Approved: April 1, 2019

Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 25, 2019
Present: Freiman, Sullivan Woods, Ulfelder, Morgan, Olney
Also Present: Jop

Warrants approved: 2019-037 $6,738,781.00

Minutes approved: None

Meeting Documents:
1. Agenda
2. BOS Calendar
3. Motions
4. Memorandum from Assistant Chief Jeffrey Peterson 3/22/19 Re: Beckford/Delorie Appointments
5. National Grid Petition for Gas Main Location – Fells Road
6. Emails from David Hickey dated 3/12/19
7. Email from Dick Joyce dated 2/26/19
8. Email from Cricket Vlass dated 3/18/19 Re: Donation
9. Contract for Project Management Services for Ernest F. Upham School
10. Monthly Parking Meter Report
11. Correspondence from Reverend Dr. Kelly Murphy Mason Re: Sylvia Plath

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Morgan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm at the Wellesley Middle School Library.

2. **Announcements**

None.

3. **Public Comment**

None.

4. **Appointments**

Fire Chief Delorie, Assistant Fire Chief Peterson, Andrew Beckford and Alex DeLorie, joined the Board.

Assistant Fire Chief Peterson introduced the two candidates for appointment to the position of firefighter. Assistant Chief Peterson reviewed the process of selection and the background of the two candidates. He noted that the appointment is conditional upon each candidate’s successful competition of a firefighting academy training and a one-year probation. He asked the Board to reaffirm his selection decision to and offer permanent appointment to the candidates.

The Board asked questions of the candidates regarding their background and asked the candidates to introduce their family members present for the occasion.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Andrew Beckford effective March 25, 2019 and Alex DeLorie effective March 25, 2019 to**
the position of firefighter to the Town of Wellesley subject to the successful completion of a firefighter academy and a one-year probation.

5. Nation Grid Petition for Gas Main Extension – Fells Road

Ms. Barbara Kelleher and Ms. Mary Mulroney from National Grid joined the Board. Ms. Jop gave a brief overview of the proposal that includes the proposed installation of 240 feet of 4-inch gas main in Fells Road. The new portion of pipe would connect the existing 8-inch gas main along Russell Road to the 3-inch gas main in Regis Road. The project is proposed in efforts to reinforce the existing volume as demands increase from the connection along Route 9 for the 900 Worcester Street Project.

Ms. Sullivan Woods noted that all approvals to National Grid should state that once the road is opened National Grid would work to completion of the project.

Ms. Olney noted the NRC in 2017 commissioned a study of methane gas emissions. She highlighted a map of the Fells Road area and noted there are several leaks that were detected in the area of the proposed extension. Ms. Olney raised concerns with the increased gas capacity with the installation of the proposed extension to lines that are currently leaking.

The Board asked if there are alternative connections. Ms. Kelleher noted there is an existing line in Route 9 in proximity to Jarvis Appliance, and her belief was that line was a low pressure line that was not adequate to serve the needs of 900 Worcester Street. The Board asked whether National Grid had the existing leaks on Russell Road, Regis Road, or Weston Road on a repair list.

Ms. Kelleher noted she would speak to the field teams at National Grid to understand the work plans in the area.

The Board continued the application.

6. Gift Acceptance

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve a gift of $589.99 from Lauri and Alex Slawsby for a bench and plaque on Fuller Brook Park, and a donation of $500 from the Wellesley Gardner’s Guild for annual plantings a the Clock in the Square and Fells sitting area.

7. Vote Board of Selectmen Secretary

Upon a motion by Mr. Morgan, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Ms. Sullivan Woods as Secretary.

8. Approve Hardy/Upham OPM Contract

Ms. Jop noted the School Building Committee has worked with the MSBA to select Compass Project Management Inc. as the Owners Project Manager for the Hardy/Upham project. The School Building Committee at their meeting on March 21, 2019 recommended approval of the contract and has submitted the contract for approval to the Board.
Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods, and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the contract for project management services to Compass Project Management, Inc.

9. **New Business and Correspondence**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the Juliani Room at Town Hall.