

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

August 16, 2021

Chairman Lilia Maselli called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. This meeting was held in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

A motion was made and duly seconded and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or other acquisition of real property at 64 Wildwood Street in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)6, and to discuss collective bargaining strategy with respect to the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 1703, Unit 1 in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)3 and further to discuss strategies with respect to litigation involving Multi-District Litigation Against Manufacturers and Distributors of Opioids in accordance with MGL Chapter 21(A) 3 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town as so determined by the Chairman, to return to open session.

Chairman Maselli reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Maselli asked meeting participants to rise and she led the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman Maselli asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 55, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, 5, 5A, 5B, 5C, 6, 6A, 7 & 7A.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held March 15, 2021 and all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held June 28, 2021 and all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of their meeting held July 12, 2021 and all action taken is hereby ratified and confirmed.

PAUL ALUNNI, TOWN ENGINEER, RE: STATUS ON COOK AVENUE WATER CONNECTION

Mr. Alunni stated that the first item is relative to the water main installation project on Cook Avenue being undertaken by Olin. He advised that part of the agreement requires completion within one year or to request an extension from the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Alunni advised that August 18 will mark the one year date and therefore a request for a 45 day extension has been filed. Mr. Alunni reported the status of the project and advised that the water main on Cook Avenue and Burnham Street has been installed as well as three fire hydrants, five water shut offs to the five properties and the required two water services to the two effected properties on Cook Avenue. He advised that remaining work to be completed are chlorination of the water main, an adjustment one fire hydrant on Burnham Street, conduct pressure test and final paving. Mr. Alunni opined that it would be in the Town's best interest to grant the request as it would provide the Town an opportunity to complete its punch list and will be able to see over the next 45 days that the system is working appropriately. It would also allow the Town time to confirm that Olin has paid subcontractors and vendors.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments. Selectman DePalma asked whether the paving would be done at the end of the 45 days and Mr. Alunni confirmed that the paving would take place prior to the conclusion of the 45 day extension. Selectman Bendel asked when residents would be able to drink the water. Mr. Alunni advised that he believed it would be imminent. The process of chlorination testing is taking place. He advised that a resident confirmed that water meters were in, the remaining item is the final connection in the house which will not take place until chlorination testing confirms the water is safe to consume.

Town Manager Hull suggested that agenda item number 7 be taken out of order. A motion was made by Selectman Cairra, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Olin Corporation to extend completion date of the Cook Avenue water main installation project an additional 45 days from August 18, 2021.

PAUL ALUNNI, TOWN ENGINEER, RE: DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR WOBURN STREET TRUCK EXCLUSION

Mr. Alunni reported that the Town was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) that the request for a truck exclusion for a section of Woburn Street was denied. He described the portion of Woburn Street for which the request was made. Mr. Alunni stated that a truck exclusion has been discussed for approximately 20 years. He described the area of Woburn Street as being densely residential surrounded by industrial uses. Mr. Alunni explained that MassDOT bases approval on the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) guidelines. The MUTCD prescribes thresholds that the Town must demonstrate are being met including providing for an alternate route within the community requesting the exclusion and that truck traffic constitute 5 percent of the total traffic. Mr. Alunni advised that the Town proceeded with the request in anticipation of the opening of the New Boston Street Bridge. He advised that a letter of support from the city of Woburn and Board of Selectmen minutes from 2004 were provided to MassDOT. MassDOT replied that the request was denied because the Town did not meet the threshold. It was suggested that the unenforceable truck exclusion sign at the end of Oxbow Drive be removed and that the Town restudy six months after the bridge is open to traffic. Mr. Alunni recommends that the Town recount the traffic in the fall. He noted his numbers were compiled before COVID and opined that there has been an increase in truck traffic.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments. Selectman Caira asked to confirm that not meeting the 5% threshold was the reason for the denial and Mr. Alunni confirmed. Selectman DePalma asked whether the expectation was that removing the unenforceable sign would help the numbers. Mr. Alunni stated that is the expectation. He advised that the sign has been removed.

PAUL ALUNNI, TOWN ENGINEER, RE: REQUEST TO APPROVE EASEMENT AT 203 LOWELL STREET

Mr. Alunni advised that the Board is being asked to accept an easement for the right of way and utilities from the owner of 203 Lowell Street. He explained that the property is at the corner of Lowell Street and Woburn Street and the purpose is to facilitate intersection improvements that are scheduled for construction in 2023 as part of the State Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The easement runs along the frontage of Lowell Street and will allow the Town to extend the lane for a dedicated right hand turn lane, concrete sidewalks and grading and utility work.

Mr. Alunni reported that 203 Lowell Street was recently in front of the Planning Board for a permit to construct 50 condo units, 10,000 square foot office and retail building and a small bank. The easement was a requirement of the Planning Board.

Mr. Alunni stated that it is mutually beneficial to have the intersection improved.

Chairman Maselli asked whether the entrance for the property was on Lowell Street and Mr. Alunni advised that they will be using the existing curb cut and illustrated on a plan that was submitted to the Planning Board with the application.

Chairman Maselli asked whether the Woburn Street entrance would be for trucks and was advised that it would be open to everyone to access.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any other questions or comments. Selectman DePalma asked whether this development and that at the Textron property were considered in the design of the intersection. Mr. Alunni explained that the project at 203 Lowell Street was considered and noted that the Textron property is still in the permitting process. He explained that process for MassDOT design phases and advised that the design of the intersection is at 75% design. Mr. Alunni explained the process of the Town's traffic consultant reviewing the data provided by National Development's traffic design engineer.

Town Manager Hull suggested that the Board take agenda item number 8 out of order. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept an easement at 203 Lowell Street for the purpose of intersection improvements at Woburn Street and Lowell Street.

SHELLY NEWHOUSE, HEALTH DIRECTOR, RE: COVID UPDATE AND MASKING PROTOCOL

Ms. Newhouse provided statistical information regarding the number of COVID cases in Wilmington. She noted that there are currently a total of 33 active positives with five under the age of 12; 9 in the 20-30 year age group; 11 in the 30-50 year age group and 8 in the 50-70 year age group. Of the 33 cases, 17 are "breakthrough" cases where the individual has been vaccinated.

She advised that in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts 74% of the population has received at least one dose of the vaccine; 66% are fully vaccinated. In Wilmington 62% of residents are fully vaccinated and 72% have received at least one dose. Ms. Newhouse expressed her desire to see more individuals receive the vaccine and opined it will slow down the spread of the Delta variant. She explained that the vaccine is not 100% effective and therefore there are some individuals who contract the virus even though they are vaccinated. She noted the difference is that the cases are less severe and do not require hospitalization.

Ms. Newhouse reported that on Thursday, August 19, there will be a vaccination van in Wilmington for those ages 12 and older. The mobile vaccination clinic will take place at the Swain Green at 4:00 p.m. and will offer the Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccine. The second clinic for those receiving the second dose of the vaccine will take place on September 9. She advised that the clinic is open to anyone who wishes to receive the vaccine.

Ms. Newhouse advised that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is recommending booster shots for those with certain medical conditions including those who are immunocompromised. The booster will be available at local hospitals and at CVS and Target in Wilmington.

Ms. Newhouse reported that some of the positive cases are travel related and going to group events. She stated that there has not been community spread. Middlesex is the largest county in Massachusetts and all counties are deemed high risk for the virus. She stated that she is not seeing numbers to cause alarm and is hoping not to see surges.

Ms. Newhouse recommends individuals who are indoors and feel they are high risk to wear a mask noting that the virus can be spread to those around you. She stated that she is not recommending a mask mandate at this time but noted it could change.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments.

