding the project and noted it had been sent to Wellesley Country Club. She added that she hoped that the Club would engage with Sustainable Wellesley in addressing their concerns. Ms. Freiman stated that the Board supported the Sustainable Building Guidelines.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the PSI recommendation for PSI-20-04 for the Wellesley Country Club proposed Racquet Facility to be located at 300 Wellesley Avenue.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

## **6. Discuss and Vote Cultural Council Appointments**

Ms. Jop stated that the Cultural Council can only be appointed for two three-year terms. She briefly reviewed the applicants.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to appoint David White, Karen Griswold, Grace Van Dyck and Suja Ramnath to the Cultural Council for a term to expire June 30, 2023**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

## **7. Executive Director’s Report**

Ms. Jop stated that the Town had received notice that the comprehensive annual financial report had received financial excellence in reporting from the GFOA for the 16<sup>th</sup> year. She noted that the budget book would be submitted to the GFOA and she was looking forward to receiving feedback from a reporting standpoint.

Ms. Jop noted the draft minutes. She reviewed the request brought from the Town Clerk to extend free parking through the election on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that the merchants had requested an extension of free parking through September 7<sup>th</sup> or through September 16<sup>th</sup> when school commences. She noted that parking would continue to evaluate parking at the meters and municipal lots. Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the merchants had continued to express their anxiety related to decrease in patronage. The Board discussed the request for extended free parking.

**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 August 4, 2020.**

**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 extend free 2 hour on street parking from August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 15th.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

## **8. Liaison Updates**

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the NRC would be discussing bathrooms on the aqueduct project. She added that the Recreation Department was extended availability of Morses Pond. She noted that the COA hired a new Director, Heather Munroe. She added that the COA had doubled the online programming available to meet the needs of the seniors.

Ms. Olney stated that the Multi Town Gas Leaks Initiative met with National Grid **and that, from now on, the group would be meeting quarterly with National Grid after the utility submits its quarterly**

gas leaks report to the Department of Public Utilities. She noted that National Grid ranked Wellesley number 3 on a list of 25 communities with the highest number of significant environmental gas leaks. She added that National Grid would be creating an email address for residents to use to report non-emergency gas leaks.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the SBC would be meeting at 5:30pm on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He noted that a cost presentation for construction for either project would be discussed. He added that the evaluation matrix would also be discussed and strongly encouraged viewership of the meeting.

Ms. Freiman stated that the School Committee approved the proposed hybrid return to school model. She added a survey was out asking for definitive plan for parents plans for their children for the fall. She noted that School Department was developing a potential testing pilot.

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that the Board of Health continued to support the School Department with returning to school plans and protocols. She added the Health Department had ordered the flu vaccine and would be exploring ways to hold vaccination days.

Ms. Jop stated that early voting would be held beginning on August 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. She added that the Town Clerk had mailed out over 13,000 ballots. She noted that the bigger ballot drop box would be installed that week.

## **9. New Business and Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2020 at 5:00pm online.