

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

February 28, 2022

Chairman Lilia Maselli called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Selectman Judith L. O'Connell was absent.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 34, 34A, 35 & 35A.

Chairman Maselli announced that the appointment scheduled to meet with MBTA General Manager Steven Poftak, relative to rail crossing issues, will not be held this evening and is anticipated to be rescheduled.

JAMES CASTELLANO, HIGHLAND ESTATES, RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR A PERMIT TO REMOVE EARTH FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT DARBY LANE

Town Manager Hull read the public hearing notice advertised in the Wilmington Town Crier. Chairman Maselli confirmed that the hearing was duly posted, advertised and abutters notified. 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 open the public hearing.

Chairman Maselli reviewed ground rules and advised that comments will be limited to the application of an earth removal permit. Questions and comments are to be directed through the Chairman.

Mr. Castellano stated that he is the owner and developer of the project. He advised that there was a large elevation on the left side. To bring the road to the grade necessary, blasting took place and the material was stockpiled on site. He advised that some material was crushed and used on site to create the road base. An earth removal permit is necessary to have the remaining material removed.

Town Manager Hull reviewed recommendations from Health Director Shelly Newhouse who recommended approval and Building Inspector Al Spaulding who advised he had no issues with the application. Planning & Conservation Director Valerie Gingrich advised that the definitive subdivision for Darby Lane received Planning Board approval in 2019 for construction of a new roadway, utilities, stormwater infrastructure and the creation of seventeen (17) single-family house lots. The grading plan submitted with the Earth Removal application matches the plan approved by the Planning Board under Subdivision Control and the Town of Wilmington Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land. Ms. Gingrich advised that granting the permit for earth removal is recommended.

Michael Woods, DPW Director, and Paul Alunni, Town Engineer, advised that the application was reviewed by the Department of Public Works and advised that the applicant is proposing to remove approximately 9,840 cubic yards of material from the project site. They noted that the project received approvals from both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission. The applicant is constructing a subdivision, the plan of which has been approved by the Town's Planning Board, as such, the DPW recommends granting the Earth Removal Permit subject to conditions. Town Manager Hull read the recommended conditions into the record.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Selectman Bendel asked Mr. Castellano, once the earth removal permit is granted, when hauling will begin. Mr. Castellano advised that it would begin once he can coordinate with the trucking company and if the weather permits.

Selectman Bendel asked Town Manager Hull to confirm legal counsel has no issues granting the permit. Town Manager Hull advised that legal counsel has not been asked in terms of pros or cons. He advised he consulted with Town Counsel about the parameters that the Board has relative to granting or denying the application. Town Manager Hull advised that because the subdivision has been approved by the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen could not deny the Earth Removal Permit as it would thwart the approval granted by the Planning Board. The Board of Selectmen can grant the permit with conditions but not take action to undermine the applicant's ability to pursue the subdivision.

Selectman DePalma asked Mr. Castellano to estimate when the hauling will be complete suggesting June or July. Mr. Castellano stated he anticipates it will take approximately 45 days. He advised that Lynch Materials is willing to take the material. Mr. Castellano noted that the material has to be removed so that he can begin building. He stated that he currently has preliminary Purchase and Sales Agreements, therefore it would be in his best interest not to delay.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Paul Chalifour, Hopkins Street, asked about the Earth Removal By-law and how it relates to the special conditions of the subdivision plan, specifically #8 standing condition where it says in regard to Earth Removal. He asked whether Town Counsel was present and Town Manager Hull advised counsel was not present. Town Manager Hull advised he was unsure of Mr. Chalifour's question and asked that it be repeated. Mr. Chalifour asked how does the requirement of the Earth Removal By-law relate to the standard condition of the subdivision plan, specifically number 8 where it says with regard to the hauling of earth material if approved under the Earth Removal By-law.

Town Manager Hull advised that the Earth Removal By-law is subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Chalifour asked whether a legal opinion was sought. Town Manager Hull advised that in this particular circumstance, because the Planning Board has granted subdivision approval, the Board of Selectmen is limited in its ability to respond. The Board cannot deny if by denying it would essentially eliminate the proponent's ability to complete the subdivision. Mr. Chalifour reiterated number 8 "if approved" and asked if another official could comment. Chairman Maselli stated that she was not certain as to the question. Mr. Chalifour stated that the wording of #8 of the subdivision plan states "if approved". Town Manager Hull advised that the subdivision defers to the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel has provided an opinion that the Board of Selectmen cannot deny the Earth Removal application. Mr. Chalifour stated that was what he was asking and appeared satisfied with the response.

