

TOWN OF WELLESLEY



MASSACHUSETTS

Memorial Resolutions

Presented at Annual Town Meeting on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

To the Town Meeting Members of the Town of Wellesley,

Wellesley has been saddened by the passing of so many esteemed citizens during the past three years since Town Meeting has met in person. Our deepest condolences to the families and friends of all of these outstanding individuals. During Annual Town Meeting, it is our custom to recognize departed Town public servants and fellow Town Meeting Members with special memorial resolutions.

As we are still unable to honor these individuals during an in person meeting, we have worked with the Town Moderator to develop an alternative approach. We are sharing these written tributes with all Town Meeting Members in advance. Please enjoy reading them and join in a moment of silence at the opening of Annual Town Meeting on Zoom as we remember the men and women who gave so much to our Town.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beth Sullivan Woods".

Beth Sullivan Woods
Town Meeting Member, Precinct D



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Gerald G. Murphy***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting has learned with deep regret of the death of Gerald G. Murphy on April 2, 2019, a 52-year resident, and dedicated citizen who served his community as an honored teacher, School Committee member, and Town Meeting member; and
- Whereas:** Beginning in 1962 and continuing for 35 years, Gerry taught history and social studies at Wellesley High School, including team teaching the iconic Humanities class. Gerry was the “one in the room where it happened,” encouraging countless students to pursue careers in government and public service; and served as President of the Wellesley Teacher’s Association for many years advocating on behalf of his peers; and
- Whereas:** Gerry blended his passions for history and the political process with his love for the Boston Red Sox, and inspired hundreds of students who became life-long friends who returned to soak up more of his wisdom over cups of coffee, as he helped them navigate their ways through the world; and
- Whereas:** Upon retiring from teaching, Gerry continued to share his talents with the town, as a School Committee member from 2003-2006, and a Town Meeting member from 2008 until his death, championing a vision for academic excellence that recognized the critical contributions of educators; and
- Whereas:** Upon his passing, tributes from past students only underscored how profound and lasting his impact on them was, and how he positively changed the trajectories of so many students’ lives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Gerald G. Murphy, acknowledges his life of service to our town and its students, offers its heartfelt condolences to his sons David and Stephen; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Gerald G. Murphy so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by David J. Himmelberger, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Susan Scully Troy***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting has learned with deep regret of the death of Susan Scully Troy in April 2019, at age 71, a long-time resident of Wellesley, a dedicated citizen and tireless community volunteer and public servant; and
- Whereas:** Susan received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity College of Washington, DC, her Master's Degree from Catholic University, a Master of Divinity from Weston Jesuit School of Theology and her Doctor of Ministry from Boston University School of Theology; and served as a Spiritual Director for over 20 years; and
- Whereas:** Susan was dedicated to her faith community and was one of the founding members of Voice of the Faithful; she always focused on the needs of others and her compassion for those less fortunate was always evident; and
- Whereas:** Susan was a Town Meeting member for 29 years, and served as a member of the Housing Development Corporation, Community Preservation Committee, and the Advisory Committee; and
- Whereas:** As a member of the League of Women Voters for decades, Susan was well known to Town Meeting members as one of the moderators of the Town Meeting Prep Sessions, and was always an active participant in Town Meeting, asking probing and challenging questions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Susan Scully Troy, acknowledges her life of service to our town and community, offers its heartfelt condolences to her husband, children, and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Susan Troy so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Barbara Searle, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Richard R. "Dick" Dillon***

- Whereas:** Richard R. "Dick" Dillon, a long-time resident of Wellesley, and dedicated citizen who served his community and country, passed away on July 21, 2019, at age 77; and
- Whereas:** Dick served as a Sergeant E-5 in the U.S. Army, a proud veteran of Company A 307th Engineering Battalion 82nd Airborne, serving as a combat engineer during the Vietnam conflict, and held commendations and medals for Good Conduct, Driver, and Parachutist; and
- Whereas:** Dick continued his service as the Veterans' Services Director for the Town of Wellesley, as the Graves Officer for the Town of Wellesley from 1994-2010, as a leader of the Wellesley Celebrations Committee and Veterans' Parade from 1994 – 1996, and as a member of the Town of Wellesley Veterans Council representing all Wellesley Veterans; and
- Whereas:** Dick served as the long-time Commander of the Wellesley American Post 72 established in 1919, providing special services for all Wellesley seniors and residents; and
- Whereas:** Dick led Post 72 in the transfer and donation of the land and prior building owned by the American Legion Post 72 to the Town of Wellesley for what is now the current home of the Wellesley Council on Aging, which would not exist today without his leadership and the generosity of Wellesley American Legion Post 72 Veterans; and
- Whereas:** Dick served the Town of Wellesley as a Town Meeting member from 1987–2005.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, that this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges Richard R. Dillon's life of outstanding service to our town and country, and offers its deepest sorrow and most heartfelt condolences to his wife Lynne, his children, his sister Marilyn Durrum, and other family; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Richard R. Dillon so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by: S. Peter W. Jones, this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Sue Wright***

- Whereas:** The Town of Wellesley was saddened to learn of the passing of Sue Wright on October 28, 2019, an esteemed fellow citizen who believed in the importance of community service and made many contributions to the Town of Wellesley and its residents; and
- Whereas:** Sue's efforts on behalf of the town were wide-ranging: she was a tireless and committed Town Meeting member for two decades; a member of the Planning Board, the Advisory Committee and the Community Preservation Committee; a member of the League of Women Voters for decades; and a member of the Wellesley Club; and
- Whereas:** Sue was recognized as one of the "Townsmen 10" in 2006 for dedicating her heart, mind and time to the betterment of our town, and enjoyed being the top vote-getter from the citizens she represented in Precinct A; and
- Whereas:** Always prepared, Sue was a virtual encyclopedia of civic affairs which, combined with her good humor and her devotion to the best interests of the town, made her the consummate volunteer, a sought-after member of so many organizations, and an individual admired and respected by so many.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Sue Wright, acknowledges her life of service to our town and community, offers its heartfelt condolences to her husband Fred, and daughter Margaret; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Sue Wright so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Katherine L. Babson, Jr., on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
David H. Locke***

Whereas: The Town of Wellesley was saddened by the death of David H. Locke on December 12, 2019, a dedicated leader and legislator who served the Commonwealth as a member of the Massachusetts State Senate and House of Representatives, a respected attorney, and distinguished public servant to the town; and

Whereas: Senator Locke was a lifelong resident of Wellesley, graduating from Wellesley High School in 1945 a year early and serving his country in the United States Marine Corps, attending Harvard College, class of 1951, and Harvard Law School, class of 1954; and founding the Wellesley law firm Dempsey, Jameson and Locke where he practiced until his death; and

Whereas: Senator Locke was a 40-year member of Town Meeting, Advisory Committee chair, member and chair of the Wellesley Select Board; was elected in 1960 to the Massachusetts House of Representatives and served for eight years; and in 1968 was elected to the Massachusetts State Senate where he served for 12 terms, retiring as Senate Minority Leader; and

Whereas: Called the "Great Debater" Senator Locke was widely regarded as a skilled orator, Senate debate rules master, and tenacious and eloquent advocate for all taxpayers in the Commonwealth; and

Whereas: Senator Locke and his late wife Barbara raised five children in Wellesley, four of whom followed him into the legal profession and two are currently serving as Massachusetts state court judges, and he was a beloved and respected resident of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges Senator Locke's life of service to our town and country, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his family, friends, and many acquaintances; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of David H. Locke so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Royall E. Switzler, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Thomas E. Lee***

- Whereas:** The Town of Wellesley was saddened by the death of Thomas E. Lee on December 14, 2019, at the age of 85, a dedicated leader and devoted public servant to the town; and
- Whereas:** Tom was a resident of Wellesley for many years, graduating from Wellesley High School in 1952, proudly serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, and enrolling in Babson College. He was hired as an engineer for the Town of Wellesley in 1956, beginning a long service in town government lasting for 37 years; and
- Whereas:** Tom is best known as the town's executive secretary serving from 1969 to his retirement in 1993. During his years of leadership he was Executive Secretary of the Planning Board, Executive Secretary of the Board of Selectmen, president of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and member of the Massachusetts Local Government Advisory Committee; and
- Whereas:** Tom loved our town, his family and all things connected to Wellesley and with his great sense of humor shared that love with everyone he encountered; and
- Whereas:** The Town of Wellesley in 1997 dedicated the *Thomas E. Lee Recreational Area* known as the "Lee Diamond" next to Hunnewell Field to honor and recognize his distinguished service to the town; and Lee Field continues to positively impact the town today following a major reconstruction that now provides an updated venue for current and future lovers of local softball.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Thomas E. Lee, acknowledges his life of service to our town, country, and community, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his wife Janet, his children, and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Tom Lee so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Salvatore DeFazio III, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
David R. Wagstaff***

Whereas: The Town of Wellesley was saddened by the death of our fellow citizen and former Fire Chief, David R. Wagstaff, on February 9, 2020, a life-long resident of Wellesley, who proudly served his community and country; and

Whereas: Chief Wagstaff joined the Wellesley Fire Department in 1963, following the example of public service set by his father, John A. Wagstaff, a Wellesley Police Officer. Rising quickly through the ranks, he was promoted to Lieutenant in 1969 and Captain in 1974; also becoming one of the first EMTs in the Wellesley Fire Department in the early 1970s, and ultimately assuming leadership of the Fire Department when he became Chief in 1997, a role he served until his retirement in 2000; and

Whereas: In addition to serving Wellesley in a professional capacity, Chief Wagstaff also served as a Town Meeting member for many years; and

Whereas: Before joining the Wellesley Fire Department, Chief Wagstaff served his country for eight years, first in the U. S. Army from 1953-1957, and then in the Marines from 1958-1962; and

Whereas: Chief Wagstaff was as dedicated to his family as he was to serving the public, devoting himself to his wife, Joan, and their two sons, David and Matthew, who followed his path in public safety as professional firefighters; and

Whereas: Chief Wagstaff was a person of varied interests, who enjoyed outdoor activities and crafting furniture and other items out of wood, but who, above all, approached life with a good sense of humor.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges David R. Wagstaff's life of service to our town and country, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his children and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of David R. Wagstaff so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by: Barbara Shanahan, this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Richard H. Forbes***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting was saddened to learn of the passing of Richard H. Forbes on April 22, 2020, at the age of 74, an esteemed fellow citizen, teacher, and attorney who believed in the importance of public service and made many contributions to the Town of Wellesley and its residents; and
- Whereas:** Richard graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut, earned a Masters of Education at Harvard University, and a JD at Northwestern University School of Law. A former English teacher, he practiced law in Newton, focusing on business advice and business litigation including intellectual property; and
- Whereas:** Richard served as a Precinct D Town Meeting member from 1992 to 2003, and was a long-time active member and chair of the Wellesley Republican Town Committee, a trustee and board chair of Massachusetts Bay Community College, and chairman of the Massachusetts Community College Association; and
- Whereas:** Nicknamed “Mr. Wizard” for his curiosity about all things mechanical and technical, Richard enjoyed a variety of interests throughout his full life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby express its deep sorrow at the passing of Richard H. Forbes, and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for his dedicated service and contributions to the town and to our community; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Richard H. Forbes so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Royall H. Switzler, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Edwina McCarthy***

- Whereas:** With the passing of Edwina McCarthy on April 30, 2020, the Town of Wellesley lost a kind and beloved fellow citizen who believed in the importance of community volunteer service and made many contributions to our community and its residents; and
- Whereas:** Edwina's efforts on behalf of the Town included public service as a Town Meeting member in Precinct C for 33 years, from 1980 until 2013, and as a soft-spoken but effective member of the Historic District Commission for 35 years, from 1985 until 2020; and
- Whereas:** Edwina's passionate volunteerism reached beyond the borders of the Town of Wellesley and into the Greater Boston community where she served the Boston Museum of Science through its Eye Opener program for more than 40 years; and
- Whereas:** Edwina revered family life as much as she did her community and its history, exemplifying strength of character and commitment, so much so that her published obituary stated simply "She could do it all."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby express its deep sorrow at the passing of Edwina McCarthy, this quiet and intelligent woman so loved by her family and friends, and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for her dedicated contributions to the knowledge and history of the town and to our community; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Edwina McCarthy so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Catherine L. Johnson, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



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***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Joel M. Prives***

- Whereas:** With the passing of Joel M. Prives on April 30, 2020, at the age of 85, the Town of Wellesley lost an esteemed fellow citizen who proudly served his community and his country; and
- Whereas:** Joel graduated from Boston Latin School, attended Tufts University, and graduated in 1959 from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine; and
- Whereas:** Joel served the Wellesley community as a dentist for over four decades, even making house calls for those who were unable to come to his office, and often financially supported his young patients to help further their education; and
- Whereas:** Joel served in the U.S. Army; held the rank of Captain and was chief Dental Surgeon for the 15th Cavalry Tank Battalion of the 4th Armored Division in Germany; proudly worked in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960's and Human Rights campaigns in the 1990's; and Joel served as a Town Meeting member for 9 years; and
- Whereas:** As a single father, Joel was devoted to raising and instilling in his children a love of life-long learning, music, travel, and a sense of responsibility to give back to one's community, and was a man whose life was characterized by generosity of spirit and kindness.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges Joel M. Prives, his life of service to our town and country, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his brother Arnold, his children, and his grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Joel M. Prives so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by: Mary Ann Cluggish, this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Edwin “Teddy” Donahue***

Whereas: The Town of Wellesley was saddened to learn of the passing of Edwin “Teddy” Donahue on November 30, 2020, an esteemed fellow citizen and life-long resident of Wellesley who proudly served his community and his country; and

Whereas: Teddy began his employment at the Department of Public Works in February 1958 as a Temporary Laborer; worked his way up in the department over the years, retiring from the Highway Division as a Heavy Equipment Operator in March 2000; and for a few years, his time at the DPW was interrupted from May 1958 until May 1960, while he served his country in the U.S. Army; and

Whereas: As a dedicated public servant, Teddy served as a Town Meeting member from 1987 to 2017, and as a member of the Wellesley Celebrations Committee for six years; and

Whereas: Family, faith and friends were Teddy’s top priority; he was a doting husband, father, and grandfather who never missed a grandchild’s school or sporting event.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Teddy Donahue and acknowledges his life of service to our town and country, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his wife Mary, his children, and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Teddy Donahue so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Paul L. Criswell, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Carol Gleason***

- Whereas:** With the passing of Carol Gleason on February 16, 2021, the Town of Wellesley lost an esteemed fellow citizen who believed in the importance of community service and made many contributions to the Town of Wellesley and its residents; and
- Whereas:** Carol's efforts on behalf of the Town included her dedicated public service as a Town Meeting member from 1993 to 1999; and
- Whereas:** Carol served as an elected Library Trustee from 1993 to 1999, and was a passionate Library advocate and served on the first campaign to re-open the Hills Branch Library in 2006; and
- Whereas:** Carol was a life-long educator, teaching elementary school in Dedham and later working as a substitute teacher in Wellesley. A thoughtful and compassionate individual, Carol also taught ESL for the Jewish Vocational Services in Boston for over a decade; and
- Whereas:** Carol lived in Wellesley for almost 40 years and was an enthusiastic supporter and community advocate for numerous political causes throughout her lifetime; and
- Whereas:** Carol shared a deep commitment to her family and friends, and was above all else, a woman whose work was characterized by her kind spirit and generous heart.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, express its deep sorrow at the passing of Carol Gleason, this smart and witty woman admired by so many, and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for her dedicated and significant contributions to the welfare of the town and to our community; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Carol Gleason so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Marla Robinson, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Richard R. "Dick" Hartley***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting has learned with deep regret of the death of Richard R. "Dick" Hartley on March 2, 2021, at age 88, a 54-year resident, and dedicated citizen who served his community and country, and who was known by many as "the Commander;" and
- Whereas:** Dick grew up on the shores of Hilo, Hawaii, and his first love was to swim in the ocean. He was appointed to the United States Naval Academy, graduating in 1954, entering the submarine services and retiring as a Commander. Following retirement, Dick reinvented himself as a business man, receiving his MBA from Harvard Business School, and spending his second career with Polaroid Corporation; and
- Whereas:** After moving to Wellesley in 1967, Dick began a long commitment of public service as a Town Meeting member from 2013 to 2017, and a member of the Human Resources Board from 2006 to 2009; and
- Whereas:** Dick served the community as a volunteer devoted to improving the quality of life in Wellesley in many capacities including as a Senior Deacon of the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church and as a board member of the Wellesley Country Club; and
- Whereas:** Always a consummate gentleman, Dick showed kindness to all who knew him. He joined the Naval Reserve in high school, and was very athletic, playing football and cricket, and was named Best Actor in high school.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of Richard R. Hartley, acknowledges his life of service to our town and community, offers its heartfelt condolences to his wife Jodi, his children, and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Jay McHale, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Stanley Hodges***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting has learned with deep regret of the April 7, 2021, passing of Stanley Hodges at age 100, a dedicated citizen and centenarian who served his community in many volunteer roles, including 23 years as a Precinct G Town Meeting member; and
- Whereas:** Stanley was born in England but grew up in Paris, was educated in French schools, then endured sorrow and suffering during World War II as a civilian prisoner of war in Nazi-occupied France, survived and persevered, completing his college degree at the Ecole Polytechnique in Paris; emigrating to the United States in 1948 and becoming a U.S. citizen; and
- Whereas:** After living in Westwood, Stanley earned a second degree in accounting from Bentley University and settled in Wellesley in 1965; raised his family here with his late wife Meg, and enjoyed living on Morses Pond for 56 years as well as a 30-year career with John Hancock in Boston; and
- Whereas:** Stanley also served on the Morses Pond Committee, on the Trails Committee from 2002-2005, and on the Council on Aging from 1995-2009 where he helped prepare taxes for the elderly, and served as a voting precinct worker for 20 years; and
- Whereas:** Stanley was a member and leader of the Wellesley Historical Society and a Deacon Emeritus at the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church; a life-long learner, auditing history and political science classes at Wellesley College for over 15 years; and passionate about sailing and hiking, nature and music. Always a stylish dresser, he was unfailingly thoughtful and courteous and devoted to his family and to his town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby express its deep sorrow at the passing of Stanley Hodges, a true “gentleman,” and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for his dedicated contributions to the knowledge and character of the town and our community; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Stanley Hodges so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Reverend Judy Swahnberg, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Ann McQuaid Fitzmaurice***

- Whereas:** With the death of Ann M. Fitzmaurice on April 30, 2021, the Town of Wellesley lost an esteemed fellow citizen who believed in the importance of family, education and community service and made many contributions to the Town of Wellesley and its residents; and
- Whereas:** Ann was a life-long resident of Wellesley, a graduate of Wellesley High School, and an active member of St Paul's Church; and
- Whereas:** Ann was a tenacious advocate for education, children and the classroom teacher, serving as a member of the School Committee from 1983-1993 where she used her impressive writing skills and knowledge to successfully advocate for the Wellesley Public Schools and our children's classroom learning experiences; and where she served several terms as chair; and
- Whereas:** Ann had a special dedication to special education, spending her entire career educating the most vulnerable elementary school children as a teacher in the Newton Public Schools; and was a devoted grandmother to her grandchildren, and to all children she influenced in her life.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, express its deep sorrow at the passing of Ann M. Fitzmaurice, a woman petite in build and powerful in commitment, who reluctantly entered public service driven by her passion for educational excellence, and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for her significant contributions to our town and to the children of Wellesley; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to her husband Larry, and her family, so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by: Lois C. Sullivan, this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Robert C. Sechrest***

- Whereas:** Town Meeting has learned with deep regret of the death of Robert Cadwell Sechrest at age 91, a life-long resident and dedicated citizen who served his community and the nation, including 64 years as a Precinct E Town Meeting member; and
- Whereas:** Bob grew up in Wellesley, lived his entire life in the community, attended the Kingsbury School, Wellesley Junior High and graduated from Noble & Greenough School, Class of 1948, and attended both Haverford College and Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and
- Whereas:** Bob served in the U.S. Army as a member of the forces in Japan during the Korean War with an exemplary record; and
- Whereas:** Bob's longtime involvement in the town in addition to his Town Meeting service included terms on the Permanent Building Committee from 1974-1988, on the Advisory Committee from 1988-1991, and member of the Planning Board from 1995-2003; and
- Whereas:** Bob was an active director of the Wellesley Kiwanis Club, and held an important role in the Wellesley Club, and in the Wellesley Hills Congregational Church where he gave time and expertise in the areas of building construction and maintenance; and
- Whereas:** Bob's working life was spent in construction management and consulting as well as in home maintenance but his passions included barns, maps, maple syrup, his association with the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, Vermont, and above all gathering his family for holiday and birthday celebrations in his living room on Allen Road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges Robert C. Sechrest's life of outstanding volunteer service to our community and to our country, and offers its deepest sorrow and most heartfelt condolences to his wife Bettina, and to his three daughters and their families; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of Robert C. Sechrest so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by John G. Schuler, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
George P. D. Porter***

Whereas: The Town of Wellesley was saddened by the death of George P. D. Porter, on December 4, 2021, a life-long resident of the Town of Wellesley, and an active citizen who served the town in many capacities; and

Whereas: George was a Town Meeting member for more than 20 years, served on the Advisory Committee and the Celebrations Committee, as a Wellesley Housing Authority representative and most recently as an Election Officer; and

Whereas: A graduate and life-long supporter of Vanderbilt University , George attended three to five Vanderbilt football games annually and was recently honored for his steadfast loyalty for over 50 years; and after college served in the U.S. Army and Army Reserve; and

Whereas: George was a retired employee of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and could often be seen on the Turnpike helping disabled motorists; and

Whereas: George read and traveled extensively, visiting 48 of the 50 states to attend football games, visit a national park, or keep in touch with old friends. Besides football, his love of college hockey was notable and he attended games at Babson, Harvard, and many other New England colleges, encouraging friends to join him. It is perhaps fitting that he passed away in a Providence hockey rink, at the fourth game he had seen that week.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby express its deep sorrow at the passing of George P.D. Porter whose generosity and friendship was so beloved, and publicly acknowledge its appreciation for his dedicated contributions to the knowledge and history of the town and to our community; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to the family of George P. D. Porter so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by David Chapin, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
James C. Stokes***

- Whereas:** The Town of Wellesley was saddened to learn of the passing of our esteemed fellow citizen James Stokes on December 22, 2021, a long-time resident of Wellesley and dedicated citizen who proudly served his community and his country; and
- Whereas:** Jim graduated from the College of the Holy Cross on a Naval Officer Training Corps scholarship, was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, and deployed to Vietnam in 1969 as a member of the Marine Strike Fighter Squadron known as the Red Devils; and
- Whereas:** Following his discharge from the Marines in 1972, Jim earned a law degree from Boston College, and after practicing law in Hawaii, returned to Boston and became an admired law partner at Bingham, Dana & Gould; and
- Whereas:** Jim served the Wellesley community as Chair of the Personnel Board (as it was then known) from 1984-1989, as Town Moderator from 1992-1997, and as 2001-02 president of the Wellesley Club; and
- Whereas:** A kind and gentle man, Jim was known for his stories and easy laugh, for generously giving of his time and talent and above all else, for his commitment to his late wife Eileen, their children and grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby expresses its deep sorrow at the passing of James C. Stokes, acknowledges his life of service to our town and country, and offers its heartfelt condolences to his children and grandchildren; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to his family so his memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by Heather Sawitsky, on this 28th day of March, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk



***RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
Catherine L. Johnson***

- Whereas:** The Town of Wellesley was saddened by the sudden passing of Catherine L. Johnson on March 25, 2022, an esteemed fellow citizen who moved to Wellesley in 1989 and who believed in the importance of hard work, doing a job perfectly, and who was among the kindest individuals one could know; and
- Whereas:** Catherine's efforts on behalf of the town included her dedicated public service as a Town Meeting member from 2012 to 2022, Advisory Committee member from 2010 to 2013, an appointed and then elected member of the Planning Board from 2013 to 2022, and Planning Board chair from 2018 to 2022; and a mentor and friend to all of her fellow board members and colleagues; and
- Whereas:** Catherine had an unmatched knowledge and appreciation of the history of the town; was the author and driving force behind the Demolition Delay Bylaw, the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw, the Natural Resource Protection Bylaw, revisions and additions to the Large House Review Bylaw, the creation of historic districts, and was an expert on all matters concerning Wellesley's Zoning Bylaw; and
- Whereas:** Catherine held degrees from Brown University and Yale University, was a thoughtful and tireless real estate professional and broker for DeWolfe Real Estate, Hammond Real Estate, and Coldwell Banker Real Estate in Wellesley, Weston, and surrounding towns for more than 33 years; an avid Brookside Gardens gardener and dog lover, especially her beloved Cinnamon; and
- Whereas:** Catherine chose her friends carefully, loved them deeply, and above all will be remembered as a friend to Wellesley and Wellesley Town Government, having given her all to keep our community the beautiful place that it is today.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this Town Meeting acting on behalf of the citizens of the Town of Wellesley and its municipal employees, hereby acknowledges Catherine Johnson's service to our town, and offers its heartfelt condolences to her sons Matt and Josh Dorin, and many friends and acquaintances; and that this resolution be made part of the Official Proceedings of this Town Meeting and a suitable copy of the same be tendered to her family so her memory may be so ever cherished.

Presented by James Roberti, on this 4th day of April, 2022.

Approved:

Attest:

Mark Kaplan, Moderator

Cathryn Kato, Town Clerk