

Approved: June 28, 2021

Select Board Meeting: May 24, 2021

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

Also Present: Jop, Frigulietti

Warrants approved: none

Meeting Documents:

1. Agenda
2. Draft SB Schedule
3. CMR 940 Section 29
4. Draft Letter re: Natick Retail Marijuana Establishments
5. Draft Letter to County Commissioners
6. Parking Plan and Analysis re: Hunnewell School
7. Animal Control Monthly Report
8. Hardy School Abutter Notice
9. MWRTA Meeting Notes from 5/17/21
10. ABCC Advisory Regarding the end of COVID Related Restrictions
11. Walnut Street- Presentation to Mobility

1. Call to Order

Mr. Ulfelder, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm online.

2. Executive Session under M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(A), exemption #3 – to discuss negotiation with respect to collective bargaining with AFSME 93 Local 49 the FMD Custodians

Mr. Ulfelder requested a motion that the Board vote to convene in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining with AFSME 93 Local 49 the FMD Custodians and declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position.

At 6:04pm **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, §21(A), exemption #3 –to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with AFSME 93 Local 49 the FMD Custodians as the Chair has declared that having such discussions in Open Session would have a detrimental effect on the Town's bargaining position and to invite Meghan Jop, Amy Frigulietti, Scott Szczebak, and Joe McDonough to join the meeting. Upon the adjournment of executive session, the Board will return to open session to take up the remaining agenda items.**

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 exit Executive Session and return to Open Session.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye
Lanza – Aye

3. Citizen Speak

The Board returned to open session at 6:19pm. 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.

4. Discuss and Vote Tentative Agreement with AFSME 93 Local 49 the FMD Custodians

Mr. McDonough, Director of FMD, and Mr. Szczebak, HR Director, joined the Board.

Mr. McDonough briefly reviewed the Tentative Agreement with the two unions. He stated that the three-year agreement included the new state holiday, Juneteenth, and cost of living adjustments consistent with other union contracts within the budget guideline. He noted longevity payments had been modestly increased and the language for the sick bank had been formalized.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the tentative agreement with AFSME 93 Local 49 the FMD Custodians as presented.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

5. Discuss and Vote Authorization of Remote Participation under 940 CMR 29.10(2)(a)

Ms. Jop stated that the Governor would be lifting the state of emergency on June 15th which would require in person public meetings rather than remote options currently used. She added that the Legislature had been feeling increased pressure to pass legislation to allow for the continuation of remote public meetings. She reviewed the provisions currently within the Open Meeting Law that allowed for some remote attendance at public meetings under specific circumstances. She noted the Board would be required to adopt the provisions in order to extend remote participation for Board members and the community. The Board discussed the remote participation provisions of the Open Meeting Law and how to incorporate remote options moving forward. The Board expressed general agreement to continue to review the provisions and vote on potential adoption at a future meeting.

6. Discuss and Vote Letter to Natick Select Board on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Ms. Jop noted the revised draft letter sent earlier that day based on comments received. She reviewed the comments and concerns received by the Board regarding the locations for the proposed sites, adding that several of the neighborhoods' main access points would be directly impacted by high traffic retail establishments located on the Natick line. Ms. Jop reviewed the points addressed in the drafted letter including cut-through traffic, a nearby school bus stop, vehicular turnaround access, pedestrian traffic impacts, and the potential for off-site parking at a Wellesley location. The Board discussed the updated drafted letter.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to approve the letter to the Natick Select Board regarding Adult-Use Marijuana establishments with changes discussed and to be edited by Meghan Jop.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

7. Discuss and Vote Letter to Norfolk County Commissioners on American Rescue Plan Act

Ms. Frigulietti reviewed the functions of Norfolk County and the roles of the Commissioners and programs that are controlled by the County. She added that the annual budget for the County was approximately \$32million. Ms. Frigulietti stated that Norfolk County would be receiving \$137million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds directly from the Federal Government and was reviewing options for distribution and management of the funds. Ms. Frigulietti reviewed the letter drafted to the County Commissioners, noting several other County communities were considering sending letters relaying questions and concerns related to the ARPA funds distribution. The Board discussed the drafted letter, the functions of Norfolk County, and the differences between County governance in Massachusetts with most other states. The Board expressed general support for sending the drafted letter to the Norfolk County Commissioners.

Upon a motion by Ms. Sullivan Woods and seconded by Ms. Olney, the Board was polled and voted (5-0) to authorize the letter to the Norfolk County Commissioners and authorize Amy Frigulietti and Tom Ulfelder to finalize the letter for issuance.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

8. Discuss and Vote Use of Parking Spaces for Hunnewell School in Cameron Street Lot

Ms. Mirick of the School Committee joined the Board.

Ms. Jop stated that the ZBA would be reviewing the site plan for the Hunnewell School and would evaluate parking for the project. She added that the Library had loaned the school five parking spaces within the Main Library lot however, did not want the ZBA to codify those spaces for school use in perpetuity. She noted that ZBA had asked the Board to formalize permission for the use of twenty spaces in the Cameron Street Lot for the Hunnewell School that had been used via a placard program. She noted the Board may choose to authorize the additional five spaces from Cameron Street for school use. She reviewed the use and availability of spaces at the lot adding that staff, including Lt. Showstead, supported the use of the 25 spaces for the Hunnewell School. The Board discussed the use of Cameron Street lot parking spaces for the Hunnewell School and formalizing the agreement for the use of the spaces to satisfy the site plan review process by the ZBA. Ms. Sullivan Woods proposed the Board support formalizing the use of twenty Cameron Lot spaces to the Hunnewell School while reserving five additional spaces for school use as needed. The Board continued to discuss the request of the Schools, the ZBA site plan parking review and request for formal agreement of twenty-five lot spaces.

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 25 parking spaces in the Cameron Street Parking Lot to be dedicated to

the Hunnewell School for staff parking and to authorize Meghan Jop to work with Town Counsel to produce a formal document dedicating said spaces to the Hunnewell School.

Sullivan Woods – Aye

Olney –Aye

Ulfelder – Aye

Aufranc – Aye

Lanza – Aye

9. Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Jop stated that MMA had been seeking support on various COVID-19 protocols including remote participation in public meetings, mail in voting, as well as proposed legislation to extend temporary outdoor dining and take-away alcohol provisions. She noted the temporary outdoor dining and other alcohol provisions would end in August while remote participation as well as other provisions would end June 15th. The Board discussed formally supporting various positions of the information from MMA. Ms. Jop stated that the Town continued to work with the Health Department on reopening protocols, noting that all Town buildings would be open to the public on June 1st.

10. Liaison Update

Ms. Sullivan Woods stated that on Monday, May 31st, the Town would honor Memorial Day by holding a ceremony at 7pm at the War Memorial on the Town Hall green. She added that the Merchants had hosted sidewalk sale events the previous weekend that were well attended.

Mr. Ulfelder stated that he had attended the DPW touch-a-truck and fill-a-truck events adding that the events were well attended and successful in providing supplies to the food pantry.

Ms. Lanza stated that the May 4th and May 12th Advisory meetings focused on debriefing from Annual Town Meeting and the Advisory Committee processes. She noted that there had been two recent Boston Globe articles related to housing prices in the state and the importance of affordable housing.

Ms. Aufranc reviewed the agreement with Environmental Partners to help develop a sustainable mobility plan adding that there was a public outreach forum held in April and weekly surveys would be available throughout June. Ms. Aufranc stated that the Mobility Committee had reviewed the Walnut Street reconstruction plan adding it may be eligible for grant funding. She added that Ms. Frigulietti had applied for Shared Streets grant funding for a “Pilecki light” at State Street and Fuller Brook crossing. Ms. Aufranc noted the MBTA has instituted “clock face scheduling” with dependable hourly trains on weekdays, every two hours on weekends, without a gap in the middle of the day. Ms. Aufranc stated that a recent bond bill set aside funds for ADA lifts to be installed at the commuter rail stations adding the project was pending a schedule and co-ordination with MBTA capital planning for execution. She noted the MWRTA route 8 bus had been eliminated and replaced with the “Catch-Connect” service for intra-Wellesley trips. She added the NRC was working with members of the School Committee to move forward with a plan for bathrooms at the Hunnewell Track and Fields, and to explore team rooms and lighting as a package. The NRC is also working on an access agreement with Algonquin Gas for the gas line repair in the Town Forest. Ms. Aufranc stated that there were currently two open positions on the Historical Commission and encouraged interested residents to complete a volunteer form on the Town’s website.

11. New Business and Correspondence

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm

The next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2021 at 6:00 pm online.