Kevin MacDonald, Andover Street, stated the process could be expedited if the applicant had the ability to crush and sell material on site. He opined that this would lower Mr. Castellano's costs.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any additional 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 close the public hearing.

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 grant the issuance of an Earth Removal Permit to Highland Estates for property located at Darby Lane with conditions as described.

STEVEN POFTAK, GENERAL MANAGER, MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, RE: RESPONSE TO RAIL CROSSING ISSUES

Chairman Maselli announced at the beginning of the meeting that this appointment would not be held.

GEORGE HOOPER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT, RE: OIL TANK BREACH AT WILDWOOD EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Mr. Hooper advised that on January 22, 2022 an oil delivery at the Wildwood School resulted in an overfill. On January 24, 2022 the monitoring system identified an issue, the system was checked and the tank was tested, the result of the test was failure. He reported that a 3,000 gallon above-ground storage tank was brought to the site and the remaining fuel was removed from the existing tank. Mr. Hooper reported that the Department of Environment Protection (DEP) was notified. He advised the Board that the Town is working with its insurance company Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA). MIIA assisted with obtaining the services of OMNI Environmental Group to serve as the Town's Licensed Site Professional (LSP) as required by DEP. OMNI will provide the reporting and keep the DEP apprised.

Mr. Hooper provided members of the Board of Selectmen with a copy of the site map and advised that all test borings and monitoring wells have been completed. The purpose is to identify the extent of the contamination and to keep it contained. Mr. Hooper reported on actions that have been taken to address the oil. He stated the tank is still on site until it may be relocated. The Public Buildings Department is working closely with the LSP, DEP and the School Department.

Selectman DePalma stated that it appears the septic tank is located within the contaminated area and asked whether it would need to be replaced. Mr. Hooper responded that it is likely.

Selectman Bendel asked whether the DEP has notified abutters. Mr. Hooper stated that he does not believe so. Selectman Bendel asked about the impact on day-to-day activities. Mr. Hooper advised that the side of the parking lot has been blocked off. The dumpster had to be moved and oil deliveries occur approximately twice per week. Mr. Hooper noted that the school uses 300-400 gallons of oil per day to heat the school. Selectman Bendel asked if an employee of the Public Buildings Department is on site during oil deliveries and Mr. Hooper confirmed. Selectman Bendel expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hooper for working with the School Department.

Selectman Caira asked if Mr. Hooper was able to get the school back online before it reopened on Monday and was advised that there were no interruptions. Selectman Caira stated it is important to reiterate that the Town is working with its insurance. Town Manager Hull stated that an attorney has been assigned by MIIA and communication was sent to the oil delivery company placing them on notice that the Town will be seeking recovery of costs associated with this issue.

Discussion took place regarding remediation of the site. Mr. Hooper advised that he expects the duration to be a minimum of six to eight weeks.

Selectman Bendel stated that he anticipates questions will be raised relative to this issue at the Special Town Meeting.

Selectman Bendel offered his compliments to Mr. Hooper. He noted that the Town has a lot of "balls in the air" and Mr. Hooper is juggling them all.

Town Manager Hull advised the Board of Selectmen that the Town's deductible is \$500,000. He stated it is unclear whether costs to clean-up the site will meet or exceed that amount.

Selectman Bendel asked what the process would be in the event the school children have to be moved. Town Manager Hull advised that Dr. Brand, Superintendent of Schools, is looking at options now to be prepared. He stated that the building is safe to occupy but it may be necessary to move the children out of the building to complete the remedial work so as not to disrupt learning.

REVIEW OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES SUBMITTED BY PETITION

Town Manager Hull advised that there were two articles submitted by petition received for inclusion on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The first article is to ban the use of Styrofoam and the second is for the Town to consider the sale of Town-owned land located on Pershing Street.

PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NON-PETITIONED WARRANT ARTICLES

Town Manager Hull reviewed the non-petitioned warrant articles. Article 1 is the article that relates to the Town Election. The Election of Town Officers will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Most notable articles include the funding of replacement vehicles for various departments; technology; improvements to Middle School parking lot; installation of traffic control lights on Route 62 at Public Safety Building; intersection improvement Shawsheen Avenue/Hopkins Street/Lake Street; replacement of Frank Kelly Track surface; roof replacement at Shawsheen School (24,000 square feet) and West Intermediate (19,124 square feet); naming corner of Arlene Avenue/Salem Street for Richard K. Hayden; naming Hathaway Acres Conservation Trail for Officer John Maguire and articles to change Board of Selectmen to SelectBoard.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the West Street Affordable Housing Project Application. He advised that the deadline for comments from the Town, established by MassHousing, was March 2, 2022. Valerie Gingrich, Planning & Conservation Director, has obtained a fifteen day extension through March 17, 2022. Ms. Gingrich plans to have a draft to send to Town Counsel for review and comment on Monday, February 28th, once counsel has had an opportunity to respond, a draft will be provided to Selectmen for review and comment. Board members are asked to individually direct your comments to Ms. Gingrich by the close of business on Friday, March 11th.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding changes to the mask policy in Town buildings. He noted that the mask policy was modified effective February 14 to only require masks for individuals who are unvaccinated. Shelly Newhouse, Health Director, has informed him that the number of positive COVID cases reported to her remains low. In light of the decline in cases and the fact that they continue to remain very low, the mask policy in non-school Town buildings is further modified effective February 28, 2022. Individuals who are unvaccinated are *recommended* to wear a mask while in a Town building.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the Senior Center Building Committee. He advised that the committee met on February 23 to discuss the building layout and parking on the site next to St. Dorothy's Church. The committee was presented with two options. One option

illustrated the building closer to Main Street set back roughly the same distance from the street as the setback of St. Dorothy's Church. Access to the site for both options would be directly across from Pine Street. The other option is designed to have parking in the front of the site closest to Main Street with the building located at the rear of the site. Members commented that the first option takes advantage of the southern exposure of sun light. Another point was that the patio area behind the building at the rear of the site would look into the backyards of abutting residential property. Town Manager Hull advised that a vote did not take place but the consensus of the members was a preference for the first option. He noted that discussion took place regarding the interior layout of spaces within the building. Pictures of buildings obtained from the Wilmington Historical Commission were presented to the committee to provide potential ideas on the design of the building if a traditional design is desired. There was also discussion about designing the building in a contemporary way or a combination of the two. A suggestion was made to hold an afternoon session at the senior center to describe the work to date and obtain feedback followed by a public forum for the same purpose in the evening at a location to be determined.

Selectman Caira reviewed his memorandum which provided an update regarding the February 16, 2022 meeting of the Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee. Chairman George Hooper reported to the committee that discussions took place with WCTV's Chairman of the Board of Directors about space requirements. Their studio space is being accommodated in the existing design and additional space is not required. The layout of office space for Town and School was presented and suggestions were made about changing specific Town offices that receive a higher volume of traffic to center them closer to the entrance to the building. Currently the building will provide 42,439 square feet of space. Three building site layouts were presented; one placed a three-story building against the slope leading up to the Buzzell Senior Center; a second illustrated a three-story building between the Swain Green and the Middlesex Avenue entrance to the parking area that is close to the sidewalk and the street, the final option located in the same area as the second option with only two stories but had a larger footprint. Simulated aerial views and street level views were shown for each option. Committee members developed a consensus that the best option places the building against the slope. The suggestion was offered to slide the building further into the slope to maximize area for parking and other activities. Selectman Caira stated that another newsletter is going through final edits and will be out soon. There were discussions about holding a public forum once there is more detail on the building itself.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING DATE FOR TOWN MANAGER EVALUATION

Town Manager Hull advised that the evaluation of the Town Manager is covered in the contract which lays out the timeline. Chairman Maselli stated that she concurred, that the contract was recently signed and the Board should adhere to the contract. The contract stipulates that the Board should meet with the Town Manager in June and provide the Chairman with their written evaluations during the month of July.

Town Manager Hull stated the intent is to meet in executive session in June to establish goals and objectives for the upcoming year and during July the members should submit their evaluations to the Chairman. A written draft should be provided to him not less than 20 days prior to a meeting scheduled for the purpose of discussing the evaluations.

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 establish the first meeting in June to meet with the Town Manager as outlined in the Town Manager Contract – Section 14 Town Manager Performance Evaluation.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS BEFORE THE BOARD

Town Manager Hull stated that he has provided the Board of Selectmen with a memorandum seeking guidelines for when development proposals should come before the Board. He stated that he is looking for parameters, i.e. whether commercial projects or residential projects. Town Manager Hull stated that the Board should be mindful that developers will be inclined to bring engineers/consultants which adds to their expense. The Board should consider what effect that will have before asking developers to present to a Board that does not have approval granting authority.

Chairman Maselli stated that she does not want every proposal brought before the Board. If the Board has a say, such as Princeton Properties, it is important to have them before the Board to ensure residents are aware.

Selectman DePalma opined large projects that will affect the town, whether commercial or residential, should present their proposal to the Board. He stated that it is a good forum and will allow the Board to get clarification and understand the project. Selectman DePalma stated that whether the Board has permitting authority or not, it provides the members of the Board with information and therefor they can answer questions that are asked of them by residents.

