

**Approved: September 29, 2020**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: September 8, 2020**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: none**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft BOS Calendar
3. Correspondence from Moderator
4. Draft 2020 STM Warrant Articles
5. Draft STM 2020 Warrants
6. Correspondence from Joe McDonough
7. Draft Budget Submission Timeline
8. Draft BOS Minutes 6/30/20
9. DPW Gifts - accepted

**1. Call to Order**

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:02 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).

Ms. Freiman welcomed Ms. Aufranc to the Board and briefly reviewed her background. Ms. Freiman extended condolences to the friends and family of the man who lost his life at Longfellow Pond over Labor Day weekend. She thanked the first responders from Wellesley and other local towns who attended the scene.

Ms. Freiman stated that the Board had been receiving many emails regarding the Hardy/Upham process. She added that the Board appreciated the various views expressed but asked for civil discourse in all communications.

**2. Citizen Speak**

Mr. Nelson, joined the meeting. He stated that he supported the Board posting public notices in the Wellesley Townsman and the Swellesley Report to support local sources.

**3. October 26, 2020 Special Town Meetings**

Ms. Jop reviewed the two Warrants for consideration. She stated the first STM would begin at 7pm for the Middle School Building Systems Project that would require a debt exclusion in December. Ms. Jop reviewed the larger, second Warrant. She noted it included articles that had been delayed from Annual Town Meeting. She noted that the Warrant included references to the original ATM warrant for easy reference in the Advisory Report and supplements. Ms. Jop stated that the Moderator had issued his letter to the Board requesting the Town Meeting be held remotely. She noted that the letter would be posted along with the Warrant.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the request from Moderator Mark Kaplan to hold the two October 26, 2020 Special Town Meetings remotely on the Zoom videoconferencing platform.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Warrant for the 7:00PM Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020 and to authorize Meghan Jop to apply the Selectmen digital signatures to said Warrant.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Warrant for the 7:30PM Special Town Meeting scheduled for October 26, 2020 and to authorize Meghan Jop to apply the Selectmen digital signatures to said Warrant.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

Ms. Jop stated that the Planning Board was holding the continued public hearing for zoning. She noted it may be continued again to September 20<sup>th</sup>. She added that there had been no changes or additions to the Town Meeting Articles. Ms. Jop stated that the Advisory public hearing for all matters before Town Meeting would be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm via Zoom. She added a Moderator’s meeting would be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9am via Zoom. She noted all presentations would be pre-recorded and available before Town Meeting and allow ample time for questions to be addressed. She added that practice sessions with Town Meeting Members and the Moderator would be held as in June. Ms. Jop reviewed the dates to be held for additional nights in November if Town Meeting went longer than the planned two or three nights. Ms. Jop reviewed the process how resident non-town meeting members could participate and ask questions during Town Meeting. The Board discussed the process of the meetings and presentations to Town Meeting.

#### **4. Budget Discussion**

Ms. Strother, Town Finance Director, joined the Board.

Ms. Jop reviewed the supplemental appropriation Article for STM, noting that it would require still unknown expenses for the School budget and election expenses not covered by the CARES Act. She noted that based on the short timeframe she asked the Board to consider delaying making supplemental budget appropriations until later in the year. Ms. Strother advised supplementing funds by using CARES money when applicable rather than free cash for those expenses. Ms. Jop noted that there was a potential for a CARES Act extension that would not be known prior to Special Town Meeting. The Board discussed the supplemental budget process and use of CARES funds for eligible expenses rather than free cash allocations.

Ms. Jop reviewed the draft budget calendar. She noted that changes in the schedule reflect the expected timeframe for receiving the state budget information. She added that one of the early discussions to take place would be to review the capital budget and determine which expenses could be deferred. Ms. Jop continued to review the drafted budget calendar and timeline for Annual Town Meeting in early April. The Board discussed the draft calendar and the budget process.

#### **5. Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Jop reviewed the gifts from DPW that were accepted on behalf of the Board. She stated that the merchants were struggling and noted that free parking had been extended. She encouraged residents to shop local and use the parklet. Ms. Jop noted that no amendments had been received from the draft minutes.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (4-0 –Ms. Aufranc abstained) to approve the minutes of June 30, 2020.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Freiman – Aye**

**Aufranc – Abstained**

#### **6. Liaison Updates**

Ms. Olney stated that the SEC was moving forward with the Green Communities Grant process. She added that Ms. Martello was reviewing the scope of the climate action and resiliency plan submitted to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant application. Ms. Olney noted that the SEC did not receive the MVP Grant, and that the application pool was extensive while funds were limited.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that there would be an SBC meeting on Friday, September 11 at 5pm as well as Thursday, September 10 at 5:30pm. He noted that the SBC would continue discussions including off-site considerations in order to stay on track for final decisions to be made in October.

#### **7. New Business and Correspondence**

Ms. Freiman stated that the September 11<sup>th</sup> memorial would not be a public event but would be available at a later date on Wellesley Media. She noted the limited invited attendees would remain under 25 per the Governor's Order.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2020 at 5:00pm online.