



Hunnewell plan. She read a letter before the Board that was signed by 15 Schofield families stating their opposition to the Hunnewell project. She stated the letter would be mailed to the Selectmen in the near future to be added to the formal record.

### **3. Announcements**

Ms. Sullivan Woods announced that the Health Department would continue to offer flu vaccinations for residents and Town employees and that the clinics held had been well attended by the community and staff.

She stated that the COA had retained an interim Director and had identified a number of exciting initiatives to better meet the needs of residents.

### **4. Discuss FUTURE Act Resolution**

Ms. Olton, Chair of the Sustainable Energy Committee, and Ms. Martello, Director of Sustainable Energy Committee, joined the Board.

Ms. Olney provided an overview of the FUTURE Act and discussions at previous Board meetings. She noted the Town had 197 leaks in 2015 and currently has 261 leaks from the National Grid count. She added that a study commissioned by the Natural Resources Commission in 2017 showed many more leaks than had been reported by National Grid. She stated she had been co-coordinating efforts with 20 towns within National Grid territory for the past year, attempting to engage National Grid on how to accelerate leak repair; very little progress has been made to date. She stated that the goals of the FUTURE Act include acceleration of the pace of leak repair, requiring independent audits of the repairs, and closing a loophole in how environmentally significant gas leaks are identified. She stated that the bill was currently scheduled to be reviewed by the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy in late October and towns are being asked by bill proponents to indicate support for the bill prior to the hearing. She noted the letter and draft resolution sent to the Board from the NRC and stated that the NRC supports the resolution recommended by the SEC.

Ms. Olton stated the SEC supported the principles within the FUTURE Act. She noted that other Towns including Arlington, Lincoln, and Newton have passed resolutions in support of the principles of the bill or the bill in its entirety. She reviewed the drafted SEC resolution in support of the major principles of the bill. She asked that the Board endorse the SEC resolution. Ms. Martello stated that she attended a recent forum regarding gas leaks, and noted that National Grid executives were there to participate for the first time, but they did not present any specific timeline or strategy for addressing leaks in the various towns.

The Board discussed the resolutions presented to the Board from the NRC and from the SEC.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to support the Resolution approved by the Wellesley SEC in Support of specific Gas Safety, Municipal Coordination and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Principles Contained in An Act for Utility Transition to Using Renewable Energy (FUTURE Act) H.2849/S.1940.**

### **5. Discuss and Vote Engagement of Accounting Firm for WHDC**

Ms. Jop stated that The WHDC must file a Form 990 to the IRS annually and have used Baumann and Baumann CPA firm for several years and had received an updated cost estimate for the annual

submission. She noted the Board approval is necessary and stated that the Finance Director had approved the engagement letter and was supportive of continuing to use the firm.

The Board briefly discussed the structure of the WHDC in reference to comments received from the CPC.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board 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, 2019 as described in the Engagement Letter dated June 16, 2019.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to authorize Tim Barrett and Robert Kenney of Wellesley Housing Development Corporation Board of Directors to sign Baumann and Baumann CPA Engagement Letter dated June 16, 2019 on behalf of the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the 2018 Form 990 prepared by Baumann and Baumann CPAs for Wellesley Housing Development Corporation's (WHDC) fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 as presented by Timothy Barrett, Director, at WHDC's October 11, 2019 Board meeting. Furthermore, to authorize Robert Kenney, Chairman, 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 \$3,045 to Baumann and Baumann CPAs for payment for its 990 preparation services.**

#### **6. Vote to Open Special Town Meeting Warrant**

Ms. Freiman stated the Board had voted to call a Special Town Meeting for the Hunnewell School project and the opening of the warrant was required.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to call a Special Town Meeting and set the follow dates:**

**Open the Warrant on October 21, 2019**

**Close the Warrant on October 25, 2019 at 5:00 pm**

**Motions due to the Selectmen's Office Friday, November 15, 2019 at 5:00 Pm**

**Start of Special Town Meeting, Monday, December 9, 2019 at 7 pm at the Wellesley Middle School.**

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

Ms. Jop stated that the two grants the Town had received for DPW and FMD required formal Board acceptance.

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the Department of Environmental Protection Sustainable Materials Recovery grant award to the Department of Public Works in the amount of \$11,700.**

**Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan and seconded by Mr. Ulfelder, the Board voted (5-0) to accept the 2 Portable Dehumidifiers and 8 Pinless Moisture Meters from the MIIA Risk Management Grant totaling in value \$6380.**

#### **8. Project Updates**

Mr. Ulfelder stated that the Hardy Upham Project Kickoff the previous week was well attended. He stated that there had been many discussions and questions regarding the Town's willingness to close one of the schools. He added that the next SBC meeting was scheduled for November 14.

**9. New Business and Other Correspondence**

None.

**10. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions**

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 all unions and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

**At 7:52 pm 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 #3 – to discuss negotiations strategy with respect to collective bargaining with all unions, as the Chair has declared that having such a discussion in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop to participate. Following the adjournment of Executive Session, the Board will return to Open Session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting.**

**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 – Aye**

**Ms. Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Ms. Olney - Aye**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Juliani Room.