

SELECT BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2023

Chair Judith L. O'Connell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Select Board members Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to pending litigation relative to property located at 773 Salem Street in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) 3 and further for the purpose of discussing the purchase, exchange, lease or other acquisition of real property at 333 Andover Street in Accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) 6 as an Open Meeting May Have a Detrimental Effect on the Negotiating Position of the Town as determined by the Chair with the intention to return to open session.

Chair Judith L. O'Connell reconvened the meeting at 7:05 p.m. in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Select Board Members Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma. Select Board Member Lilia Maselli participated remotely. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board accept Treasury Warrants 202335, 202335WIRES, 35A, 202336, 202336WIRES & 36A.

MINUTES

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 approve the minutes of their meeting held February 13, 2023 and that all actions taken are hereby ratified and confirmed.

ELIZABETH LAWRENCE AND TRACY ROY, TROOP LEADERS, AND MEMBERS OF TROOP 70424 AND REBECCA CHIMWANDA, ERIN PIERRI AND KERRY ZAINO, TROOP LEADERS AND MEMBERS OF BROWNIE TROOP 70425, RE: DEMOCRACY FOR BROWNIES

Chair O'Connell thanked the troops for being present and invited leaders to the guest table to provide an overview of their organization and why they were present this evening. The leaders stated the group is made up of third grade girls "who are going to change the world". The girls are working on Democracy for Brownies and are reviewing their sources of information and whether they are biased.

The scouts were provided with the opportunity to ask questions and have them answered by the Board or Town Manager. Questions included the status of the Butters Row Bridge, Wildwood School, payments of taxes, lack of splashpad, and an ice rink at Rotary Park. There were two questions that required the Board to research further. The first was relative to the Town Seal and the second was related to the use of stars on the American flag.

Chair O'Connell stated that the Board is made up of volunteers and they are all residents who work to ensure residents' interests are represented. The biggest part is communication, and it is acceptable to say when they don't have the answer and to find the answer and provide a response.

One of the leaders asked what typically comes before the Select Board. Chair O'Connell reviewed the Board's responsibilities including hiring the Town Manager, Finance Director, Town Counsel, setting the tax rate, issuing alcohol, common victualer and other licenses, review of Town Meeting articles, recognition of residents and sports teams and hear concerns of residents. She stated that there is a misconception of what the Board is empowered to do, specifically as it relates to construction and development.

The Board was asked what the best part of their job is. Chair O'Connell stated it was nights like this evening, the community engagement, Little League Parades, celebrating accomplishments of gifted and talented people of the community and philanthropic volunteerism are the most rewarding.

Chair O'Connell asked if members of the Board had any questions or comments. Select Board Members Bendel and DePalma offered comments and thanked the girls for their questions.

Chair O'Connell stated that it is not easy to be in the public setting, on camera. She stated that her message is that there is a way to carry yourself in any situation, a code of conduct, level of civility being nice and respectful even if you have a different opinion. It is how you treat each other with mutual respect even if you don't agree with something. She states that her belief is that everyone can have their opinion but not everyone does the work to obtain the facts. She stated it is a personal responsibility to research the facts of what you read and hear to know that it is true.

SHELLY NEWHOUSE, HEALTH DIRECTOR, RE: PUBLIC HEALTH EXCELLENCE FOR SHARED SERVICES GRANT AND NATIONAL HEALTH AND NUTRITION EXAMINATION SURVEY

Ms. Newhouse was present with Dr. Jane Williams, a member of the Board of Health. Ms. Newhouse stated that Wilmington collaborated with the towns of Lexington and Burlington to form a coalition and applied for a public health excellence grant which was received in the amount of \$300,000 annually for the next three years. Ms. Newhouse stated that there is an opportunity to extend for an additional three years. She stated that the grant is for shared services to align with the goals that the Department of Public Health (DPH) wants health departments to meet. She stated the grant will assist in identifying deficiencies and gaps in services. Currently they are in the process of doing a capacity assessment in the three towns to determine where the deficiencies are. Some of the funds will be used for Tobacco Control and they will hire translation services and an epidemiologist to assist with disease outbreaks. A shared services coordinator has been hired to assist with administering the grant. Ms. Newhouse advised that Burlington serves as the fiscal agent and the coalition meets weekly.

Chair O'Connell thanked Ms. Newhouse for the information. She stated that the amount of funding and the longevity of the funding is exciting. She acknowledged that there are different needs in each community and asked how the Board and residents can assist the coalition. Chair O'Connell asked how the Tobacco Control aspect is implemented. Ms. Newhouse explained that the Tobacco Inspector conducts training with the various establishments to ensure they are knowledgeable about the product they can sell. Ms. Newhouse stated that tobacco products are consistently changing. In addition, youth compliance checks are made to ensure establishments are checking identification. The inspector currently works in Wilmington and Lexington so she will pick up one additional community.

Chair O'Connell asked if mental health will be part of the grant. Ms. Newhouse stated that mental health is the number one public health issue being faced nationwide.

Ms. Newhouse advised that the coalition is still brainstorming on how to spend the grant funds and asked if members of the Board have ideas, to let her know.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member Caira confirmed that the funding is \$300,000 per year and not \$300,000 spread out over three years.

Town Manager Hull stated that the Tri-Town agreement requires the signature of the Chair of the Board. It does not require a vote of the Board. Ms. Newhouse advised that the Chairperson of the Boards of Health will also sign. It is an agreement identifying the Town of Burlington as the lead fiscal agent for the grant. The agreement was reviewed by the Town of Burlington's counsel and Burlington is a client of KP | Law.

Ms. Newhouse introduced the Select Board to NHANES (National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey). She advised that she was contacted late last year by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the DPH who advised that the Town of Wilmington was randomly selected as one of seven towns in Middlesex County to participate in the NHANES survey. A short video explanation was played for the Select Board.

Ms. Newhouse advised that thirty homes will be randomly selected to participate, and those households will receive something in the mail. The mailing will have a link for them to register. She stated that it is her responsibility to make sure residents are aware of the program and do not think it is a scam.

Once the homes are identified and they register, they sign up for their in-house interview, and following interviews, exams are scheduled. The trailers will be stationed at the Burlington Marriot. Ms. Newhouse stated that she hopes the homes that are selected participate. She noted that Massachusetts is different than other parts of the country because we have towns within the county.

Dr. Williams stated that this is exciting from her perspective. NHANES has been used since the 1960s to help physicians and clinicians decide the health of Americans. She stated that as a clinician, she used the information multiple times on a daily basis, specifically growth charts, blood pressure measurements and values for screening for diabetes.

Discussion took place on avenues to publicize the program including Town Topics, the library, the school department, Elderly Services and Veterans Services. Ms. Newhouse stated that she reached out to Dr. Brand to go before the School Committee.

Dr. Williams emphasized that the data that is collected is anonymous and is compared to data collected previous years.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member Caira asked what the process will be if thirty households do not participate, will they reach out to additional households. Ms. Newhouse confirmed that they will.

Select Board Member Maselli asked what the data is used for. Dr. Williams stated that there are hundreds of publications created over the decades including trends that are occurring and noted the trend in lead levels in children.

Select Board Member Caira asked whether the participants will be notified if the examination reveals an issue. Dr. Williams and Ms. Newhouse confirmed they will be and explained the participants will be given their results that they can share with their physician.

Chair O'Connell and Select Board Members thanked Ms. Newhouse and Dr. Williams for their presentation.

MICHAEL CHAMPOUX, CHAIRMAN, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, RE: COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Champoux recognized members of the Economic Development Committee who were present including Rob Oliveri, Suzanne Sullivan and Carol Boisvert. Also present was Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning & Conservation.