Selectman Bendel asked if, of the 33, there are any relatives. Ms. Newhouse confirmed that there are a couple of households affected. She stated that some are asymptomatic and did not know they had it, they got tested because they were going somewhere or coming back and were surprised.

Chairman Maselli asked whether the variant is affecting children more. Ms. Newhouse advised that they are not typing out whether it is the novel Coronavirus or the Delta variant and the assumption is that it is the Delta variant. Ms. Newhouse stated that she would like to see the 18 to 20 year olds become vaccinated.

Selectman DePalma asked whether Ms. Newhouse is anticipating an increase in positive numbers as the cold weather returns. Ms. Newhouse confirmed and stated that last year she began to see a spike around November.

Selectman Caira stated that he noticed signs posted in Town Hall indicating that after June 1 persons unvaccinated should be masked. Ms. Newhouse confirmed that unvaccinated individuals should wear a mask at all times indoors, no matter where they are.

Town Manager Hull reported that a couple of weeks prior, Chief Cavanaugh and he met with Dr. Brand regarding convening the Emergency Management Committee that Chief Cavanaugh chairs. Ms. Newhouse and other staff members discussed the approach that each group would be taking and it is his understanding that the school superintendent is announcing his plan this evening.

Town Manager Hull stated that the Town's approach is to continue with the expectation that when people come in to Town Hall they wear a mask if they are unvaccinated. The Town does not require individuals show their vaccination card but the presumption is that if one is in the building without a mask, they have been vaccinated.

Chairman Maselli stated that where she is employed, masks are required indoors. Town Manager Hull reiterated that this is an evolving situation.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the Woburn Street truck exclusion. He advised that, in response to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's denial of a truck exclusion on the portion of Woburn Street from the intersection with Eames Street to the intersection with Lowell Street, the Director of Public Works and the Town Engineer have been directed to advise as to a course of action to revisit the truck exclusion. With the expected reopening of the New Boston Street Bridge in Woburn and redevelopment of business property on Eames Street and the westerly portion of Woburn Street, providing a truck exclusion for the residents in that area remains important.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Paul Alunni, PE, Town Engineer, regarding heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on Woburn Street from Lowell Street to Eames Street. Mr. Alunni advised that the Town was notified by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) that a Heavy Commercial Vehicle Exclusion (HCVE) is not warranted for a section of Woburn Street. The Department of Public Works submitted the requisite traffic count data and engineering study to MassDOT pursuant to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices requirements (MUTCD). Per MUTCD requirements, the Town must demonstrate that certain criteria are met for an alternate route and that sufficient justification exists to warrant the proposed exclusion. The MUTCD warrant for HCVE include a volume of heavy commercial vehicles that usually is in the range of five to eight percent. The HCVE traffic data collected by the Town for this section of Woburn Street revealed a total truck volume of 2.5%. Although the current percentage of truck volume was below the warrant, the Town cited concerns related to traffic increases expected from the re-opening of the New Boston Street Bridge in Woburn. The Town also provided MassDOT with a letter of support for the HCVE from the City of Woburn. MassDOT recommended that the Town re-study the section of roadway approximately six months after the bridge re-opening. Since traffic counts were collected pre-COVID pandemic, the DPW will be updating the traffic counts in the fall of 2021. If conditions yield a percentage of truck volume meeting the MUTCD warrant of 5%, the DPW will resubmit the HCVE request.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street. He advised that he spoke with the Director of Public Works and the Police Chief about improving the safety at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street. The greatest challenge appears to be traffic traveling east on Clark Street and seeking to cross Middlesex Avenue or turn left on to Middlesex Avenue. The shrubs that line the private property to the right of that approach make it difficult for motorists to see traffic approaching on Middlesex Avenue from Main Street/Route 38. He advised that many years ago the owner of the property was contacted about their willingness to trim back the shrubs at the corner of Clark Street and Middlesex Avenue. At the time the owner declined to do so. The shrubs are on private property and not within the Town's right of way. The owner was contacted again by a representative from the Police Department and, once again, declined to trim the shrubs. The Police Department will be placing the traffic tubes out within the next couple of weeks to conduct a traffic count for each "leg" of the intersection. The information from the traffic count will be provided to a traffic engineer for review, in addition to reviewing the recent history of accidents at the intersection and

checking site distances. One possible step to improve safety would be to make the intersection a four-way stop. Any change in signage at the intersection will require the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Ed Johnson, 72 Clark Street, who wrote to express concern regarding the use of Clark Street by heavy equipment. He noted that Clark Street is used as a “cut through” street. He and other area residents are seeking action to mitigate constant heavy trucks from speeding on Clark Street, both night and day. He suggested signs be posted and enforced for no heavy trucks allowed. In addition he requested that the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and Clark Street be addressed.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to Ed Johnson, Clark Street, acknowledging receipt of his letter and advising what action the Town is taking to address concerns of the intersection and use of Clark Street by heavy vehicles.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Christine Touma-Conway, Town Clerk, who wrote providing an update on the re-precincting process. She advised that since her memo to the Board of Selectmen on August 5, her department has learned that the date the Census Bureau is expected to release its data to the Census Division of the Secretary of the Commonwealth’s office has been moved up from September 30 to August 12, 2021. In addition, she has been advised that the last date for submission of local plans remains October 30, 2021. Release of the official numbers sooner than originally planned will enable the Town to have finalized numbers from the Secretary of State by the end of August and with those numbers give the local working group the opportunity to prepare a proposed map containing either six or seven precincts, depending on the final numbers, rather than two maps which would both be based upon estimates and conjecture.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the Board of Health Private Well Regulations. He advised that the Board of Health conducted a public hearing on Tuesday, August 3rd to consider proposed changes to their regulations that address approval of private wells. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contacted the Town several months ago seeking the Town’s assistance to gain access to information about private wells near the Sutton Brook Superfund site in Tewksbury near the Wilmington border and private wells near the Olin Superfund site on Eames Street. The EPA and the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) have participated in multiple discussions with representatives from the Town about potential modifications to the Board of Health regulations related to drilling private wells. EPA is also seeking to have well water tested and to review test results in order to recommend to the Board of Health whether the wells should be used for irrigation, drinking or business purposes. The Board of Health posed many questions to EPA including whether the EPA could exercise its own authority to obtain the information which they are seeking to gather through the Town. There was also concern expressed about the cost of the testing required for specific contaminants of concern if those costs are to be borne by the property owner. The Board of Health did not make any final decisions but has continued the hearing to September 21, 2021.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Christine Kirby, Assistant Commissioner, Bureau of Air and Waste, Department of Environmental Protection, to Charles Underhill, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) advising that the RMLD has been awarded a grant of \$78,150 to acquire five electric vehicle charging stations under the Massachusetts Electric Vehicle Incentive Program at locations in Reading and Wilmington.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Kelli E. Gunagan, Assistant Attorney General, to Christine Touma-Conway, Town Clerk, regarding Warrant Articles 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 54, 58, 62 and 64 of the Annual Town Meeting held May 1, 2021. Ms. Gunagan advised that Articles 44, 46,

47, 48, 49, 54, 58, 62 and 64 were approved and comments on Article 46 were provided. The Town was advised that it must apply Article 46 consistent with General Law Chapter 138 that governs the sale of alcohol and the licensing of alcohol establishments.

Town Manager Hull reviewed letters to Scott Neville, Joseph Lavino, PharmD, RPh, JD and David Tamang, Ph.D. from Christine Touma-Conway, Town Clerk. Ms. Touma-Conway wrote to advise each of the individuals of their appointment by the Finance Committee Appointing Committee to the Finance Committee for a three year term to expire in 2024.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Eric M. Hocky, Clark Hill, PLC, to Cynthia Brown, Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, providing status report relative to New England Transrail, LLC DBA Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway-Construction, Acquisition and Operation Exemption in Wilmington and Woburn. He advised that in its May 3 status report, New England Transrail (NET) and Wilmington Woburn Intermodal (WWI) reported that United States Environmental Protection Agency released its Record of Decision on April 1, 2021. WWI continue to refine their current plans for the property in the context of the Record of Decision (ROD). WWI/NET had their first meeting with the Town of Wilmington following the issuance of the ROD and addressed the Town's questions about how to best implement development without adversely affecting any ongoing cleanup efforts. WWI/NET believes the meeting was collaborative and productive.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Daniel Deutsch, Brooks & DeRensis, to Cynthia Brown, Chief, Section of Administration, Office of Proceedings, Surface Transportation Board, providing status report relative to New England Transrail, LLC DBA Wilmington & Woburn Terminal Railway-Construction, Acquisition and Operation Exemption in Wilmington and Woburn. He advised that previous reports submitted by Wilmington summarized past discussions between Wilmington and WWI/GFI concerning a conceptual alternative to the project that is the subject of the above-noted proceeding which has been suspended. The pace and timing of WWI's engineering and planning of a potential alternative redevelopment project have depended upon the development and approval of remedial options for clean-up of the Olin Site by USEPA and Olin Corporation and the decision –making of WWI and NET. He noted that USEPA released its Record of Decision on April 1, 2021 and that representatives of WWI met with certain Wilmington officials to present WWI's current conceptual proposal for developing the Olin Site in light of the recently issued ROD. Wilmington remains open to discussing with WWI any further available information relevant to a potential development project, for which WWI or GFI ultimately would need to seek permits from relevant Town boards.

Selectman Bendel provided an update regarding the Senior Center Building Committee. He advised that the committee met with Dietz & Company, project architect, and the Owners' Project Manager (OPM), Dan Pallotta of P3, on July 27. The architect led the committee through discussion about the space requirements and reviewed an adjacency diagram that provided a very basic layout. The estimated size of the facility is just under 18,000 square feet. Committee members and members of the public offered comments. Four sites under consideration for the location were reviewed. Dietz & Company has inspected and investigated each site. The site of the Whitefield School was identified as the most constrained due to significant wetlands in the rear of the property and a stream that cuts across the property. The next step is to schedule a joint meeting with the members of the Town / School Administration Building Committee to discuss the criteria that should be used for rating each site. Since both projects are competing over the same sites, the idea is for the two committees to reach consensus over the best location for each building.

Selectman Caira provided an update on the Town / School Administration Building Committee. He advised that members of the Committee met on August 11 with representatives from Johnson Roberts Architects to receive an update. The first presentation addressed space needs based upon in person conversations with staff and site visits of the Town Hall and Roman House. A diagram was presented which identified estimated square footage for each space and included offices, meeting areas and storage space. Space is also identified for a studio for Wilmington Community Television (WCTV). The architects envision a two-story building totaling almost 40,000 square feet. Questions were raised about the adequacy of the space for WCTV in light of the existing space they occupy on Waltham Street. The final portion of the meeting focused on a review of the four sites being considered. Due to the size of the building and the parking requirements, the Whitefield site would be much more challenging. The site has wetlands that further add setback requirements and limit the usable space. Dan Pallotta, the OPM, suggested a joint committee meeting with the Senior Center Building Committee to establish a common set of criteria to use in evaluating the sites. The intention is to avoid both projects competing for the same site.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF JARED COSTANTINO TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen appoint Jared Costantino as a member of the Economic Development Committee.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF OLIN CORPORATION TO EXTEND COMPLETION DATE OF THE COOK AVENUE WATER MAIN INSTALLATION PROJECT

This agenda item was taken up under appointments.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING EASEMENT AT 203 LOWELL STREET TO WIDEN ROAD AT INTERSECTION WITH WOBURN STREET

This agenda item was taken up under appointments.

BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON AND AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY & MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) LOCAL 1703 UNIT I

Town Manager Hull advised that this is a one year contract and the only change is for a cost of living adjustment (COLA). Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen execute the agreement between the Town of Wilmington and American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees Local 1703 Unit 1.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF REBECCA SANDERSON, RE: DISCLOSURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 268A, SECTION 20 (B) RELATIVE TO INTERMITTENT EMPLOYMENT AS RECORDING SECRETARY FOR ONE OR MORE BUILDING PROJECT COMMITTEES

Town Manager Hull explained that this is similar to previous requests where an individual is employed by the Town and would like to do work for the Recreation Department. He advised that Ms. Sanderson is the Senior Clerk for the Wilmington Fire Department. The Senior Center Building Committee and Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee both conduct public hearings and need to maintain minutes. Town Manager Hull stated that he reached out to the union to see if there was any interest among their members and Ms. Sanderson expressed a willingness to help out.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen acknowledges receipt of Rebecca Sanderson's disclosure and determine that her employment with the Permanent Building Committee is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from the employee.

BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING THE INSTALLATION OF STOP SIGN ON CARTER LANE AT BOUTWELL STREET

Town Manager Hull advised that a request was received from a resident regarding concerns for pedestrian safety in the Boutwell School area. The resident expressed concern that there was not a stop sign on Carter Lane at Boutwell Street and also suggested the placement of yellow pedestrian crossing sign signs as they approach the crosswalk. The resident noted the change in pedestrian signage, at their recommendation, at the Boutwell Street/Burlington Avenue intersection but expressed their opinion that a push button blinking pedestrian crosswalk sign would be safer to cross Route 62. The writer's second concern was that the stop sign at the intersection of Forest Street and Burlington Avenue cannot be seen due to overgrown brush and recommended road paint signage and a yellow pedestrian sign.

The request was reviewed by representatives of the Department of Public Works and the Police Department. It is the recommendation of Jamie Magaldi, Operations Manager, and Officer Daniel Furbush that hi-vis yellow/green pedestrian crosswalk signage be installed at the existing crosswalk on Boutwell Street at Carter Lane, adjacent to the Boutwell Tennis Courts, and that the vegetation be trimmed at the existing stop sign at Forest Street and Burlington Avenue. Board of Selectmen approval is not required and therefore actions will be undertaken by the Department of Public Works. In addition, Mr. Magaldi and Officer Furbush recommend the installation of a stop sign on Carter Lane at Boutwell Street aligned in the general proximity to the existing painted stop bar. Although this roadway is not technically a public way, it does serve as a connector road, connecting Shawsheen Avenue to Boutwell Street. Side streets entering main roads are not required to have stop signs, based on the stop sign warrants of the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, the location appears to satisfy Warrant B: A restricted view exists that requires road users to stop in order to adequately observe conflicting traffic on the through street or highway.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen authorize the installation of a stop sign at the intersection of Carter Lane and Boutwell Street.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM SHELLY NEWHOUSE, HEALTH DIRECTOR, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE FOR A MOBILE VACCINATION CLINIC ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021 AND THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Cairra, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Shelly Newhouse, Health Director, to use the municipal parking lot on Middlesex Avenue for a mobile vaccination clinic on Thursday, August 19, 2021 and Thursday, September 9, 2021.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ILLUMINATING TOWN COMMON IN GOLD DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER IN OBSERVANCE OF CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request that Town Common be illuminated in gold during the month of September in observance of Childhood Cancer Awareness.

Selectman Bendel expressed his appreciation to the donor.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF WILMINGTON YOUTH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION TO USE THE TOWN COMMON TO HOST AN OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

The Wilmington Youth Hockey Association included a number of dates within their request with the understanding that there will be one event. There are no conflicts on the dates provided.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Cairra and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Wilmington Youth Hockey Association to use the Town Common to host an outdoor movie night. The date and time to be scheduled with the Town Manager's office.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF DANA BURNHAM, WILMINGTON-TEWKSBURY UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S GROUP, TO PLACE LAWN SIGNS ON THE TOWN COMMON TO PUBLICIZE THEIR HARVEST & HOLLY FAIR TO BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Ms. Burnham's request is to place two signs on Church Street side and two signs on Middlesex Avenue side one week prior to the event.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Chairman Maselli, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Dana Burnham, Wilmington-Tewksbury United Methodist Women's Group, to place lawn signs on the Town Common to publicize their Harvest & Holly Fair.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JOHN ROMANO, PRESIDENT, WILMINGTON SONS OF ITALY, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND FOURTH OF JULY BUILDING FOR ANNUAL ANTIQUE AND COLLECTORS CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.

Town Manager Hull advised that this request was initially scheduled to be held on Sunday, July 25 but was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of John Romano, President, Wilmington Sons of Italy, to use the municipal parking lot and Fourth of July Building for annual Antique and Collectors car show on Sunday, October 24, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy O'Connell, 11 Broad Street, asked whether, as part of the agreement with Olin for the installation of the Cook Avenue water line, there is an intent to do water quality testing at each address to have a benchmark of the quality post installation. She expressed her opinion that there would be a benefit. Town Manager Hull stated that he does not believe it is included in the agreement but advised that the Environmental Protection Agency requires water quality testing at those locations on Cook Avenue.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Bendel commended the police and fire departments who participated in the National Night Out. He stated that it was a fantastic event with a large number in attendance. Selectman Bendel thanked the service men and women who were present.

Selectman Bendel reminded residents that there will be a commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the September 11, 2001 attacks. The ceremony will take place at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 11. He advised there is a brief, but fitting, tribute scheduled.

Selectmen Bendel wished the students well on their return to school.

Selectmen Bendel noted that Selectman Caira would be celebrating a big birthday during the week and wished him a happy birthday.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

Through

- October 3 – Farmers Market – Town Common Parking Lot – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- August 24 – By-Law Review Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 4:30 p.m.
- August 24 – Ice Rink & Recreational Facility Committee – Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- August 28 – Shredding Day – Municipal Parking Lot – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- August 28 – Ice Bucket Challenge – Rotary Park – 10:00 a.m.
- September 1 – Schools Open – Grades 1 – 12

- September 2 – Special Town Election – Polls Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - September 6 – Labor Day – *Town Offices Closed*
 - September 7 – 1st Day of Kindergarten
 - September 8 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
 - September 11 – September 11, 2001 20th Anniversary Remembrance
Wilmington High School – Auditorium – 8:30 a.m.
 - September 11 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - September 12 – Harnden Tavern Open House – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - September 13 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
 - September 18 – Sons of Italy/Band Parents Yard Sale – Municipal Parking Lot
- Town Manager Hull advised that the yard sale was being held in conjunction with the Memorial Library's Town-wide yard sale.
- September 20 – Candlelight Vigil – Town Common – 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - September 25 – Wilmington Incorporated 291 Years Ago
 - September 27 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE



Selectman Bendel stated that it is his pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to recognize long-time Wilmington resident Joseph McCarthy. Joe is an Army Veteran who served admirably during World War II, earning the rank of Private First Class. Joe served in Rhineland, Ardennes and Central Europe from August 1942 to December of 1945.

Joe turned 100 years old on July 24th and his family and friends held a very large parade in his honor. The parade included many classic cars and first responder vehicles. He was featured in local news outlets including CBS News. “He’s one of the greatest generations, as people say all the time, but it’s extremely true. Just hard-working person” said Lou Cimaglia, our Wilmington Director of Veterans’ Services.

The Board of Selectmen and citizens of Wilmington salute Joseph McCarthy and thank him for his service to our country and our community.

A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 21(A)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel - Town Manager not to return to Open Session.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary