Approved: November 4, 2019

Board of Selectmen Meeting: October 15, 2019
Present: Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Ulfelder, Olney, Morgan
Also Present: Jop

Warrants approved: 2020-014 $1,839,725.04

Minutes approved: September 24, 2019

Meeting Documents:
1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Executive Director’s Report
4. Hunnewell Elementary School Feasibility Study
5. Capital Projects Schedule as of 10/7/19
6. Swing Space Memo: 8/29/19
7. Swing Space Memo: 9/27/19
8. HHU Notes – School Meetings
9. Draft BOS minutes: 9/24/19
10. One Day Special License Request
11. Library Trustees approval of One Day request
12. Correspondence re: COA Appointments
13. COA Gift background – Campana
14. Campana Gift information
15. Singh’s CV Application
16. BPW letter of intent to retire
17. Wellesley Housing Authority member resignation letter
18. Wellesley Branding Brainstorm Group Summary
19. MA DEP Grant Information
20. MIIA Grant Award
21. Project Notice – Hunnewell Field
22. Animal Control Report

1. **Call to Order**

Ms. Freiman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm in the Juliani Room.

Ms. Freiman announced the meeting was being telecast live on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and streamed live by Wellesley Media and is recorded for subsequent viewing on the cable channels or at wellesleymedia.org.

2. **Public Comment**

None.

3. **Announcements**
Ms. Sullivan Woods announced that the Wellesley Square Merchants had partnered with the School PTO’s, the COA and the Wellesley Free Library for a shopping event from Thursday, October 17th through Sunday, October 20th.

4. Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Jop briefly reviewed the draft minutes for the Board’s approval.

She stated that there had been a sewerage backup at the Police Station over the weekend, and thanked FMD for their immediate response in containing and cleaning after the issue. She noted that FMD had received a MIIA Grant in the amount of $6,400 that includes two dehumidifiers and pinless moisture meters. She stated that DPW received a grant in the amount of $7,700 from Mass DEP under the recycling dividends program.

Ms. Jop reviewed the One Day License before the Board for the Library Foundation, she noted the Trustees had approved the request at their most recent meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of September 24, 2019.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve a One Day License to the Wellesley Free Library Foundation for an event at the Wellesley Free Library on November 2, 2019 from 7-9 pm.

5. Discuss and Accept Campana Gift

Ms. Jop reviewed the background on the receipt of the gift and noted that the first disbursement of the gift had been received by the Town. She noted that there were expectations of additional disbursements of the gift. She noted that the use of the funds had been revised to be more precise and that the interest earned would be used in the future to support the original request of the gift. The Board discussed the gift and the trust.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the gift of $100,000 from the Richard A. Campana Revocable Trust for COA programs and facilities of the Tolles Parsons Center to be held in trust by the Town and that any and all interest earned be used for the same purposes of the original bequest.

6. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #6 – to discuss negotiations for the land lease of real estate with Trinity Financial at the Tailby and Railroad Commuter Parking Lots

Ms. Freiman requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing lease negotiations with Trinity Financial for the Tailby and Railroad Parking Lots and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town’s bargaining position.

At 4:21pm Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder the Board was polled and voted to enter Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #6 – to discuss negotiations for the land lease of real estate with Trinity Financial at the Tailby and Railroad Commuter Parking Lots and to invite Meghan Jop, Tom Harrington, Dan Drazen, and Patrick Lee
to participate. Following the adjournment of Executive Session, the Board will return to Open Session.

Ms. Freiman – Aye
Mr. Morgan – Aye
Mr. Ulfelder – Aye
Ms. Sullivan Woods – Aye
Ms. Olney – Aye

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board was polled and voted to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session.

Ms. Freiman – Aye
Mr. Morgan – Aye
Mr. Ulfelder – Eye
Ms. Sullivan Woods – Aye
Ms. Olney - Aye

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:38pm

7. Discuss and Vote COA Appointments

Ms. Vogel, Chair of the Council on Aging Board, joined the Board. She stated the COA Board had received two recent resignations which made conducting meetings challenging. She reviewed the interview process of several candidates and presented the background of the two chosen candidates before the Board. Ms. Freiman thanked Mr. Parker and Mr. Hume for their interest in serving on the COA Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Theodore Parker to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2021 and to appoint Gerald Hume to the Council on Aging for a term to expire on June 30, 2020.

8. Discuss and Vote Hunnewell Feasibility Study

Ms. Freiman reviewed the background of the Hunnewell School Project, noting it began in 2002 when the first conditions assessment was conducted of all elementary schools and the middle school. She noted benchmarks since 2002 that brought the project through 2019 and the current feasibility study. She stated that the SBC was changed with selecting an OPM and designer potentially conducting an analysis on swing space options independent of the formal feasibility study and producing the final report outlining the study for the School Committee and the Board. She noted that the Board was discussing support of the feasibility study while swing space options remain under the jurisdiction of the School Committee.

Ms. Jop stated that the Board was being asked to approve funding for schematic phase through bidding phase, noting the Town’s policy is to present at Town Meeting with bids in hand. The Board discussed voting on the feasibility study.

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated she felt there was a lack of buy-in in the community and felt that the voting on the study was difficult for her. She noted the questions and concerned received from emails and at the forums regarding the project. She stated that she believed there were unanswered questions and that she would abstain from voting. Mr. Morgan stated his disagreement that there had not been enough information put out to the community.
The Board discussed the Hunnewell feasibility study.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (4-0-1 - Sullivan Woods abstained) to support the SBC Feasibility Study of the Hunnewell Elementary School and to call a Special Town Meeting on December 9, 2019 to seek the appropriation of funds for schematic design phase through bidding phase.

9. **Discuss and Vote Common Victualler License Transfer Singh’s Café, 312 Washington Street**

Mr. Bhujel, proposed owner of the restaurant joined the Board with his counsel.

Ms. Jop provided an overview of the change in ownership of Singh’s Café. She noted that the Singh’s would remain involved in the operations until the liquor license is transferred and approved by the ABCC. She stated that the health department was supportive of the transfer and was satisfied with the proposed new owners.

Mr. Bhujel stated that at present the restaurant and menu will remain the same. Ms. Olney encouraged Mr. Bhujel to consider recyclables rather than plastic containers.

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the transfer of the Common Victualler License from the Kebab Group to Kabin Bhujel for Singh’s Café located at 312 Washington Street.

10. **Project Updates**

Mr. Morgan stated based on feedback from the Board during the Library roof project presentation, the Library Trustees were expected to vote to add a placeholder in their cash capital budget for a solar energy study for FY21.

Ms. Freiman stated that she and Ms. Jop presented before the PBC regarding the Town Hall Interior and the Town Hall Annex and noted the working group would be reconvening to discuss comments received from the PBC.

11. **New Business and Other Correspondence**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.