Mr. Champoux reviewed that in 2021 Massachusetts initiated a Local Rapid Recovery Program as a response to COVID-19. The program outlined initiatives the Town could undertake to aid in business recovery following impacts of COVID-19. Wilmington businesses were surveyed and a top response on how the Town could help them was a shared marketing campaign. The Town allocated \$50,000 of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for a brand-new marketing campaign. He stated that the Economic Development Committee issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) in May 2022 for marketing services and hired Sterling Brandworks of Winchester. Over the summer and fall of 2022 the team conducted a number of group sessions and interviews with businesses, residents and officials to get an understanding of the Town's identity.

Ms. Gingrich stated that the Committee is happy to unveil a landing page that has the information and products the group has been working on for the past year. A video was shown to the Select Board. Ms. Gingrich stated that the video is meant to grab the viewers' attention and have them asking questions. Ms. Gingrich reviewed aspects of the website.

Ms. Gingrich stated that the next steps are for a three month paid advertising campaign on Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn. The Committee will be promoting the effort through local and regional media and working with the Chamber of Commerce and the library. The goal is to support the local businesses with the shared approach to marketing and to attract new businesses.

Chair O'Connell stated that they have clearly put a lot of time and effort into the campaign and expressed that she liked it and thanked Ms. Gingrich, Mr. Champoux and the Economic Development Committee.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from members of the Board.

Mr. Champoux explained the design of the logo. The Committee wants to get out to small businesses and have them participate in the campaign.

Members of the Board opined that the campaign is impressive. Select Board Member Cairra asked about the funding for the paid ads. Ms. Gingrich advised that the budget is just under \$3,000, along with paying Sterling Brandworks to manage the campaign, and will be funded through Planning and Conservation Department Miscellaneous Services.

Mr. Champoux thanked members of the Board for their input during previous discussions. Chair O'Connell asked at what point there will be another update. Mr. Champoux stated that the campaign goes through June. Ms. Gingrich stated that they will be receiving monthly updates on the status of the campaign.

Ms. Boisvert stated that there are other aspects of the campaign that cannot be funded and mentioned billboards. Chair O'Connell stated that lines of communication will be kept open to try and find funds. Mr. Champoux stated that the Committee is hoping to show success with this aspect of the campaign before asking for additional funds.

Chair O'Connell advised that the meeting would pause for a moment as there is an issue with the audio. This will provide Wilmington Community Television (WCTV) an opportunity to provide a message on the screen.

JOSEPH DESMOND, POLICE CHIEF, RE: FUNDING OF TASER PROGRAM

Chief Desmond reviewed what he understood the deal to be when the tasers were purchased five years ago. He stated that there was the option to purchase outright, the other was a TAP program where each year the department received accessories, cartridges, batteries and training cartridges. At the end of the five years the department had TAP credits, which provided two options. The department could get brand new x2 tasers in the category initially purchased or credits could be used toward an upgrade of a new taser.

He stated that in the fall he spoke with representatives who attempted to hurry sales. He advised that the tasers have worked fine and there is no indication there is anything wrong with the tasers. He advised that a decision will need to be made for next year.

He understands his responsibility to balance finances and provide equipment for members of the department. He explained changes in the upgraded models.

Chair O'Connell thanked Chief Desmond for his attendance this evening and stated the Board is trying to understand circumstances at the time of procurement. The Board is always supportive of public safety. She asked if it is still the philosophy that each member of the department will be assigned a taser.

Chief Desmond stated that there is frustration on both the Select Board and the Finance Committee that what was voted on should have been the deal. He stated that the product itself is very good and the company is very responsive. He offered his opinion on the sales technique.

He stated that as Chief, he does not want a member of his department to need equipment and not have it. He commented about only having enough per shift when you may have multiple people working, such as at Fourth of July festivities.

Chair O'Connell asked if the company AXON is the "only game in town". Chief Desmond confirmed. He reiterated that the product is a very good product.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Select Board Member DePalma asked for clarification on how the Town could use the credit. Chief Desmond explained that they could purchase x7 using the credit but would get the x2 at no cost.

Select Board Member Caira stated that he reviewed the Town Meeting when the tasers were initially voted for and believes the Town should get the 52 tasers and five-year insurance. He expressed concern that the Town is being told to pay as you go. Chief Desmond stated that there is a difference of opinion about what the initial agreement was.

Select Board Member Bendel asked about routine maintenance or fixes have taken place. Chief Desmond advised that over the past five years only six have been sent back and one was a result of the officer jumping into Silver Lake due to a drowning. The five were minor issues, not that they failed in the field. Select Board Member Bendel requested that the Select Board be provided a copy of the contract.

Town Manager Hull stated that it was clear when the proposal was put forward the TAP program, the expectation was there would be (5) five years of tasers, with a spare taser, and years six (6) to ten (10) would get tasers with warranty and noted there was no reference to the model taser. The discrepancy is the issue of the warranty on the replacement of x2s with x2s. Town Manager Hull stated that the Town looked at the state bid list and AXON was on from 2014 to 2020 so it did not require a bid process.

Town Manager Hull advised that, relative to a contract, he has some documents but not what is referenced as the master agreement. He has the purchase order that was signed off on. He advised that the Chief and he have requested the master agreement from the company. It is unclear why the Town does not have the agreement.

Assistant Town Manager Susan Inman stated that it is believed that the master services agreement was provided electronically with a link to the agreement. She advised that she has found the master services agreement but not from 2017 and believe it is due to the upgrade in product resulting in the agreement being changed. She stated that the Town's preference is to use a contract provided by Town Counsel.

Chair O'Connell recognized Marianne Gallezzo, Finance Committee member. Ms. Gallezzo expressed concern during Finance Committee meetings and offered her an opportunity to speak. Ms. Gallezzo stated that what the Town sold to the taxpayers, and they voted to support, was that they would not have to spend additional funds for ten years. She opined that if the Town has an opportunity to receive the x2 tasers at no cost and the one-year warranty, the Town should take advantage. The taxpayers were promised no cost for tasers for ten years because it was paid in advance. She understands that the police department needs tasers to do their job.

Chair O'Connell stated that she understands Ms. Gallezzo's point and that what was promised to the taxpayers is undeniable.

Chair O'Connell asked if there were any additional questions or comments from the Board. Members of the Board thanked Chief Desmond for his attendance at tonight's meeting and recognized the initial purchase was not under his leadership.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISCUSSION, RE: REVIEW OF PROPOSED TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Town Manager Hull stated that multiple warrants have been prepared. He stated that the first warrant is the warrant that was presented in draft form, the second warrant references an article to replace the roof at Harnden Tavern, a third warrant references an article to purchase 333 Andover Street and a fourth warrant includes articles to replace the roof at Harnden Tavern and to purchase 333 Andover Street.

Chair O'Connell stated that replacing the roof at the carriage house is part of the original warrant that was presented.

Town Manager Hull noted that Article 29 has been revised to reflect appropriating funds for the design and replacement of windows at Harnden Tavern.

Chair O'Connell advised how the four warrants are identified. A motion was made by Select Board Member Caira, seconded by Chair O'Connell and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board review the warrant that includes replacing the roof at Harnden Tavern and the purchase of 333 Andover Street.

Select Board Member Bendel suggested that Town Manager Hull review the articles relative to the replacement of the roof at Harnden Tavern and the purchase of 333 Andover Street and if a member has a question or a comment on a specific article that be taken up. It was the consensus of the Board to proceed this way.

Town Manager Hull clarified that at the last meeting he spoke that the appropriation for Article 30 included prevailing wage and it did not, a second quote including prevailing wage increases the cost to \$60,000.

Town Manager Hull stated that articles will be taken in sequence through Article 40.

Select Board Member Caira suggested that \$1,000,000 be appropriated for Article 38 and that the \$500,000 additionally proposed to be appropriated be deposited to the Capital Stabilization Fund. He stated that the Town is not bringing down the unfunded liability and does not change the date if prepay ahead of time. Article 37 would then become \$1,242,000.

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 endorse a change to Article 38 to reduce by \$500,00 and that \$500,000 be put into the Capital Stabilization Fund for a total of \$1,242,000.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the maintenance of Town buildings. He stated that at a previous meeting it was stated that he let non-school buildings decay. Reference was made to an electrical panel at the Bath House at Silver Lake being cited in the Facilities Master Plan as requiring work to address a safety hazard. The Public Buildings Department reviewed the electrical panel and it was determined that the electrical panel does have a ground in place and does not pose a threat to the public.

Town Manager Hull stated that the Public Buildings Department is responsible for maintaining over three quarters of a million square feet of building space. Personnel check in on the Harnden Tavern on a weekly basis. He provided information on maintenance projects that have taken place at the Harnden Tavern and Carriage House. He advised that the Town Hall, Public Safety Building, Buzzell Senior Center and Wilmington Memorial Library receive attention in terms of regular maintenance based upon a workorder system. Town Manager Hull reviewed projects that have taken place at non-school buildings including roof replacement, lighting upgrades and interior modifications.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a notice from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding a Community Update on the Olin Chemical Superfund Site.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Governor Maura T. Healey and Lt. Governor Kimberley Driscoll advising the Town that, contingent upon legislative approval of the \$200 million annual bond authorization, Wilmington's Chapter 90 apportionment for Fiscal Year 2024 is \$786,073.56.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Jennifer D. Maddox, Undersecretary, Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD), advising that the DHCD is in receipt of the Action Plan submitted on January 31, 2023. Ms. Maddox advised that the Action Plan was approved by DHCD and has achieved Interim Compliance which is valid until the due date for District Compliance which is December 31, 2024.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Kerry Morris, Sr. Manager Government Affairs, Comcast, advising that effective April 2, 2023, the monthly subscription for HBO and HBO Max will increase from \$14.99 to \$15.99 per month as a result of a recent increase in HBO and HBO Max programming costs

Town Manager Hull reviewed Communication from Niall Connors, Franchise Service Manager, Verizon, which provided its Annual Billing Practices Documentation. This documentation included the Fios TV Channel Guide, Fios TV Rate Card, Fios TV Sample Customer Bill and Fios Customer Agreement.

BOARD TO CONSIDER CLOSING AND SIGNING THE WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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 close and sign the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting to be held Saturday, April 29, 2023.

BOARD TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATION OF THOMAS GIBSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, MIDDLESEX COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM, TO ACCEPT CHAPTER 269 OF THE ACTS OF 2022 AND PROVIDE A ONE-TIME COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA) TO RETIREES OF 5% INSTEAD OF 3%

The adjustment will be made on the first \$16,000 of earnings. Wilmington's cost will be \$120,000 for fiscal year 2026. Action requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of the member communities by June 30, 2023.

A motion was made by Select Board Member DePalma, 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 recommendation of Thomas Gibson, Executive Director, Middlesex County Retirement System, to accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 and provide a one-time Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to Retirees of 5% instead of 3%

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JEN BOLANOS AND DEANNA WRIGHT, CO-PRESIDENTS, WPS CHORAL AND THEATER SUPPORT (C.A.T.S) PARENT GROUP, TO PLACE PROMOTIONAL SIGNS ON TOWN PROPERTY

Select Board members briefly discussed the locations that were listed in the request and noted locations a sign would be permissible. Select Board Member Caira suggested that the Housing Authority be contacted regarding the placement of signs at the intersection of Burlington Avenue and Deming Way, noting that political signs are removed.

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 WPS Choral and Theater Support Parent Group to place promotional signs on Town property for the upcoming performance of School of Rock.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JOHN ROMANO ON BEHALF OF THE WILMINGTON SONS OF ITALY, TO USE THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT AT THE FOURTH OF JULY BUILDING ON SATURDAY, APRIL 1, 2023 AND SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023, FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR A DRIVE THRU DIAPER DONATION

Select Board Member DePalma asked to confirm that there were no conflicts. Town Manager Hull confirmed.

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 the Sons of Italy to use the municipal parking lot at the Fourth of July Building on Saturday, April 1, 2023 and Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a drive thru diaper donation.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF ALLISON BOLANOS, JR. WOW CLUB, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8 AT 2:00 P.M. FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT

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 approve the request of the Jr. WOW (We're One Wilmington) Club to use the Town Common on Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. for an Easter Egg Hunt.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM WILMINGTON BAND PARENTS AND FRIENDS TO SELL COFFEE, DONUTS, POPCORN, COLD DRINKS, POMPOMS AND BALLOONS DURING THE MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

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 the Wilmington Band Parents and Friends to sell coffee, donuts, popcorn, cold drinks, pompoms and balloons during the Memorial Day Parade.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST THAT WILMINGTON TOWN COMMON BE ILLUMINATED IN BLUE DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL IN OBSERVANCE OF AUTISM AWARENESS

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 that the Wilmington Town Common be illuminated in blue during the month of April in observance of Autism Awareness.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF CHRISTINE CANEVARI, PRESIDENT, WILMINGTON FARMERS MARKET ASSOCIATION TO USE THE SWAIN GREEN TO CONDUCT THE FARMERS MARKET ON SUNDAYS, JUNE 11, 2023 THROUGH OCTOBER 1, 2023, 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M., AND TO USE THE YENTILE FARM RECREATIONAL FACILITY ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

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 Christine Canevari, President, Wilmington Farmers Market Association to use the Swain Green to conduct the farmers market on Sundays, June 11, 2023 through October 1, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and to use the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility on Sunday, July 2, 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Frank West, Birchwood Road, invited the Select Board and Town Manager to the installation of officers for the Wilmington Company of Minutemen. The event is scheduled for Sunday, March 26, 2023 and will take place at Minuteman Headquarters. Light refreshments will be served.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- March 15 – Wildwood School Building Committee – Virtual – 6:00 p.m.
- March 21 – Finance Committee / Planning Board Public Hearing
Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:00 p.m.
- March 22 – Senior Center Building Committee – Virtual – 6:00 p.m.
- March 25 – Unveiling of Eagle Scout Project – Battlefield Cross
Veterans' Lot – Wildwood Cemetery – 10:00 a.m.
- March 27 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 4 – Planning Board Public Hearing – Zoning Article
Town Hall – Auditorium – 7:30 p.m.
- April 5 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 5 – Senior Center Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- April 8 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 10 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 10-
- April 14 – Curbside Collection of Leaves/Grass
- April 12 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 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.
- April 12 – Town Hall / School Administration Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- April 15 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 17 – Town Offices Closed – *Patriot's Day*
- April 19 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 22 – Annual Town Election – Polls Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- April 22 – Little League Opening Day Parade
- April 22 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 24 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 24-
- April 28 – Curbside Collection of Leaves/Grass
- April 26 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 29 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 29 – Annual Town Meeting – High School Auditorium – 9:00 a.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE

Select Board Member Bendel recognized the service of William F. Cavanaugh, III. Mr. Cavanaugh joined the United States Navy in 2002 following the September 11 attacks on America. He served until 2006 and was honorably discharged as an Aviation Electronics Technician Petty Officer Second Class. Mr. Cavanaugh earned the Good Conduct Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. Mr. Cavanaugh currently serves the Wilmington community as its Fire Chief.

The Select Board and citizens of Wilmington salute Chief Cavanaugh and thank him for his service to our country and our community. Select Board Member Bendel presented the Salute to Service certificate to Chief Cavanaugh.

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 roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board adjourn to Executive Session for purpose of discussing strategies with respect to Collective Bargaining as it relates to International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1370 in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21(a) 3, not to return to open session.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary