

Approved: June 21, 2022

Select Board Meeting: May 2, 2022

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Select Board Calendar
3. Draft Cable Renewal License – Verizon
4. Correspondence re: Public Shade Trees
5. Draft Contract AFSME 3 Local 49
6. 156 Weston Road – conditions
7. Draft Select Board Minutes: 3/7/22, 3/21/22, 3/28/22, 3/29/22, 4/5/22, 4/12/22
8. WEF Thank you
9. Barton Road Clean Up Day
10. May is Mobility Month

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.

2. Citizen Speak

None.

3. Discuss and Vote Verizon New England, Inc. Cable Renewal License

Ms. Jop reviewed the negotiation process with Verizon, noting the previous discussions regarding the contract with the Board. She reviewed the team members that had worked on the contract. Ms. Jop reviewed the terms of the contract, she stated that the major change was the term of five years rather than fifteen. She added that Verizon no longer enters into long term contracts. Ms. Jop continued to review the contract language, terms, and conditions. The Board briefly discussed the contract and the negotiation process.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the Verizon New England Inc. Cable Renewal License.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney – Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

4. Discuss Vote Approval of Removal of Public Shade Trees Pursuant to MGL Chapter 84, Section 4

Mr. Schmitt, NRC Director, joined the Board.

Ms. Jop stated that the NRC had held a public hearing regarding removal of the public shade trees on Walnut Street the previous week. She noted that public shade tree removal policies required the Board to review the NRC recommendation should objections to the removal be received during the NRC hearing. Ms. Jop stated that the Board had received background information regarding the removal of the trees and the objections the NRC had received. Mr. Schmitt briefly discussed the status of the trees, noting the trees had been watched for some time as they have shown root rot and disease. The Board discussed the recommendation for removal and the trees under review and expressed agreement in the NRC assessment.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the removal of an 18” Norway Maple tree at 239-241 Walnut Street and a 48” Red Oak tree at 275 Walnut Street.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

5. Discuss and Vote AFSME 3 Local 49 (FMD Custodians) Contract

Ms. Jop stated that the MOA had been approved previously and required final signatures and the vote this evening was to formalize the earlier approvals.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the AFSME 3 Local 49 FMD Custodians FY21-FY23 Contract.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

6. Discuss and Vote Use of Tailby Lot for Wellesley Wonderful Weekend and Summer Programs

Ms. Jop reviewed the events scheduled to be held in the Tailby lot, noting the Recreation Department would be holding mobile movie nights throughout the summer. She stated that though the dates were not finalized staff was seeking authorization to use the lot for those events with dates to be determined in the event the dates would need to be changed due to inclement weather. The Board discussed the Recreation Department’s programming and the commuter use of the lot.

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 the Bike Rodeo on May 21, 2022 from 10 am to noon; and to authorize the use of the Tailby Parking Lot for Drive-In movie dates as to be approved by the Executive Director in coordination with the Wellesley Police Department.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

7. Discuss and Vote Potential Investigation of use of 156 Weston Road for Rental Use

Ms. Jop reviewed the acquisition and use of 156 Weston Road; she added that the Housing Development Corp., was interested in using the property for a rental opportunity until the final determination of the use of the North 40 was made. Ms. Jop noted that the property had been reviewed by the Building Department and FMD adding that updates to the home were assumed to be minimal. She stated that a full home inspection would be necessary prior to determining the final costs of updating the home and landscaping. She noted the home inspection cost estimate was approximately \$3,000. The Board discussed the property for potential upgrades.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to authorize the Housing Development Corporation to further investigate the possible affordable rental of 156 Weston Road and to authorize the expenditure of \$3000 for a home inspection and cost estimate.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

8. Executive Director's Update

Ms. Jop provided an update on the Fair Housing Committee, noting the background of the committee and the Fair Housing Officer. She stated that she along with Mr. McCauley were working with Town Counsel to decide the best model for the Town regarding fair housing.

Ms. Jop stated that the Sustainable Mobility Plan had been completed and there would be a presentation before the Board at its next meeting. She noted that May was “Mobility Month” and reviewed several events hosted by the Mobility Committee throughout the month.

Ms. Jop stated that the Town had received a \$570,000 grant for downtown revitalization efforts from the Commonwealth and additional information regarding those funds would be forthcoming. She added that the town parklets were being finalized and a presentation would be submitted to the Board at the next meeting. She added that a \$100,000 earmark for event space in Wellesley Square would also be presented at the next meeting. Ms. Frigulietti stated that a new bike repair station would be opening at the Warren Building. She added that the Merchants had launched a new website coordinated by the Chamber to encourage local dining and shopping opportunities as well as local events. Ms. Frigulietti reviewed the upcoming merchant events beginning May 7th through the fall; adding that additional information could be found through the Chamber website.

Ms. Jop noted that the draft minutes included for the Board's review. Ms. Aufranc stated she was not present on March 21st and abstained from approving those minutes.

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 March 7, 2022, March 21, 2022, March 28, 2022, March 29, 2022, April 5, 2022, April 12, 2022.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

9. New Business and other Correspondence

Ms. Lanza stated that May 7th was Barton Road Cleanup Day adding that it was a family friendly event including face painting and ice cream. She noted that the Housing Authority had received their portion of the ARPA funds and would begin updating their properties on Linden Street and by the Police Station.

10. Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Sheryl Strother and Amy Frigulietti)

Mr. Ulfelder requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of conducting strategy for negotiations as having a meeting in open session may be detrimental to the Town's bargaining position.

At 7:02 pm upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to enter Executive Session under M.G.L c. 30A §21A, exemption #2 to conduct a strategy session in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel (Sheryl Strother and Amy Frigulietti) as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would be detrimental and to invite Meghan Jop to join the meeting. Following the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session for the sole purpose of adjourning the meeting

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Lanza – Aye

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm.