

Approved: February 28, 2022

**Select Board Meeting: January 18, 2022**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved:**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. Draft SB Calendar
3. Common Victualler Application – La Toscana Pizzeria
4. Updated Draft Alcohol Regulations
5. All Alcohol Application – Laughing Monk Cafe
6. Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant
7. Draft Election Warrant
8. Draft FY23 Budgets
9. Draft Select Board Minutes: 12/6/21 (am), 12/6/21 (pm); 12/13/21 (am), 12/13/21 (pm), 12/20/21
10. Memo re: Crossing Guard appointments
11. Police Commendations
12. Monthly Animal Control Report

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Ulfelder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm online.

Mr. Ulfelder 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).

**2. Citizen Speak**

Mr. Miller requested to speak regarding the proposed non-binding referendum during the election warrant discussion. Mr. Ulfelder advised that the referendum had been discussed and voted by the Board at the previous meeting and believed it would be inappropriate to have a second discussion and invited Mr. Miller to make comments during citizen speak. Mr. Miller stated that he believed there had been information not known or considered by the Board when they had previously discussed and voted on the non-binding referendum. Mr. Ulfelder stated that the agenda had not listed a discussion on the referendum and did not find further discussions appropriate. Mr. Miller stated that he believed the non-binding referendum should be considered to be included on the ballot and had hoped the Board would reconsider. He added he believed the Board had not heard all circumstances as he was not in attendance at the previous meeting.

**3. Fire Department Update**

Chief DeLorie, Assistant Chief Peterson, and Deputy Chief Mortarelli joined the Board.

Deputy Mortarelli reviewed the online permitting used by the Fire Department for its fire prevention inspections, permits, and plan reviews. He noted the positive changes in service delivery for homeowners,

builders, and businesses. He continued to review the permitting system and uses by the Fire Department. He stated that he had received positive feedback from end users about the changes.

**4. Discuss and Vote Common Victualler License for La Toscana Pizzeria at 99 Central Street**

Mr. Boucher, applicant, joined the Board.

Ms. Meagher, Support Services Manager, joined the Board. She briefly provided an overview of the application. Ms. Jop noted that the application was supported by staff however should be approved pending final sign offs from the Health and Building Departments. The Board discussed the application for the pizzeria adding the Board looked forward to their opening.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Common Victualler license for La Toscana Pizzeria at 99 Central Street pending final signoffs from the Health Department and Building Department and to set the hours of operation at 8am – 9pm Monday through Sunday.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

**5. Discuss and Vote Modifications to Alcohol Regulations to Comply with Approved Special Act**

Ms. Jop noted the approval of the Special Act eliminating the minimum seating requirements for alcohol licenses. She stated that staff and Town Counsel had reviewed and amended the regulations to reflect the changes. The Board discussed the updated alcohol regulations.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the proposed modification to the rules and regulations governing alcoholic beverages as presented, and to authorize the use of digital signatures.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

**6. Discuss and Vote All Alcohol License for Laughing Monk Café at 90 Central Street**

Mr. Nakapakorn, applicant, Mr. Korboon, proposed manager of record, and Mr. Himmelberger, Counsel for the applicant, joined the Board.

Ms. Jop stated that the applicant had held their alcohol application until the revised alcohol regulations could be approved by the Board. She noted that the CV application had been approved in December pending final sign offs from the Building and Health Departments. Mr. Himmelberger briefly reviewed the proposed application noting the restaurant would have twenty seats. Ms. Jop noted that staff recommended approval of the license. The Board discussed the all alcohol application for Laughing Monk Café and welcomed the establishment to Town.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the application for an All Alcohol Beverage License for Phaya Naga, Inc.,**

**DBA Laughing Monk Café to be located at 90 Central Street and to name Amnart Korboon as Manager.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

## **7. Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

Ms. Strother, Finance Director, joined the Board

The Board discussed the Annual Election warrant and suggested format changes. Ms. Jop reviewed the draft warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, noting a Planning Board request to reorder the Planning articles. The Board briefly discussed the proposed reordering of articles. Ms. Jop continued to review the draft warrant noting several articles for Board consideration. The Board discussed and suggested edits to the drafted Town Meeting and Election warrants. The Board agreed to hold voting approval of the Annual Town Meeting warrant based on the number of edits and additional expected changes and proceed with voting approval of the Annual Town Election Warrant.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Annual Town Election Warrant.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

Ms. Jop stated that the proposed town budget was not complete, noting that the School Committee budget would not be final for several weeks. She stated that the Superintendent proposed budget had been received and was within guideline. She reported on additional budgets that remained out of guideline and that the capital budget required additional modifications as well. She provided a review of the current budget projections, adding that the budget is currently out of alignment with the debt policy by approximately \$740,000 and \$433,000 in deficit. The Board discussed the budget as well as proposed changes within the operating and capital budgets of Select Board departments. Ms. Jop reviewed the ARPA fund process, including amount of funding available, the process for obtaining the funds, and potential uses for the funds. She noted additional grant opportunities that may be available to the Town and projects that could be applicable. Ms. Strother briefly reviewed the projected revenues and potential free cash projects. The Board continued to discuss the budget, the use of free cash, and the potential use of ARPA funds. Ms. Jop provided an overview of the changes to the Climate Action Committee budget noting it remained out of guideline and reported that discussions are in progress with MLP and DPW to assist in offsetting the CAC budget request. The Board discussed the Climate Action Committee budget.

## **8. Discuss and Vote Remaining BAA Invitational Entry**

Ms. Jop reviewed the recommendation for the remaining Boston Marathon Bib award. The Board noted previous discussions on the matter.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the final Boston Marathon Invitational Entry Bib to Wellesley ABC.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

## **9. Executive Director’s Update**

Ms. Jop stated that a resident had donated \$150,000 to the Police Department to use the funds “at the Chief’s discretion”, with the understanding it would be for enhancements and not offset Town budget expenses. She added that the Chief had proposed using some of the funding for the ongoing community policing initiatives including the public artwork project. She noted the gift would come before the Board for acceptance at its next meeting. She stated that the Planning Board’s zoning articles public hearing would be held on January 24<sup>th</sup> and the Advisory public hearing was scheduled for February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ms. Jop stated that minor edits had been received to the draft minutes. She briefly reviewed the request to appoint two new crossing guards.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of December 6, 2021 morning meeting, December 6, 2021 evening meeting, December 13, 2021 morning meeting, December 13, 2021 evening meeting, and December 20, 2021.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve Jana McGovern and Elizabeth Tweedy as school crossing guards for a term to expire on June 30, 2022.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

## **10. New Business and Correspondence**

Mr. Ulfelder provided a brief update on the Town Hall interior project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2022 at 6:00 pm.