SELECT BOARD MEETING

June 12, 2023

Chair Gary B. DePalma 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, Lilia Maselli and Frank West.

Chair DePalma asked those present to rise and he led the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

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

VOTED: That the Select Board accept Treasury Warrants 202347, 202347WIRES, 47A, 202348, 202348WIRES, 48A, 202349, 202349WIRES & 49A.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Select Board Member West, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of four with Select Board Member Caira abstaining, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the minutes of their meeting held May 8, 2023 and all actions taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

MUJHID NAWAZ, MN PIZZA AND FRIED CHICKEN INC. DBA GREG'S PIZZA, RE: REQUEST TO OBTAIN A COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 101 MAIN STREET

Mr. Anwar Mang was present on behalf of Mujhid Nawaz who had an emergency and is unable to attend. He advised that Mr. Nawaz is a first time pizza shop owner. Town Manager Hull reviewed recommendations from Health Director Shelly Newhouse and Building Inspector Al Spaulding who provided favorable recommendations.

Chair DePalma asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Members offered congratulations and wished them well. Town Manager Hull noted that the insurance certificate expires on July 13 and was advised that Mr. Nawaz has submitted documentation to renew.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board issue a Common Victualer License to MN Pizza and Fried Chicken Inc. DBA Greg's Pizza for property located at 101 Main Street.

JOSEPH A. DESMOND, POLICE CHIEF, AND MICHAEL WANDELL, SERGEANT, RE: NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Chief Desmond advised that Sergeant Wandell was unable to be present and offered his apologies. Chief Desmond stated that he was present to request permission to use Rotary Park on Tuesday, August 1 for the National Night Out. He stated this is the largest community outreach event and they have started the process to reach out to different agencies. The event will take place from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Select Board Member Caira suggested that Agenda Item Number 13 be taken out of order.

Select Board Members offered positive comments regarding the event.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Police Chief Joseph Desmond to use Rotary Park on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 for National Night Out.

JAMIE M. MAGALDI, DPW DIRECTOR, AND PAUL ALUNNI, TOWN ENGINEER, RE: REQUEST TO REDIRECT AMERICAN RESERVE PLAN ACT (ARPA) FUNDING

Mr. Magaldi advised that the planned use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds in the amount of \$7,007,864 was originally allocated to several projects that, at the time, were proposed to meet needs of varying priority and also meet the eligibility criteria that was originally established, namely projects related to impacts due to COVID 19 or water and stormwater utility infrastructure projects.

In subsequent ARPA summary memos to the Select Board, the funding allocation for "Stormwater Improvements to existing Catch Basins" was reduced to accommodate the need to supplement the Mass Works Grant, to fund the Water Supply Life Cycle Cost analysis and to help fund easements associated with the Woburn Street and Lowell Street intersection project. As priorities have shifted since the inception of ARPA funding availability, the Department of Public Works requests the remaining \$206,000 funding set aside for Stormwater Improvements to Existing Catch Basins be redirected to two other projects with a much higher priority and immediate need for supplemental funding

Due to unforeseen groundwater issues during last fall and winter, which caused unexpected delays with the contractor and the eventual re-routing of the sewer force main above the culvert in lieu of under the culvert, the DPW is projected to exceed the originally allocated funding on this project. Redirecting funds will allow the sewer contractor to prepare and install the permanent sewer trench to replace the "temporary" trench on Middlesex Avenue between Lubbers Brook and Salem Street, which is approximately 2,600 linear feet.

The Department of Public Works recently learned that an ongoing FY23 Water Capital Project may require more funding than was originally allocated. The Water Capital Plan has earmarked \$100,000 to rebuild two of the finish water pumps at the Sargent Treatment Plan in FY23. It has become apparent that the condition of the existing pumps are beyond rebuilding and will need full replacement. This may require an additional \$100,000 in addition to the \$100,000 currently earmarked. This will potentially eliminate the Catch Basin Retrofit project from the ARPA plan, which has always been a "nice to have" item rather than a necessity. The DPW has not committed any resources, man hours in preparing bid specs or funds on this project and believes the reallocation is a better use of these funds as they cover an actual current need and will also provide timely spending of the ARPA funds before the deadline.

Chair DePalma asked if there were questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member Caira asked questions relative to the location of the sewer main and whether the water capital project was related to the PFAS. Mr. Alunni advised that the sewer main is located above the culvert, under the sidewalk. Mr. Magaldi advised that the water capital project is finished treated water to distribute. Select Board Member Maselli asked whether the Lubber's Brook Culvert/Jefferson Road Sewer Force Main is close to completion. Mr. Alunni stated that the project is substantially complete. Final paving is scheduled for the week of June 21 over the bridge and striping to take place June 26. He cautioned that it is subject to weather conditions.

Select Board Member Caira suggested that Agenda Item Number 9 be taken out of order.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request to reallocate \$206,000 in available ARPA funding.

DORE + WHITTIER / SMMA RE: ADDITIONAL GRADE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS TO CONSIDER FOR WILDWOOD SCHOOL MSBA PROJECT

Lee Dore and Don Walter of Dore + Whittier were present with representatives of SMMA to discuss grade configuration options. A PowerPoint presentation was provided that included a project update, design enrollment options and schedule impacts. Take-aways from the May 31st joint committee meeting were that any project that changes the current grade configuration may impact the entire town in one or multiple phases; moving 5th and 8th grade may have educational and operational challenges; appeared to be support for some level of consolidation; desire for a district plan for the entire town and there appeared to be support for exploring district-wide solutions. The Board was advised that, as a result of a June 8th phone call with MSBA, it was learned that the MSBA is willing to consider district requests within their financial and operational limitations; MSBA will participate in projects on already approved enrollment options for Wildwood, Woburn and North only; MSBA may allow a PK-5 district-wide school; enrollment fluctuations are harder to manage with large consolidation projects and district-wide PK-4 options would require the Town exiting from the pipeline and resubmitting a Statement of Interest.

Design enrollment options were discussed. The current options to be studied include Wildwood School to remain PK-K with an approximate enrollment at 130; PK-3 with 510 students or PK-5 with755 students. An additional option would be to consider a PK-5 district wide school housing approximately 1499 students from the Wildwood, Woburn Street, North Intermediate, Boutwell, Shawsheen and West Intermediate Schools.

The Board was advised that exploring a district-wide PK-5 school may create a six month delay in the process.

Chair DePalma asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Members of the Board commented on the amount of information received. Board members asked for clarification on the process and whether a six month delay would have financial ramifications. Mr. Dore noted that time is money and construction costs keep escalating.

Select Board Member West asked whether consideration was given to renovating current schools rather than consolidating into a large school. Mr. Dore advised that it is part of the MSBA process.

Select Board Member Caira opined that Wilmington's schools are in good shape and recognized the efforts of the Public Buildings Department. He noted that improvement projects have included the replacement of windows, doors and roofs.

Discussion took place regarding enrollment. Town Manager Hull stated that the high school and middle school have far less students than designed for. Select Board Member Maselli asked whether there has been research to determine why there has been a decline in enrollment. Dr. Glenn Brand, Superintendent of Schools, stated that the schools continually gather enrollment data.

Chair DePalma stated that he is not in favor of a district-wide elementary school citing the lack of land to construct such a building, travel time for students and students getting "lost" in a school with such a large population.

Chair DePalma asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. MJ Byrnes, Pinewood Road, stated that the School Committee took a formal vote on a school consolidation plan, noting that Dr. Joanne Benton was the Superintendent. She stated she believes it to be a viable plan that is equitable to both sides of town.

Jennifer Binelli, Jacobs Street, stated that six years is a long time and opined that citizens attended the Special Town Meeting because they were appalled the Town let the school get into such condition.

Scott Neville, Chestnut Street, commented that three schools are housing displaced students from the Wildwood School, a new Town Hall is being built because the current one has been deemed inadequate but there are no plans to address the Boutwell School which is identical to the Town Hall. He urged the Select Board to put together and publicize a long term plan for the West side schools.

Barb Beaudoin, Leonard Lane, asked how the Select Board solicits opinions as she has only heard the Board's personal opinion this evening. She asked why the Town is only talking about replacing the Wildwood School and challenged that the facilities are in good shape.

Michael Mercaldi, Crystal Road, stated that he would like to have all the data to make a decision.

Marianne Gallezzo, Roosevelt Road, expressed her concern that the Town will be removed from the MSBA program. She noted that in 2017/2018 there were conversations regarding the consolidation of the schools and referenced the statements of interest that were submitted.

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 take Agenda Item Number 10 out of order.

A motion was made by Select Board Member Maselli, seconded by Select Board Member West and by the affirmative vote of four with Select Board Member West opposed, it was

VOTED: That the Town proceed with the current enrollment options as submitted and agreed upon with the MSBA.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from School Superintendent Dr. Brand and himself which provided an update regarding the Wildwood project. The Wildwood Leadership team coordinated a meeting with the Select Board, Finance Committee, School Committee and Wildwood School Building Committee to discuss the Wildwood Project and possible changes to the enrollment options to be studied. Dr. Brand and Town Manager Hull noted that the inventory of school buildings are all of similar age, have similar deficiencies both in infrastructure and their ability to support the educational needs of our community.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding fines for failure to obtain prior approval on pole locations. He advised that Town Counsel referenced the cautionary notice to the Town regarding the April 30, 2022 Annual Town Meeting revision to the by-laws as they related to penalties for utility pole violations. White the Attorney General's Office approved the omnibus revisions made to the by-laws, they cautioned that the by-law related to utility poles itself may not be valid. Town Counsel cited case law Boston Edison Co. v. Town of Bedford 444 Mass. 775 (2005) which addressed a local by-law in response to double poles. The underlying premise appears to be that a measure of consistency must exist state-wide with respect to treatment of utility services and that the state governs establishing those requirements.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding unaccepted ways. Town Engineer, Public Works Director and Planning & Conservation Director are scheduled to meet with the Board at its June 26th meeting to resume discussions about the Town's approach to addressing unaccepted ways. One point for the Board to consider is the level of contribution which abutting property owners should make to costs associated with bringing private ways to a condition in which they can be brought to Town Meeting for consideration to be accepted as public ways.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from John Gregg, PE, Traffic Operational Engineer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), regarding the Route 38 cross hatching at the intersection with Clark Street. He advised that the hatching was done based on engineering judgement to help eliminate last minute "cut overs" into the right lane.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from John Gregg, PE, Traffic Operational Engineer, Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), regarding the operational analysis on traffic signal at Wilmington Crossing. Mr. Gregg advised that the analysis concluded that reasonable levels of service exist at the intersections that were evaluated but noted that future delays and additional traffic back-ups could occur if changes in lane configuration or signal phasing are implemented in the future.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Gary B. DePalma, Chair, regarding the procedure for submitting written evaluation on Town Manager's Performance. In accordance with the terms of the employment agreement with the Town Manager, the Board must submit a written evaluation of the manager's performance "to the Chairman or his/her designee" during the month of July. The Chair shall prepare a composite evaluation based upon responses from Board members. A written draft of the composite evaluation shall be provided to the Town Manager at least twenty calendar days prior to a meeting to discuss the evaluation. The memo had asked that the evaluation form be completed and returned to Beverly Dalton, Administrative Assistant. Chair DePalma clarified that the forms should be returned to him.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding training programs available from KP | Law. The law firm will provide up to two training sessions in the fiscal year at no additional cost. The Board is asked to review the sessions and advise him as to the sessions that the Board would like to see scheduled for the coming fiscal year.

Town Manager Hull reviewed letters to John F. Doherty, Theresa Manganelli and Bradford L. Jackson regarding their reappointment to the Finance Committee.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verizon, regarding a change to Fios TV programming.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR OLIN SUPERFUND SITE, NEW ENGLAND TRANSRAIL – WILMINGTON WOBURN INDUSTRIAL AND MAPLE MEADOW LANDFILL

Select Board Member Bendel stated that he is not in opposition to current special counsel but when KP | Law was hired, it was expected that the environmental issues would transition to them over time. He expressed his frustration that it has taken so long.

Select Board Member West opined that the Town should continue with Dan Deutsch another year. He noted that costs to transition to KP|Law are not known.

Select Board Member Caira asked when the transition will take place. He noted that Mr. Deutsch has a lot of institutional knowledge and noted that issues with the site are coming to a critical point.

Town Manager Hull stated that it appears the ultimate goal is to have "everything under one roof". He advised the Board that he has had conversations with Mr. Deutsch who understands it is a business decision.

A motion was made by Select Board Member Maselli, seconded by Select Board Member Bendel and by the affirmative vote of three with Select Board Members Caira and West opposed, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board appoint K | P Law to serve as Special Counsel for Olin Superfund Site, New England Transrail – Wilmington Woburn Industrial and Maple Meadow Landfill effective July 1, 2023.

BOARD TO CONSIDER SIGNING CONTRACT FOR SPECIAL COUNSEL SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Based upon the vote of the previous agenda item, this item was passed over.

BOARD TO CONSIDER SIGNING TOWN COUNSEL'S CONTRACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

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

VOTED: That the Select Board sign Town Counsel agreement with K|P Law for Fiscal Year 2024.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REDIRECTING ARPA FUNDING FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND CULVERT PROJECT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE

This item was taken up under appointments.

BOARD TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING A REQUEST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY TO MODIFY THE CURRENT GRADE CONFIGURATION OPTIONS TO BE EVALUATED DURING FEASIBILITY STUDY

This item was taken up under appointments.

BOARD TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF TOWN-WIDE LEAD SERVICE LINE INVENTORY GRANT

Town Manager Hull advised that the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) recently revised the Lead and Copper Rule, a regulation that is geared towards improving the quality of drinking water. As part of this revision, public water suppliers are required to complete a full inventory of water service lines connected to the distribution system. That inventory is then submitted to Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for approval. Subsequently, the public water supplier is required to create and submit a plan to MassDEP detailing how the supplier may remove any lead service lines connected to its distribution system, if there are any discovered. MassDEP is currently accepting applications through their grant program to cover the costs of completing the requirements of the revised regulation. The Town will be applying for \$214,795 to cover 100% funding of this project. If approved, the grant funding would be used to hire a consultant to complete the inventory and reporting requirements on behalf of the Town. To submit the grant, the Select Board must certify that the Town Manager has the authority to file for the grant. Grant applications are currently being accepted by MassDEP and funding will be awarded on a first come first serve basis, so it is prudent to submit the Town of Wilmington application in a timely manner.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board authorize submission of Town-wide lead service line inventory grant.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTING GRANTS RECEIVED DURING FISCAL YEAR 2023

Town Manager Hull advised that accepting the grants received during the fiscal year is a requirement. Bryan Perry, Finance Director / Town Accountant, advised that the grants are anticipated to provide \$1.9 million in funding for use over multiple fiscal years. The Town had also received additional multi-year grants previously reported for the Board of Health for Tobacco Cessation along with grants from the Cummings Foundation for both the Library and Police Departments. This figure does not include the \$7.7 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for use over multiple fiscal years. Mr. Perry advised that the Town does receive various other awards that do not formally require a vote by the Board.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board accept grants awarded to the Town of Wilmington during Fiscal Year 2023.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF POLICE CHIEF JOSEPH DESMOND AND SERGEANT MICHAEL WANDELL, FOR THE WILMINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE ROTARY PARK ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 1, 2023 FOR NATIONAL NIGHT OUT FESTIVITIES

This item was taken up under appointments.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM KHALID HAZIMEH, TONY'S ICE CREAM, TO OBTAIN A HAWK & PEDLE LICENSE TO SELL ICE CREAM

Town Manager Hull advised that favorable recommendations were received from Shelly Newhouse, Health Director, and Police Chief Joseph Desmond.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board grant a Hawk & Pedle License to sell ice cream to Khalid Hazimeh, Tony's Ice Cream.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF MICHAEL IRVING, WILMINGTON BOY SCOUT PACK 126, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE FOR A FUNDRAISING CAR WASH ON SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023 FROM 9:30 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Michael Irving, Wilmington Boy Scout Pack 126, to use the municipal parking lot on Middlesex Avenue for a fundraising car wash on Sunday, July 16, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF LISA CYR, WHS HOCKEY BOOSTERS CLUB, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE FOR A FUNDRAISING CAR WASH ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

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 approve the request of Lisa Cyr, WHS Hockey Boosters Club, to use the municipal parking lot on Middlesex Avenue for a fundraising car wash on Sunday, September 3, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF KRISTIN DEMONICO, SOLE SISTERS RUNNING CLUB, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON ON JUNE 17, JULY 15 AND AUGUST 19, 2023 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the request of Kristin Demonico, Sole Sisters Running Club, to use the Town Common on June 17, July 15 and August 19, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF LAUREN NIEUWEBOER, TO USE ROTARY PARK ON FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2023 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. FOR A GIRL SCOUT BRIDGING CEREMONY

Town Manager Hull advised that Wilmington Little League has a permit for that date but it is unclear whether they will have a ball game. Select Board Member Caira noted the request is not for the use of the ballfield. Town Manager Hull replied that the concern is with the limited number of parking spaces.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board grant the request of Lauren Nieuweboer to use Rotary Park on Friday, June 16, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Suzanne Sullivan, Lawrence Street, expressed her disappointment with the Board's vote relative to Special Town Counsel. She opined that there is progress being made and it is the wrong time to change attorneys. She noted Attorney Daniel Deutsch's institutional knowledge.

Ms. Sullivan also expressed her disappointment with the Town relative to its participation in a lawsuit with MassDEP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Select Board Member Bendel noted that June 12 is National Women's Veterans Day in recognition of the anniversary of the 1948 Women's Armed Services Integration Act signing.

Select Board Member Maselli offered congratulations to the Shawsheen Rams Varsity Baseball team. The team had advanced to the finals of the State's Vocational Championship Tournament.

Select Board Member West noted that he attended a workshop for new Select Board members sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

Select Board Member West offered congratulations to the Historical Commission. A $50^{\rm th}$ Anniversary celebration was held at the Harnden Tavern.

Select Board Member West noted that June 14 is Flag Day. A flag retirement ceremony will be held on that day at Minuteman Headquarters which is located behind the Harnden Tavern.

NEW BUSINESS

Select Board Member West stated that, at the last meeting, he asked whether Main Street from Market Basket to Burlington Avenue could be restriped. He understands that Main Street (Route 38) is under the jurisdiction of Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) but is concerned the lack of striping will cause an accident.

Select Board Member West stated that at a previous meeting, the Planning & Conservation Director mentioned there are "tools in the toolbox" to address affordable housing. He would like to follow up with the discussion in the event something needs to be addressed at Town Meeting. Select Board Member Caira noted that once the Town meets the 10 percent affordable housing threshold, it is good for ten years. He opined that there are tools in place, noting the requirement for developments to including the Inclusionary By-Law.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

Sundays Through

October 1	- Farmer's Market - Town Common Parking Lot - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
June 13	– Finance Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
June 14	– Senior Center Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
June 14	 Flag Retirement Ceremony – Minuteman Headquarters – 6:00 p.m.
June 19	 Juneteenth Independence Day Town Offices Closed
June 21	– Wildwood School Building Committee – Wilmington High School – Room 1-062 – 6:00 p.m.
June 26	– Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
June 29- July 1	 Fourth of July Festivities – 978-657-8081 (funonthefourth.com) – Town Common Family Day – Town Common
July 2	Spectacular Fireworks
July 4	 Independence Day Town Offices Closed
July 12	- Brush Drop-Off - Old Main Street - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
July 15	- Brush Drop-Off - Old Main Street - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Julv 17	– Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE

Select Board Member Bendel recognized the service of Kathryn (Ward) Bjork who served in the United States Air Force. She served in Headquarters Company 814th Air Base Group that was redesignated to the 814th Combat Support Group (Strategic Air Command). Ms. Ward was chosen to be a model for a United States Air Force recruiting campaign and modeled for a short time for the Polaroid Camera Company. She married Paul Bjork in January 1966 and moved to Wilmington in 1975 to raise their two children, Stephen and Karin. Sadly Mrs. Bjork passed away on May 27, 2023.

The Select Board and citizens of Wilmington salute Kathryn (Ward) Bjork and thank her for her service to our country and our community.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary