

Approved: May 17, 2021

**Select Board Meeting: April 26, 2021**

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

**Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti**

**Warrants approved: none**

**Meeting Documents:**

1. Agenda
2. 28 Crescent Street Landscape overview/fence photo
3. Correspondence request for use of Tailby Lot for Summer Movies
4. Comparable community Town Hall hours survey

**1. Call to Order**

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

Mr. Ulfelder announced the meeting was being recorded for subsequent viewing on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 40 and by Wellesley Media and at [wellesleymedia.org](http://wellesleymedia.org).

**2. Citizen Speak**

None.

**3. Discuss and Vote 28 Crescent Street Landscape Mitigation Plan**

Mr. Kripper and Ms. Litani, property owners, and Mr. Hickey, Town Engineer joined the meeting.

Ms. Jop reviewed the background of the encroachment at 28 Crescent Street and noted the steps taken in accordance with the first access agreement. She stated that the landscaping plans had been developed for phase 2 of the restoration of the area adding that Ms. Vlass, Town Landscape Planner, would continue to evaluate the impact to the exposed roots of the trees affected by the digging in the area. Mr. Hickey stated that the homeowners and their team had taken the matter seriously and had begun work quickly. Ms. Jop noted neighboring properties that had also added fencing on Town land that would be addressed in the upcoming weeks. The homeowners described their intentions and timeline for removal of the fencing adding that they expected it would take place after additional construction work had been completed on the home. The homeowners stated their belief that full remediation and removal of the fence should not begin until after the summer of 2021 and would take approximately one year. The Board discussed the second phase of the mitigation plan for 28 Crescent, including moving the encroaching fence and planting of six trees and expressed concerns over the timing proposed for full restoration. The Board agreed to continue the discussion about the mitigation plan at a meeting in the near future.

**4. Discuss and Vote Use of Tailby Parking Lot for Summer Movies**

Ms. Jop noted the movie night request from the Recreation and Youth Commission Departments. She added that the movie nights had been very popular last year and are planned to occur weekly on Wednesday evenings. She stated that the parking lots continue to be underutilized by commuters and shoppers. The Board expressed general support for the program.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to authorize the use of the Tailby Parking Lot for Mobile Movies on Wednesday evenings June 16, 2021 through Labor Day and to authorize Meghan Jop to manage any rescheduling necessary.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

#### **5. Discuss and Vote Town Hall Summer Hours**

Ms. Jop reviewed the typical summer hours for Town Hall, including a half-day Friday and longer work hours on Tuesdays. She noted that during the pandemic, Town Hall hours had shifted with the closure of the building and many staff working remotely. Ms. Jop asked the Board to allow for the same operational hours as in 2020. She noted that in June, Town Hall would begin reopening to the public by appointment only. The Board discussed the alternative hours for Town Hall and the proposed schedule for reopening by appointment only, as well as the potential for reviewing year-round operating hours in the future.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve Summer Hours for Town Hall from June 30-September 7; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8am-5pm and Friday 8am-noon.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

#### **6. Discuss and Appoint Veteran Graves and Ceremonial Officer**

Ms. Jop reviewed the annual appointment, noting that Mr. Oliveri expressed interest in being reappointed and the bylaw has this position being reappointed in April of each year. She noted Mr Oliveri's success with this role and in particular his ability to work well during COVID and successfully hold events.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to appoint Joseph Oliveri as the Veteran Graves and Ceremonial Officer for a term to expire on April 30, 2022.**

**Sullivan Woods – Aye**

**Olney –Aye**

**Ulfelder – Aye**

**Aufranc – Aye**

**Lanza – Aye**

#### **7. New Business and Correspondence**

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that “Music on Saturdays in the PO Park” had begun and added that the merchants had begun their Saturday sidewalk displays of merchandise which would be held each Saturday through the end of the summer. She stated that the art in the windows of vacant storefronts had been well received throughout Wellesley Square.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2021 at 5:30 pm online.