

SELECT BOARD MEETING

February 13, 2023

Chair Judith L. O'Connell called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Select Board members Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Gary B. DePalma and Lilia Maselli. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chair O'Connell noted that she is returning from bereavement leave following the unexpected passing of her dad and expressed her gratitude to members of the Select Board, the Town Manager and all who have reached out to her to offer support.

Chair O'Connell asked those present to rise and she led the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chair O'Connell asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Select Board Member Bendel, seconded by Select Board Member DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board accept Treasury Warrants 202331, 202331WIRES, 31A, 202332, 202332WIRES & 32A.

MINUTES

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the minutes of their meeting held January 9, 2023 and that all actions taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

JUSTIN MIRANDA, HSE MANAGER, COVESTRO, RE: PUBLIC HEARING ON THE REQUEST TO AMEND FLAMMABLE LICENSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED 730 MAIN STREET

Mr. Miranda introduced himself to the Board and stated that he is responsible for the Health and Safety of the Employees of Covestro and the environment surrounding the parcel located at 730 Main Street.

Chair O'Connell confirmed the public hearing was posted and read the legal notice into the record. Chair O'Connell confirmed with the recording secretary that the application was in order. A motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board open the public hearing on the request to amend the Flammable License for property located at 730 Main Street.

Town Manager Hull noted that in June 2022 the Board acted on an application to amend the Flammable License for property located at 730 Main Street. At that time, due to an oversight, a couple of the commodities were not included in the application. The application was reviewed by the Inspector of Buildings and the Fire Chief and both recommend approval.

Chair O'Connell asked the recording secretary to confirm abutters were notified. The recording secretary advised that the applicant needed to submit the receipts from both mailings. Mr. Miranda provided the receipts to the recording secretary.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member Caira asked Mr. Miranda to explain Covestro's business. Mr. Miranda explained that they make urethanes and resins. He stated that their finished product is a raw material for paint companies, deck staining, etc.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

A motion was made by Select Board Member Maselli, seconded by Select Board Member Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board close the public hearing on the request to amend the Flammable License for property located at 730 Main Street.

A motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, seconded by Select Board Member Maselli and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Covestro to amend, by increasing, the Flammable License for property located at 730 Main Street.

LOUIS CIMAGLIA, DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES, AND NOAH CARRIERE, EAGLE SCOUT CANDIDATE, RE: FALLEN SOLDIERS' BATTLEFIELD CROSS AT WILDWOOD CEMETERY

Mr. Cimaglia thanked the Select Board for inviting them in. He noted that he and Noah were before the Board on October 11, 2022 to request permission for Noah to erect the Battlefield Cross at the Veterans' Lot in Wildwood Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Cimaglia stated that Wilmington is fortunate to have so many young men who are seeking to obtain the rank of Eagle Scout choose a project that honors our community's veterans and its fallen heroes. He cited the addition of the military flags at Town Common, a monument to honor Wilmington's Killed in Action, those affected by Agent Orange and a monument honoring Leslie Wicks.

Mr. Cimaglia advised that the unveiling of the Battlefield Cross will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

Mr. Carriere thanked Select Board members for their support. He was enthusiastic about the unveiling and stated that there will be representatives from Wilmington Police Department and the State Police participating in the event.

Chair O'Connell thanked Noah for coming back before the Board and thanked Mr. Cimaglia for working with the scouts. She stated it is a testament to Noah as a young man committed to his country and being an Eagle Scout. The Board has been impressed with many of the projects that have been before them and commended Noah. She stated that the concept is outstanding as the Veterans' Services Director has had to create the cross for events and this will be permanent. She stated the presentation was impressive and commended Mr. Carriere on how he marketed and fundraised for his project, including the sale of t-shirts.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board members and Town Manager Hull thanked Mr. Carriere for his dedication to the community and for the invitation to attend the unveiling. Board members expressed that they are proud of Mr. Carriere and wished him well. Board members also recognized Michael Frotten, Veterans' Services Officer, and Patti Meehan, Assistant Case Worker, for their attendance this evening in support of Mr. Carriere and his project.

PATRICK GIROUX, CHAIRMAN, 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE, RE: REQUEST TO USE TOWN COMMON AND SWAIN GREEN FOR THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY FESTIVITIES

Mr. Giroux thanked the Board for having him this evening. He stated the Fourth of July Committee is excited to be planning for this years festivities opining that last year, the Committee's 40th, was a great event. Mr. Giroux relayed highlights of the 2022 event including the Police Department's raffle of a YETI cooler raised approximately \$3,000 to benefit Cops for Kids with Cancer. About fifteen (15) community groups were able to collectively raise an estimated \$40,000.

The Fourth of July Committee reintroduced the second night of fireworks which drew a large crowd to the common. An Antique Car Show made its debut last year and the Committee hopes to have them back this year. The car show brought a different dynamic to the festivities. A community cook-out, with Tremezzo Restaurant, also premiered in 2022. Approximately 600 tickets were sold at \$2.00 each on Family Day. Proceeds were donated to Local Heroes.

Mr. Giroux stated the Committee is looking to have those activities and more for 2023. This years event is scheduled for Thursday, June 29 through Sunday, July 2 with a raindate of July 3. He stated that the Committee is booking bands that have a following. In addition, the Committee is partnering with the Kraft Foundation to host a Community Blood Drive. The Committee is looking to enhance Family Day by introducing more free programs including a trackless train which will follow the route of the hayrides (from the "W" to Powderhouse Circle and back).

Mr. Giroux stated that the Committee is seeking the Board's approval so that it may proceed with the planning process. The Committee will be meeting with the community groups this week to learn more about their plans. In addition to seeking the Board's permission to use the Town Commo, Gazebo and Municipal Parking Lot, he is seeking a restriction of one-half mile to restrict Hawkers, Pedlers and Transient Vendors. He is also looking for permission to erect A frame signs on the common with the schedule of festivities.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member Maselli commented that last year's event was amazing and she is looking forward to this year's festivities.

A motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, seconded by Select Board Member Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Patrick Giroux, on behalf of the Fourth of July Committee, to use the Town Common, Gazebo and Municipal Parking Lot, Thursday, June 29 through Monday, July 3 and to place signs on the Town Common advertising same. Further that during the festivities the Board restrict Hawkers, Pedlers and Transient Vendors to a one-half mile radius.

SENATOR BARRY FINEGOLD AND REPRESENTATIVE DAVID ROBERTSON, RE: INTRODUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Chair O'Connell welcomed Senator Barry Finegold and Representative David Robertson. Chair O'Connell noted that Wilmington was previously represented by Senator Bruce Tarr. Senator Finegold thanked the Board for having them this evening. He stated that he wanted to formally introduce himself. Also present was Olivia, a member of his staff. He wanted to ensure residents that they are available to help and wanted to hear from all residents about any issue they may be having including RMV, housing, transportation or education.

Senator Finegold stated he has a fantastic relationship with Senator Bruce Tarr and wants to continue the work that he has started. Representative Robertson stated that he continues to advocate for local residents including the school project, Olin and the Route 38 corridor project.

Chair O'Connell stated that prior to this evening she had asked the Town Manager to provide updates to both gentlemen as there are several "hot buttons". She emphasized that topics that are brought up are not to be put in priority as they are all important. She noted that Olin has been around for a number of years and continues to be front and center. She asked if the two had any update to share.

Representative Robertson stated that the boring for hydrology, which is the next step of the Olin property clean-up plan, has begun. This will allow geologist and engineers to better map and plan to contain the NDMA. He noted there was a public comment period. Senator Finegold added that they have filed S198 with Senator Tarr to continue funding for Olin and other sites.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. She noted that there is continuous talk of redevelopment of the site and asked Town Manager Hull if he could provide an update. Town Manager Hull stated that the proponents, New England Transrail (NET) and Woburn Wilmington Industrial (WWI), are looking to develop the property for a large-scale warehouse. They are awaiting for a decision by EPA/Olin regarding an agreement to fund cleanup.

Chair O'Connell asked Senator Finegold and Representative Robertson to share their position on housing choice. She advised that she attended the MMA conference in Boston and noted the Governor and Lt. Governor are making a push for housing choice. She stated that the Town of Wilmington has started the preliminary phase of being included through the Planning and Conservation Department. She stated there is concern how it will impact a town like Wilmington. This is a one size fits all plan.

Senator Finegold stated the legislature has made changes. He opined there is a real need for housing but hard to argue a town like Wilmington is doing their part and it has to be balanced. Some communities have not taken action.

Chair O'Connell stated in terms of state funding that may be at risk if the Town does not participate, she asked whether they are hearing the same and asked whether the scope of funding will increase in terms what "funding buckets" will be included. Senator Finegold believes there is a possibility increased or future funds may be at risk, not what is being received now. He does not believe it is something the community should ignore. He opined that when a community has as much housing as Wilmington does, that ought to be counted as well. Representative Robertson stated that when this was being incorporated as part of the Economic Development Bill, approximately 2020, there was frustration because the housing bill exempts Boston. He stated

that he has been trying to increase the “carrot” for development. Increased development carries a need for sewerage. He opined that one wants development around rapid transit systems to mitigate traffic commute in and out of the city and to mitigate fossil fuel usage. With respect to Wilmington, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) projects are firm but under influence. They project that Wilmington needs to zone for over 1200 units and clarified that doesn’t mean to build. He opined Wilmington is in a strong position based on his research at Registry of Deeds and believes the impact will be less than originally thought.

Chair O’Connell noted that Princeton Properties was working with the Select Board on a friendly 40B on Jefferson Road. The Board of Appeals granted approval on July 22, 2020 and the Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions on February 5, 2021. Their decision was appealed by a small group of residents to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The Conservation Commission Order of Conditions was upheld but further appealed to the DEP Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution. Briefs were filed in early fall of 2022 and no decision has been rendered. The appeal resulted in Wilmington falling below its 10% subsidized housing inventory which has led to two 40B projects filed since the appeal. She asked why the appeals process is allowed to extend indefinitely when the state is strongly promoting affordable housing. She asked what the status was of the appeal.

Senator Finegold stated he was in agreement with Chair O’Connell and opined it is red-tape bureaucracy at its worst. He advised that changes have been made to try to make it harder to appeal. He noted that it is costing time and money and allows other people to file 40Bs. He said they would work to get a status update from DEP but noted they are their own entity and make decisions on their own time. He stated there needs to be more change.

Chair O’Connell commented on the other projects noting they are getting relief in non-sewer and other processes and are being ushered through Mass Housing to get projects approved.

Representative Robertson believes when there is a show of good faith, the state should count the units while it is in their court. Chair O’Connell asked for reaffirmation that they will look into the status.

Chair O’Connell stated there are additional concerns, if the projects are built with such density, about the ramification on infrastructure including the schools, roadways, police and fire departments. Chair O’Connell expressed concern that the MBTA infrastructure is robust enough to handle an increase in ridership. Senator Finegold stated that ridership is down and that is a major problem. He said he is hopeful they will be able to handle an increase.

Chair O’Connell asked about MBTA leadership acknowledging that Steve Poftak has stepped down and there is an interim leader. Senator Finegold opined that it is still early with the new administration and is unclear what will be prioritized. He commented regarding the discrepancy of offering free MBTA in the city when riders from Wilmington, Andover and like communities are paying \$8.00 or more to commute. There is a need to ensure people in this region are not being over charged to get into the city.

Chair O’Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Senator Finegold stated that he visited Analog Devices and opined there is a need for Research and Development (R & D) tax incentives. He expressed concern there is complacency regarding the business sector. He believes it is important to ensure Massachusetts remains competitive.

Representative Robertson mentioned that when he was traveling overseas he noted that the railroad makes use of its air space. He stated that he has spoken with his colleagues and suggested it may be a viable program.

Representative Robertson commented about MGL 40C and that the Select Board may want to accept local option to provide tax relief to seniors and veterans.

Select Board Member Cairra asked to clarify that the housing units needed to be zoned and not built. He commented that the Town can zone for it and then not allow them to be built. Chair O'Connell clarified that the zoning would allow for the units as a right. Conditions such as height restriction, can be placed on the development but they would not have to go before the Board of Appeals. Select Board Member Cairra asked for clarification whether the units at Metro would count. He stated that he struggles with the fact that approximately 71 communities of 351 in the commonwealth are burdened with this requirement and asked how Representative Robertson and Senator Finegold voted. Senator Finegold stated he believes he voted in the affirmative and noted it was part of the larger Economic Development Bill.

Select Board Member Bendel stated that he appreciates the attention the legislative delegation is giving to the Princeton Properties project. He said he was surprised that Princeton has not decided to stop pursuing the project and expressed concern that if that does happen, a larger project may be built because Wilmington is currently below the 10% affordable housing.

Select Board Member Bendel asked whether residents preparing their taxes should be aware of any development regrading 62F, the refund from the Commonwealth. Senator Finegold opined that taxes on taxes is not fair and should not be taxed.

Select Board Member Bendel asked if there were any updates on the Route 38/Butters Row Project. Representative Robertson stated that the project encompassing Route 38 from Burlington Avenue to the Woburn city line is going through the design and development phase. He stated that the new governor is in the process of hiring new staff and he finds it frustrating trying to get bonds issued on various projects. He offered to report back to the Town Manager when there is a concrete timeline for construction.

Select Board Member Bendel asked if the delegation had any insight regarding the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) reimbursement rate. Senator Finegold stated that the MSBA is only reimbursing \$350 per foot. The legislature was able to increase that and it is their hope construction prices will decline by the time the Town begins building the Wildwood School.

Chair O'Connell noted that, in addition to plans to build a new Wildwood School, the community has plans to build a new senior center and town hall / school administration building and is in the process of identifying land to purchase to locate a fire substation. She asked whether either gentleman is aware of state funding that may be available for these projects. Representative Robertson stated that a previous delegation put money in for a supplemental senior center. He advised that he has signed on to bills each year to create a municipal building authority. He stated that, if approved this session, it would be a while before funding would be available. He suggested that he would recommend a direct earmark. Senator Finegold stated the legislature could fund small amounts but the vast majority would be the responsibility of the Town.

Select Board Member Cairra noted that he recently watched "On The Record" where the state treasurer was speaking about local aid and lottery funding. She indicated that, relative to the new betting on games, the legislature may direct funds someplace other than the local communities.

Senator Finegold stated that they are trying to determine how much the funding would be and the challenge they have seen with marijuana is that they are not receiving as much as they anticipated. Gaming funds will be directed to the general fund. Senator Finegold stated that a program he has championed, and wants to champion more, is the Special Education Circuit Breaker. At one time it was 50% now it has gone up to 75%. He would like to see it go up to 90%. Senator Finegold opined that a major budget buster for communities like Wilmington is the out-of-district placement special education costs. He would like to see the state eventually cover 100% of the costs as well as Special Education transportation costs.

Select Board Member DePalma commented that he is upset with the appeals process regarding Princeton Properties. Senator Finegold stated that they were in agreement, that a small group of people have been able to hold up the project. Select Board Member DePalma opined that 40B applications should have been frozen until the appeal process played out. He opined that the 40B process through Mass Housing needs to be changed. He provided examples of what he believed to be shortcomings including the requirement for comments to be submitted in writing and, in one particular instance, abutters were not able to participate in the walk through of the property.

Select Board Member Maselli asked how the Select Board can support the legislative delegation's initiatives and vice versa. Senator Finegold believes it would be helpful to know what the Town Manager's priorities are and what he sees as problems. He said it is helpful when events occur, such as the MBTA fatality in January 2022, the delegation is made aware as it important to help them do their job.

Chair O'Connell asked what the likelihood is that legislation will pass to allow funds received from opioid settlements to be deposited in a designated account to be used for substance abuse and support programs without further appropriation at Town Meeting. Senator Finegold asked Chair O'Connell whether she was referring to the settlement they were unable to designate. Town Manager Hull stated that there were at least two different pots of money through the settlements. The Finance Director has communicated with the Department of Revenue and understands the funds are deposited in the general fund but cannot be spent until it is appropriated at Town Meeting. He stated the preference would be to deposit in a reserve account for the intended purpose.

Chair O'Connell recognized that the commonwealth is in the early stages of the budget process and asked if Senator Finegold and Representative Robertson had comments regarding the 2024 Local Aid outlook. Senator Finegold stated he is optimistic but would be cautious for FY 2025.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were additional questions or comments from the Board and there were none. Chair O'Connell thanked Senator Finegold and Representative Robertson for attending this evening.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board recess for five minutes.

Following the five minute recess, Chair O'Connell reconvened the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the preparation of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. He advised that, historically, with a few exceptions, the articles do not specify the sum in the article itself. In the lead up to the November 19, 2022 Special Town Meeting, there was a desire to include the actual sum of money for each article. The Special Town Meeting Warrant articles did reflect the requested amounts for the senior center and town/school building. He understands the premise of including the actual sum is that there is a greater level of transparency and the residents will know, prior to Annual Town Meeting, the sum of money being requested. Town Manager Hull noted that the fact that the sums have not historically been included in the Warrant itself is likely due to the fact that the Warrant is posted several weeks in advance of the Annual Town Meeting. Attorney Mark Reich has stated that the Warrant is the “warning” to residents of actions being considered while the motion is the action to be taken. There is the possibility that, in the intervening period between the posting of the Warrant and the date of the Annual Town Meeting, bids are received or the town otherwise becomes aware that the amount requested for a good or service has changed in cost from the amount listed in the Warrant. If this occurs the article cannot be amended to increase the appropriation being requested. Subject to a determination by the Town Moderator, the article could be amended to reduce the appropriation request. Chair O’Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member DePalma asked if a caveat could be included in the Warrant and suggested “subject to change”. Town Manager Hull stated that is similar to the reference of “more or less” that Town Counsel suggested could be added to allow for some flexibility.

Select Board Member Caira stated that he is comfortable with how the Warrant has historically been prepared. He stated that the dollar amount was included in the Special Town Meeting Warrant for a specific reason.

Chair O’Connell noted that Town Manager Hull provides the requested dollar amount in advance of Town Meeting. Town Manager Hull clarified that the Finance Committee Recommendation that is mailed to residents does not provide the dollar amount. He will provide the dollar amount at the Finance Committee/Planning Board Public Hearing. Town Manager Hull stated that members of the Finance Committee have indicated that they would prefer to see the amount included in the Warrant.

Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Select Board to prepare the Warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Meeting as has been done in the past, without dollar amounts.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding Warrant Articles submitted by petition. He advised that six petitioned articles were received to be included on the Warrant. He reviewed the petitions which included the purchase of Town-owned land, to petition the state legislature to allow an individual’s test results to be considered for a fire fighter, naming of Town-owned land, specifically the parcel of land known as Abigail Island the Officer Lawrence L. Redding Firearms Training Facility, amend action taken under Article 3 of the November 19, 2022 Special Town Meeting, appropriate \$1.5 million to the schools and to amend Section 4.1.9 of the Wilmington Zoning By-Law.

Chair O’Connell offered comments regarding the petitioned articles that seek to amend the action taken at the Special Town Meeting by reducing the dollar amount of the Town Hall / School Administration Building by \$1.5 million and award to schools for the purpose of constructing a safe and conducive learning environment for Pre-K and Kindergarten students. She noted that

she respects that any resident has the right to come forward with an article. She believes that the article was submitted as a result of Town Manager Hull's initial reduction of the School Department's budget by \$1.1 million. She noted that the funds were restored and opined that the two articles were not necessary and may be detrimental. Town Manager Hull advised that when he was establishing the budget he was concerned about the costs to significantly modify a 22/23 year old school for a short period of time. He noted that following a meeting with Dr. Glenn Brand, School Superintendent; Jenn Bryson, School Committee Chair, Chair O'Connell and himself, the funds were restored.

Select Board Member Bendel noted that Superintendent Brand issued a memo to the community that the funds were allocated for the interim solution.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds. ARPA funds have been designated for the replacement of the Woburn Street water main from Lowell Street to the Woburn Street School; stormwater improvements to existing catch basins; acquisition of drainage, utility and infrastructure easements for Woburn Street/Lowell Street intersection; Lubbers Brook Culvert Replacement-MassWorks Grant Supplement; Water Supply Screening and Life Cycle Cost Analysis; provide grant for façade and streetscape improvements; branding and marketing; grant administration and Middle School Play Structure.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding Public Health Excellence Grant advising the Board that Wilmington, Burlington and Lexington have received a three-year grant from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services, Office of Local and Regional Health. The three communities will receive \$300,000 each year. Through the grant program, the state is encouraging the sharing of resources and collaboration amongst municipalities. The respective health departments are finalizing their plan for utilizing these funds to broaden the services offered to their respective communities. Town Manager Hull advised that Shelly Newhouse, Health Director, will be meeting with the Board in the future to provide an update.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning & Conservation regarding the request of Joseph Langone to Accept Green Meadow Drive. Ms. Gingrich advised that the Planning Board discussed the proposed street acceptance for Green Meadow Drive at its February 7 meeting. Angela Marcolina recused herself for the discussion and vote. The timeline of the roadway work was reviewed, along with the recommendation from Paul Alunni, Town Engineer. The Planning Board voted to recommend that Green Meadow Drive not be considered for acceptance at this time. The long-standing practice of delaying street acceptance until 12-18 months after final paving should be followed to ensure the new infrastructure is functioning properly. Since final paving occurred in September 2022, street acceptance could be considered for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF J. CHRISTOPHER NEVILLE TO RESCHEDULE USE OF TOWN BEACH AT SILVER LAKE AND THE BEACH HOUSE FOR ROTARY AND ROTARY INTERACT MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE POLAR PLUNGE TO SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 AT 12:00 P.M.

Town Manager Hull advised he was notified by Mr. Neville that the School Committee approved a ski trip to New Hampshire for the high school band for the weekend of March 18. Many of the interact members are also members of the band and would be participating in the ski trip. The

requested start time is 12:00 p.m. so as not to interfere with the dedication of the Battlefield Cross scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of J. Christopher Neville to use the Town Beach at Silver Lake and the Beach House for Rotary and Rotary Interact members to participate in the Polar Plunge on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF ANITA DILULLO, PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT, WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON AND GAZEBO ON THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 (RAINDATE: MAY 26) FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIGH SCHOOL HONORS JAZZ BAND CONCERT AND ON TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023 (RAINDATE: JUNE 1) FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELEMENTARY STRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT

A motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, seconded by Select Board Member Maselli and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Anita DiLullo, Performing Arts Department, Wilmington Public Schools, to use the Town Common and Gazebo on Thursday, May 18, 2023 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of the High School Honors Jazz Band Concert with a rain date of May 26, and on Tuesday, May 30, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of the Elementary String Orchestra Concert with a rain date of June 1.

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 21, 2023 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the 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 21, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTING SELECT BOARD MEMBER TO SERVE ON WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Town Manager Hull noted that Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Glenn Brand, sent an email regarding the three year strategic planning process. Dr. Brand reached out to see if a member of the Finance Committee and a member of the Select Board would like to serve. Town Manager Hull advised that the first meeting was already held and the next meeting is scheduled for March 13. He noted that the meetings are held in the afternoons from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Select Board Members Maselli and Cairra indicated they would not be available due to work obligations. Board members commented about meetings being held in the afternoon, making it inconvenient for them to attend.

Select Board Member DePalma stated that, if the Board wanted to be represented, he is retired and would be willing to serve.

A motion was made by Chair O'Connell, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board appoint Gary DePalma to be the Select Board representative on the School Department's Strategic Planning Process.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMITTEE

Town Manager Hull noted that the Board had received a memorandum from Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning and Conservation regarding 6K Inc.'s request for a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) agreement. He indicated that the expectation would be to have a committee established similar to that which was assembled for Analog Devices. Town Manager Hull noted that committee constituted a member of the Finance Committee, a member of the Board of Selectmen and applicable Town department heads. Town Manager Hull advised that John Doherty, Finance Committee Chairman, has expressed his interest in serving on the committee.

Chair O'Connell asked when these meetings would take place. Town Manager Hull stated that they would be as flexible as possible, recognizing individuals time is valuable. He stated that, if necessary, the meetings can take place later in the day. Chair O'Connell suggested that if members were not ready to step forward that this be a standing item on future agendas. Town Manager Hull explained that there is a timeliness issue. Select Board Member DePalma asked if the committee would be specifically to consider 6K, Inc.'s request and Town Manager Hull confirmed.

Chair O'Connell explained that she has not stepped forward to participate on the committee because she has announced that she is not seeking another term and therefore she may not be the best individual. Select Board Member DePalma expressed his willingness to participate. A motion was made by Select Board Member Maselli, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board appoint Gary DePalma to serve as the Select Board's representative on the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Committee as it relates to 6K, Inc.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF LINDA CARUSO, BLOOD DRIVE CHAIRPERSON, WILMINGTON SONS OF ITALY, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AND FOURTH OF JULY BUILDING FOR A BLOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. (RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 25)

A motion was made by Select Board Member Maselli, seconded by Select Board Member DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Linda Caruso to use the Municipal Parking Lot and Fourth of July Building for a Blood Drive on Saturday, March 25, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board Members wished their colleagues and residents a happy Valentine's Day.

NEW BUSINESS

There were none.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- February 14 – Finance Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
PUBLIC BUILDINGS, BUILDING INSPECTOR/BOARD OF APPEALS, BOARD OF HEALTH
- February 15 – Senior Center Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- February 16 – Finance Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
POLICE DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY CENTRAL DISPATCH, FIRE DEPARTMENT
- February 20 – Presidents' Day – *Town Offices Closed*
- February 27 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- February 28 – Finance Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
- March 1 – Town Hall/School Administration Building Committee
Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- March 2 – Finance Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
SHAWSHEEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
- March 13 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- March 21 – Finance Committee / Planning Board Public Hearing
Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- March 25 – Unveiling of Eagle Scout Project – Soldiers' Cross
Veterans' Lot – Wildwood Cemetery – 10:00 a.m.
- March 27 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 12 – Last Day to Register to Vote in the Annual Town Election/Annual Town Meeting
Town Clerk's Office Open Until 5:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE

Select Board Member Bendel recognized Francis P. Agresti, United States Marine Corps, who served during World War II.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary