

Approved: October 14, 2020

Board of Selectmen Meeting: September 29, 2020

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft BOS calendar
3. Draft Sustainable Building Guidelines
4. CARES Fund request – Wellesley Free Library
5. Draft Town-wide Financial Plan
6. Draft STM Article List
7. Draft STM Motions
8. Draft BOS Minutes: 8/31/20
9. Draft BOS Minutes: 9/8/20
10. Draft BOS Minutes: 9/14/20
11. Draft Agreement – Baumann and Baumann
12. Friendly Aid Memo 9/17/20

1. Call to Order

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

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, DPW Supervisors Unit, and the FMD Custodial Union and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

At 6:01pm 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, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with Wellesley Police Dispatchers Association, AFSME 93, Local 335 DPW Production, AFSME 93, Local 335 DPW Supervisors, and AFSME 93, Local 40 FMD Custodians and to enter Executive Session under G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #7 to comply with Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25 to approve minutes and review release of April 27, 2020, May 19, 2020, June 1, 2020, June 8, 2020, July 6, 2020, as the Chair had 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, Scott Szczebak, and Joe McDonough to join the meeting for the FMD Custodian discussion. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open to take up the remainder of the agenda.

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 return to Open Session.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye
Aufranc – Aye

3. Return to Open Session

The Board returned to Open Session at 6:45pm

4. Citizen Speak

None.

5. Announcements

Ms. Freiman welcomed Firefighter Joan Cullinan back to work after a successful battle with cancer. She extended the Board's sympathy to Advisory Committee member Paul Merry on the passing of his wife and to Planning Director Don McCauley on the passing of his mother.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that on October 1st a joint meeting with the Board, the School Committee, and School Building Committee (SBC) would be held. He noted that the previous week the SBC had voted on the preferred site for the HU project selecting Hardy. He noted the joint meeting would provide an opportunity to discuss the SBC's deliberations and recommendation.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the SBC would hold a forum to update Town Meeting Members on October 6th. He added that invitations would be sent to Town Meeting Members.

6. Discuss and Vote Union Contract Settlements

Ms. Jop noted that two of the four remaining union contracts had tentative agreements, Police Dispatchers and DPW Supervisory Unit. She briefly reviewed the tentative agreement with Dispatchers noting it was a 3-year agreement with a one-time cost of living adjustment of 2%. She added that the agreement intended to incentivize long-term employment as the dispatch positions had historically had a high turnover rate. She further reviewed points of the tentative agreement with the Dispatchers Union. Ms. Jop stated that the total cost for year-one of the agreement was \$13,258.

Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the DPW Supervisory Unit tentative agreement. She noted that the union had been reclassified during the previous contract. She added that based on the

classification and steps there was no cost of living adjustment for the first two years of the contract. Ms. Jop stated that management had begun implementation of the Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) and GPS in the DPW fleet. She noted that the total cost of the agreement was \$31,071. Ms. Jop provided an overview of the use and purpose for the AVL and GPS.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney the Board was polled and voted (4-0) to approve the tentative agreement with the Wellesley Police Dispatchers Association. Mr. Ulfelder recused himself from the vote.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –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 tentative agreement with AFSME 93, Local 335 DPW Supervisor Unit.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

7. Discuss and Vote Sustainable Building Guidelines

Ms. Martello, Sustainable Energy Administrator and Mr. Bunger of the Sustainable Energy Committee joined the Board.

Ms. Martello noted that the guidelines had been presented to the Board at previous meetings. She briefly reviewed the intention for the guidelines to be used when considering updates or new municipal buildings. She added that the guidelines focus on sustainable principles including low-energy use. Ms. Martello stated that the Natural Resources Commission, Recreation Commission, Board of Public Works, Municipal Light Board, School Committee, and Library Trustees had all signed on as proponents for the guidelines. She noted changes made based on feedback, including specificity regarding renovations and the energy use intensity range. Mr. Bunger stated that the costs associated with meeting zero-net energy had improved as have the availability of technology. The Board discussed the proposed guidelines.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Sustainable Building Guidelines.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

8. Discuss and Vote CARES Allocations

Ms. Jop reviewed the request from the Library for CARES funding. She noted that the request included an air quality enhancement for the Hills Branch as well as technology and PPE needs. She added that door monitors had been included in the original request but that the Library would attempt to absorb the funding for the positions in the FY21 personnel budget. The Board discussed the request from the Library Trustees. The Board posed questions regarding the technology and personnel fees included in the request. Ms. Jop stated that she would follow up with the Library Director and bring the CARES request at the following meeting along with legal costs potentially eligible for CARES funding.

9. Special Town Meeting Preparation

Ms. Jop noted the draft Town-wide financial plan that required adjustment from comments received. She stated that the Board would need to vote by October 5th in order to add it in the Advisory Book. Ms. Jop stated that motions were due on October 9th and project based motions were expected to be ready shortly as dollar amounts were finalized. The Board briefly discussed the drafted motions. Ms. Olney reviewed Article 12, and noted there had been some confusion regarding the motion language. She provided an overview of the changes made to clarify the proposed motion language. She noted that the purpose of the proposal was to provide Town Meeting an opportunity to recognize the severity of climate change and to recommend the incorporation of climate change mitigation into departmental workplans where appropriate. The Board discussed the edits made to the draft motion.

Ms. O'Connor a student at Wellesley College, joined the Board. She urged the Board to adopt strong language in declaring a "climate emergency" for the Town.

Mr. Landau of Tanglewood Road, joined the Board. He stated that he had observed uncertainty with the state of the environment and asked the Board to declare a "climate emergency".

Ms. Fischmann of Pleasant Street, joined the Board. She stated that she believed that reducing greenhouse gas was one of the most important factors in combating climate change.

Ms. Alper joined the Board. She stated that she believed the use of greenhouse gas emitting equipment in Wellesley had increased and asked that their use be addressed by the Board.

Ms. Mayell of Precinct H joined the Board. She asked the Board to declare a "climate emergency".

Ms. Theermann of Sustainable Wellesley joined the meeting. She stated that she believed the Board should adopt strong language and to make climate change the forefront of decision making.

Ms. Warburg a student at Wellesley College, joined the Board. She urged the Board to declare a "climate emergency" for the Town.

Dr. El-Abbadi joined the meeting at the request of Ms. Theermann. She stated that she believed that the Board should adopt the strongest possible language regarding climate change.

Ms. Brand a student at Wellesley College joined the Board. She urged the Board to adopt the term “climate emergency”.

Ms. Dunn, a student at Wellesley College joined the Board. She stated she believed declaring a climate emergency was urgent and asked the Board to adopt strong language.

Mr. Gorman joined the meeting. He asked the Board to take a leadership role in addressing the climate by declaring a climate emergency.

Ms. Freiman stated that the Sustainable Energy Committee had not adopted the term “climate emergency” and noted that the motion language called for actions and reporting from all Boards and departments. Ms. Olney reviewed the previous drafts of the motion language and usage of the term “emergency”. Mr. Ulfelder stated that he believed the strength of the motion rather than the term “emergency” was more important. The Board discussed comments received previously from the SEC regarding the motion language and the term “emergency” and continued to discuss the proposed motion language.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the revised motion language for Article 12 for Special Town Meeting this Fall formerly known as Article 26 under ATM agenda.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

10. Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Jop noted that revised draft minutes had been sent to the Board. She stated that Ms. Aufranc was to be appointed to the Board of Fire Engineers as part of her Selectmen duties. Ms. Jop stated that Baumann and Baumann CPA would file the Federal Form 990 for the Wellesley Housing Development Corp. She noted the change in cost of services from the previous year. She noted the transition in leadership for the Wellesley Housing Development Corp and asked the Board to provide her with signing authority for the contract. Ms. Jop read the resolution for the Elizabeth Seton Residence 40th Anniversary for the record.

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 August 31, 2020.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Freiman – Aye

Aufranc – abstained

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 September 8, 2020, and September 14, 2020.

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 appoint Colette Aufranc to the Board of Fire Engineers for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

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 contracting for accounting services from Baumann and Baumann CPA for completion of the Form 990 and other compliance filings, if necessary, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 as described in the Engagement Letter dated September 21, 2020.

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 authorize Meghan Jop, Executive Director to sign Baumann and Baumann CPA Engagement Letter dated September 21, 2020 on behalf of the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation. Furthermore, to authorize Meghan Jop, Executive Director, to sign Form 990 and Form 8879-EO to allow Baumann and Baumann CPAs to file the Form 990 with the Internal Revenue Service, and to authorize the Treasurer to disburse \$3,165 to Baumann and Baumann CPAs for payment for its 990 preparation services.

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 a resolution in honor of Elizabeth Seton 40th Anniversary and to authorize Meghan Jop to apply digital signatures on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Sullivan Woods – Aye
Olney –Aye
Ulfelder – Aye
Freiman – Aye
Aufranc – Aye

11. Liaison Updates

Ms. Aufranc provided an overview of the meeting with the Metrowest Regional Collaborative the previous week. She noted that the state budget may be further delayed while federal aid remained unknown. She added that the Chapter 90 budget had been extended for one-year and reviewed the transportation and an economic development bond bills. She stated that municipalities discussed remote meetings and challenges faced by some. Ms. Aufranc noted that the MBTA and other regional transit authorities had resumed taking fares from passengers. She stated that the MWRTA did not recommend resuming fare collections at the time and would review the matter again in January. She added that the Mobility Committee had met and discussed the RFP for a sustainable mobility plan.

12. New Business and Correspondence

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that she had been approached by some residents that the Board address Town committee make-up and leadership as well as how committee members are selected and vetted.

The Board adjourned at 8:47pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2020 at 6:00pm online.