Chairman Maselli noted that developments are presented to the Planning Board, which are public meetings. Selectman DePalma stated that the presentation before the Board of Selectmen would allow residents to learn about the project without listening to discussion. He stated that it also provides the developers with an inclination of public sentiment on the project. Selectman DePalma commented that there are projects being developed that he would have liked to have seen before the Board and believes it is more open government.

Selectman Bendel stated that the Board wants to be transparent about the information it has. He stated that members of the Board do receive questions from residents about different projects. He is concerned about confusing or misleading residents that the Board has involvement in a project when they may not. Selectman Bendel expressed concern about adding another layer of red tape by having developers before the Board and that it may be cost prohibitive and noted there is a regulatory process in place, he is afraid of deterring business from coming to Wilmington. Selectman Bendel acknowledged he was Chairperson when Princeton Properties was before the Board and noted that the project had an affordable housing component and is a friendly 40B. He stated that every situation is unique. He commented that the term large is relative. Selectman Bendel encouraged his colleagues to attend the various meetings to learn more about projects they are interested in.

Chairman Maselli stated that if members are questioned by residents and they do not know the answer, a request can be made to the regulatory board, through the Town Manager.

Selectman DePalma stated that he has spoken with developers and they welcome the opportunity knowing that the Board does not have authority to vote on a project.

Selectman Bendel cautioned that members of the Board of Appeals are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. If a project is before the Board of Selectmen and members react favorably, he is concerned that member(s) of the Board of Appeals may feel political pressure to approve a project they may have otherwise voted against.

Selectman DePalma offered additional comments relative to developers coming before the Board and stated that members of the Board should refrain from commenting. Chairman Maselli stated that the developers will be looking for feedback from the selectmen. He stated he believes the Town Manager does not like the idea. Town Manager Hull interjected that he is simply looking for direction from the Board of Selectmen. He will do as the Board pleases, but it is difficult when there isn't specificity on the type or scale of project that should come before the Board.

Selectman Caira stated that he is hesitant, as much as the Board indicates that projects are not in the purview, it still sets up confusion with residents. Princeton Properties and Analog Devices came before the Board because they are projects in the Board's purview. The Board should not solicit developers to come before the Board. He opined that if a developer wishes to present their project, the Chairman should review the request with the Town Manager and survey the Board to see if it makes sense for the project to be presented to the Board. He stated that not all projects fit a particular criterion and suggested evaluating each project individually.

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 take no action.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF ANITA DILULLO, PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT, WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON AND GAZEBO ON THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022 (RAINDATE: MAY 24) FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIGH SCHOOL HONORS JAZZ BAND CONCERT AND ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2022 (RAINDATE: JUNE 3) FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELEMENTARY STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

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 approve the request of Anita Dilullo, Performing Arts Department, Wilmington Public Schools, to use the Town Common and Gazebo on Thursday, May 19, 2022 (Raindate: May 24) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of High School Honors Jazz Band Concert and on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 (Raindate: June 3) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of Elementary String Orchestra Concert.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF MARC GALLUCCI, PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF WILMINGTON BASEBALL, FOR WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISING CAR WASH AT THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. 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 request of Marc Gallucci, Friends of Wilmington Baseball, to conduct a fundraising car wash at the municipal parking lot on Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JULIE BREEN, ON BEHALF OF FRIENDS OF FIELD HOCKEY, FOR WILMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS FIELD HOCKEY TEAMS TO CONDUCT A FUNDRAISING CAR WASH AT THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022, 9:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. WITH A RAINDATE OF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2022

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 Julie Breen, Friends of Field Hockey, to conduct a fundraising car wash at the municipal parking lot on Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (Raindate: Sunday, October 9, 2022)

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 COLLECTOR'S CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2022 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. (RAINDATE: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23)

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. 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 request of John Romano, Wilmington Sons of Italy, to use the Municipal Parking Lot and Fourth of July Building for an Annual Antique and Collector's Car Show on Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (Raindate: Sunday, October 23)

BOARD TO CONSIDER ACTIONS TO PROMPT THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY (MBTA) TO IMPROVE SAFETY AT RAIL CROSSINGS

Town Manager Hull stated that he and Chairman Maselli have discussed this in the event there was a desire to have discussion on steps that can be taken to draw attention to the issue. He stated that Town officials have had regular contact with the legislative delegation and he spoke to the Chairman about the prospect of sending a letter to the general manager and copy the legislative delegation, congressional delegation and Governor Baker. Town Manager Hull stated he does not believe the level of attention the issue merits is being provided. He stated it is disconcerting there is a question whether motorists/pedestrians can cross rail crossings safely.

A motion was made by Selectman Caira that a letter be directed to the general manager of the MBTA and copied to the legislative delegation, congressional delegation and Governor Baker as outlined by the Town Manager. Selectman DePalma seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Selectman DePalma opined that the Board should continue working with the state delegation. He stated that he has spoken with Senator Tarr, Representative Robertson and Representative Gordon on a number of occasions. He opined that they are working feverishly and is impressed with their actions. Selectman DePalma reported they are in the process of setting up a technology meeting with the MBTA. He believes that before a letter is sent out there should be a meeting with the delegation. He disagreed with the comment that they are not interested. He stated that they are as angry and aggravated as they were when it first happened. Selectman DePalma believes there will be a resolution sooner rather than later if the Board continues to work with the delegation and sending a letter out may aggravate the situation. He suggested discussing with the delegation how they feel about sending a letter.

Town Manager Hull stated that he is not suggesting that the state delegation has not been responsive; to the contrary they have been very responsive. His frustration is the lack of response from the MBTA. Selectman DePalma strongly recommends that the legislative delegation be contacted to determine their feelings before sending a letter. Chairman Maselli confirmed that she has spoken with Representative Robertson and he is aware of the intent to send a letter and provided his thoughts.

Selectman Bendel stated that he appreciates the work of Senator Tarr and Representative Robertson and is supportive of sending a letter. He recited recent incidents in Massachusetts with the rail including two vehicle strikes and multiple mechanical issues. He appreciates the work of the Town Manager and the Chairman in working with the IT Director to set up an email for residents who have experienced or witnessed incidents to notify the police department first then document with the Town. The email address is wilmtracks@wilmingtonma.gov.

Selectman Cairra stated his suggestion of a letter is no reflection on the legislative delegation and as the leaders of the Town it is necessary to be out front and send a letter and get response.

Town Manager Hull stated that in an email to the legislative delegation he suggested sending a letter and he did not see objection.

Selectman DePalma stated that he also wants to see a resolution and feels the responsibility is solely on the MBTA and would have loved to have them present this evening. He stated that he would have loved to have taken them “over the coals” and is more disappointed that they decided not to show. Chairman Maselli stated that they didn’t not show, they were placed on the agenda before receiving confirmation because, due to Open Meeting Law requirements, the Town would not be able to add them to the agenda.

With a motion having been made and seconded Chairman Maselli called for a vote. By the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen authorize a letter be directed to the general manager of the MBTA and copied to the legislative delegation, congressional delegation, Governor Baker and Keolis representative as outlined by the Town Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank West, Birchwood Road, offered an invitation to the Board to attend the Minutemen installation of officers on Saturday, March 26 at 1:00 p.m. at Minuteman Headquarters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Bendel offered congratulations to the Bantam Ice Hockey Team for their recent state championship 4-2 win over Barnstable.

Selectman Bendel encouraged residents to attend the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at the Shriners Auditorium.

NEW BUSINESS

Selectman DePalma requested an update from Reading Municipal Light Department regarding the quest for property to locate a replacement transfer station/battery.

Town Manager Hull advised that a request to place yard signs on Town Common was received from Jennifer Bolanos on behalf of CATS parent group. The signs will be to advertise March-A-Pella, a fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 9.

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 grant the request of Jennifer Bolanos to place signs on Town Common for the April 9 March-A-Pella.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- March 1 – Board of Health – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
Public Hearing – 887 Woburn Street (*CONTINUED FROM FEBRUARY 7*)
- March 1 – Finance Committee – High School – Room 1-062 – 7:00 p.m.
WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- March 2 – Town / School Administration Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 3 – Finance Committee – Shawsheen Tech – 7:00 p.m.
SHAWSHEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
- March 8 – Special Town Meeting – Shriners Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- March 9 – Senior Center Building Committee– Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 14 – Board of Selectmen – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 15 – Finance Committee / Planning Board Public Hearing
Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- March 16 – Town / School Administration Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 23 – Senior Center Building Committee– Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 28 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 1 – Last Day to Register to Vote in the Annual Town Election/Annual Town Meeting
Town Clerk's Office Open Until 8:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE



Selectman Bendel stated that it is his pleasure, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, to recognize Scott Dunnett who served as a Sergeant in the United States Army, four years as 88H20 Cargo Specialist. Sgt. Dunnett earned the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Star, USCG Meritorious Team Commendation Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal with M Device, NATO Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Scott still assists veterans today always supporting his brothers and sisters and has served the community as a member of the Wilmington Police Department since 2015.

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

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 adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary