

SELECT BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2023

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

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 the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property at 333 Andover Street in accordance with Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 30A, Section 21(a)6 and to ratify, validate and confirm votes taken at the April 29, 2023 emergency meeting and further for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to collective bargaining as it relates to the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 1 and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1370 in accordance with MGL Chapter 30A Section 21(a)3 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town with the intent to return to open session.

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

Chair Lilia Maselli asked those present to rise and she led the pledge of allegiance.

Select Board Member Bendel stated that, like many, he was saddened to learn of the passing of Scott C. Garrant. Mr. Garrant served as a member of the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, the Fourth of July Committee, including serving as its chairman for many years, and he was named as Wilmington's 2016 Good Guy. Select Board Member Bendel asked that a moment of silence be held to honor Mr. Garrant.

TREASURY WARRANTS

Chair Maselli 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 202345, 202345WIRES, 45A, 202346, 202346WIRES & 46A.

LAWRENCE I. F. EVANS, DOODLESACK LLC RE: PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF DOODLESACK LLC DBA CUCINA LAROSA'S TO OBTAIN AN ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 228 MAIN STREET

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 relative to the request of Doodlesack LLC DBA Cucina LaRosa's to obtain an All Alcohol License for a restaurant to be located at 228 Main Street.

Present were Lawrence Evans, Rosalie Evans and Jason Evans. Jason Evans stated that they were first before the Board in July 2016 when they first opened as a small take-out at 211 Main Street in Wilmington Crossing Plaza. He stated that they were able to "survive" COVID and when Panera left Wilmington Plaza across the street, Market Basket allowed them to "sit on it" for a

year. Mr. Jason Evans noted that the restaurant will have the required 100 seats. Mrs. Evans stated that it will be a family restaurant and won't be open late, perhaps 10:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Board members wished the Evans family well and stated that they are excited for their opening noting that their food was tasty and of good quality. Select Board Member Bendel stated that it is known that they provide food to the police and fire departments during emergencies.

Chair Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience and there were none.

Mr. Lawrence Evans stated they have employees ready to come back to work. Mr. Jason Evans stated that the restaurant will be open to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner. Mrs. Evans stated that they will be serving brunch on Sundays.

Chair Maselli confirmed that the receipts from abutter notifications were provided to the recording secretary.

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

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 close the public hearing.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board approve the application of Doodlesack LLC DBA Cucina LaRosa's for a license to serve all alcohol beverages in a restaurant to be located at 228 Main Street, and further that a determination is made that the license is not detrimental to the spiritual activities of the church located on Bridge Lane or educational activities of the pre-school/daycare located on Main Street.

LAWRENCE I. F. EVANS, DOODLESACK LLC RE: RELATIVE TO THE REQUEST OF DOODLESACK LLC DBA CUCINA LAROSA'S TO OBTAIN A COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 228 MAIN STREET

Town Manager Hull advised that favorable recommendations were received from Shelly Newhouse, Health Director, and Al Spaulding, Building Inspector. 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 Doodlesack LLC DBA Cucina LaRosa's for a restaurant at 228 Main Street.

GEORGE HOOPER, PUBLIC BUILDINGS SUPERINTENDENT, AND DANIEL PALLOTTA, OWNERS' PROJECT MANAGER, RE: UPDATE ON TOWN / SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION & SENIOR CENTER PROJECTS

George Hooper, Public Buildings Superintendent, and Dan Pallotta, Owners' Project Manager, were present to provide an update on two building projects.

Mr. Hooper had a PowerPoint presentation. The first update was for the Senior Center. The proposed building will be 18,000 square feet. Mr. Pallotta stated that the feasibility study and schematic design were based on recently designed senior centers of similar size and municipal population. He stated all programmatic needs were voted on by the committee.

Mr. Pallotta described the site stating access will be from Main Street, the drop-off area and fire lane, parking area, walking trail, patio, loading area and dumpsters and location of pickleball courts.

Mr. Hooper stated that the building is positioned to take advantage of the natural lighting.

Mr. Pallotta advised that the Committee chose a Variable Refrigeration Flow (VRF) system, which is a very efficient electrical system, and the building will be over insulated. The VRF system allows for heating and cooling to occur at the same time, and he explained how it works and why it is beneficial. The roof is designed to accommodate solar panels in the future. The landscaping will consist of hearty, native plants that will survive the New England winters.

Mr. Pallotta reviewed the project timeline. He advised that design development has been completed, construction documents will be available at the end of June 2023 and bidding will be at the end of August 2023 with construction set to begin in September 2023. He stated that they have begun the prequalification process as required by Massachusetts procurement laws.

Mr. Hooper advised that the next meeting of the Senior Center Building Committee will be held on Wednesday, May 24. The building is expected to be complete in December 2024. Mr. Hooper reviewed the activity of the Committee, the documents produced and how to access information on the Town's website.

Select Board Member Caira expressed concern with the location of the dumpster in proximity to the neighbors and asked whether it could be moved closer to the kitchen area. Mr. Pallotta acknowledged that Select Board Member Caira expressed concern at a previous meeting. Mr. Hooper advised that it has been discussed by the Committee and noted that there is a buffer.

Select Board Member Bendel asked whether there will be a storage shed. Mr. Hooper stated that there is a maintenance room for the storage of a snowblower and other equipment. He noted that the Parks and Grounds crew will bring their own equipment and he does not believe equipment is expected to be left on site.

Select Board Member West asked if there is sufficient space for the Elderly Services Department to have cookouts. Mr. Pallotta stated that the director is happy with the site and noted that the site is built for future expansion.

Select Board Member DePalma asked what material will be used on the patio area. Mr. Pallotta advised it will be stamped concrete. He stated that the Committee had to be cognizant on walkers and other assisting devices.

Select Board Member Bendel asked whether the pickleball courts will be lit, there will be an emergency call box or a drinking fountain. He was advised that the courts will be lit. Mr. Pallotta advised that the inclusion of an emergency call box was discussed but they have not seen the final design to confirm it has been included and that there will not be a water fountain.

Select Board Member Cairra asked whether there will be handicapped parking spaces at the pickle ball courts. Mr. Pallotta stated he was unsure but there is no reason there can't be.

There being no further questions about the Senior Center building project, Mr. Hooper and Mr. Pallotta proceeded to update the Board relative to the Town Hall / School Administration building project.

Mr. Hooper advised that the Town Hall / School Administration project is at a different phase and the presentation won't be as elaborate as the Senior Center project presentation.

Mr. Pallotta stated that the architect met with the different departments to determine their needs and determine adjacency and storage needs. He advised there was a lot of discussion on what departments should be next to which departments for efficient flow. The architect has tried to capture natural lighting and he noted the prominence of the building's entry.

Mr. Pallotta advised that there will be a total of 300 parking spaces available, not including the 40 spaces at the Buzzell lot. He noted that they have verified there will be sufficient space for the Fourth of July celebration. He described the building noting the material, color, shape and form is intention to blend with the high school.

Mr. Hooper stated that the committee has worked to keep the building low profile. Mr. Pallotta stated that the committee is at the point of choosing materials and operating systems. He noted that the building would be too large to use the same system as the Senior Center and noted it will be a hybrid.

Mr. Hooper stated that after hours the public will be able to access the meeting rooms and the restrooms, but the remainder of the building will be locked.

Discussion took place regarding the Select Board meeting room and concerns were raised that it will accommodate seven people at the front. The Board was assured that the room is larger than what they currently have and will accommodate all members, the Town Manager and recording secretary. Mr. Pallotta noted that the room is built into the hill and explained that the natural lighting comes in from the top of the room.

Mr. Pallotta stated that they are cognizant of way finding, signage with clear direction for the public to get in and out of the building and to find their way. In addition, there will be electronic signboards and a location for the Town Clerk to post notices.

Mr. Pallotta reviewed the project timeline. He advised that the building delivery mode is the same method used when building the high school. he stated that a recommendation has been made to hire a construction manager. He advised that the committee is worried about the supply chain. Having a CM on board will help determine proper materials and the town will be able to purchase equipment early.

He advised that design development is expected to be complete at the end of June 2023. Construction documents at the end of January 2024, file sub bidding on February 7, 2024, guaranteed maximum price on February 19, 2024 and construction is expected to begin March 2024.

Mr. Pallotta stated that estimates are done periodically to ensure the architect is not over designing and the project stays on budget. Mr. Hooper stated that the Construction Manager will work with the Town onsite to secure for events in the area such as the 4th of July celebration.

Select Board Member DePalma asked if consideration was given to the use of heat pumps and was advised that is what the VRF system is.

Select Board Member West stated that it appears the public will conduct business in the hallway. Mr. Pallotta advised that the counters are set in from the hallway. Select Board Member West asked if there is an opportunity for private conversations and was advised that there are small conference rooms on each floor for that purpose.

Mr. Pallotta advised that site visits were conducted at other Town Halls with interested department heads and building committee members. He stated that none of the department heads overreached, they asked for what they needed. He noted that every space has room for an additional employee.

Mr. Hooper advised that the next meeting of the Town Hall / School Administration Building Committee will be held on Wednesday, June 7. The building is expected to be complete in the summer of 2025. Mr. Hooper reviewed the activity of the Committee, the documents produced and how to access information on the Town's website.

Select Board Member DePalma asked what effect the construction will have on high school parking. Mr. Pallotta stated that when they interviewed the firms for construction manager, only Consiglia showed plans to protect parking and keep site clean.

Mr. Pallotta noted that newsletters will be sent to residents around the building area (School Street, Drury Lane, Powderhouse Circle) advising what to expect during the project. He provided an example of notifying when cement trucks would be delivering cement. The intent is to minimize the unknown.

Select Board Member Caira asked when construction would be complete. Mr. Pallotta advised that construction is expected to take 18 to 24 months depending on variables. Select Board Member Caira expressed concern with having the 4th of July celebration due to vandalism and injury with people trying to get past the fencing.

Town Manager Hull noted that one of the virtues of the firm Consiglia is that they recognize the sensitivity of the area.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Chair Maselli stated that she has been filling the role of Chair since Ms. O'Connell chose not to seek another term. She stated that she would open for nominations. Select Board Member Bendel nominated Gary B. DePalma to serve as Chair and his motion was seconded by Select Board Member West. Select Board Member DePalma stated that he would accept the nomination. With a motion duly made and seconded and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That Gary B. DePalma serve as Chair of the Select Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Bryan Perry, Finance Director / Town Accountant, regarding the State House Note for Nassau Avenue Water Tank. Mr. Perry noted that Article 26 at the May 5, 2018 Annual Town Meeting authorized the appropriation and issuance of debt in the amount of \$2.5 million for the construction of the new water tank located off Nassau Avenue. During the spring of 2019 the Board members were required to execute the specific documents to acknowledge the issuance of debt. The Town is once again seeking to issue a new note to replace the current note which expires on June 2, 2023. The amount of the new State House Note is \$2,320,000. The Treasurer/Collector requested bids for the new issuance and the most favorable rate from Unibank for Savings was received at 4.40%. This new issuance does not require a vote of the Select Board but will require the signatures of at least three of the five members on the specific issuance documents.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Thomas Gibson, Chairman, Middlesex County Retirement Board, who wrote that the Middlesex County Retirement Board has met the requirements of Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022, a local option which allows a one-time increase to the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) granted to retirees in FY 2023 from 3% to 5% of the System's \$16,000 COLA base. He advised that the one-time increase will result in an additional annual COLA payment of \$320 for approximately 4,000 retirees and beneficiaries whose pensions exceed \$16,000. Acceptance of the Act was conditioned upon approval by the Middlesex County Retirement Board and by two-thirds of the System's municipal Select Boards prior to June 30, 2023.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding special environmental counsel. He advised that while the most prominent work that has been assigned to Brooks & DeRensis has been the Olin Superfund Site, the other legal matters tasked to the firm were representing the Town relative to New England Transrail/Wilmington Woburn Industrial's proposed redevelopment of the site and full closure of Maple Meadow Landfill. Town Manager Hull advised that Attorney Reich has indicated that his firm can represent the town on these matters and will prepare to do so if directed by the Board. He does suggest that the Board carefully consider whether to change law firms particularly if the Board is not dissatisfied with the work of Dan Deutsch from Brooks & DeRensis. These cases have lengthy histories and, in the case of the Olin site, extending back to the mid-1980s. Town Manager Hull reviewed the financial implication of a transfer.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from Mark Reich, Town Counsel, regarding representation of Olin Superfund Site and related matters. Mr. Reich advised that the firm (KP Law) has not taken any role in the matter. While emails have been forwarded on this matter for his information, he has not undertaken any substantive role in the matter in the interest of avoiding unnecessary expense to the Town. Federal Superfund cases are complex and involve technical and legal matters pertaining to environmental review, administrative proceedings and potential litigation. Mr. Reich stated that the matters are complex and long term for which institutional knowledge is necessary. Any representation in this matter would require significant review of all materials as well as an understanding of the Town's intentions with regard to this site and any potential actions to be taken. Mr. Reich provided information regarding hourly rates for the specialized legal work.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum from Town Manager, regarding Special Counsel for environmental cases. He advised that separate discussions have taken place with Attorney Reich and Attorney Deutsch about the prospect of transitioning the environmental cases (Olin Superfund Site, New England Transrail/Wilmington Woburn Industrial and Maple Meadow

Landfill) to KP Law. Neither attorney is able to provide an estimate as the amount of time and associated cost that is required to complete the transition. There is an expectation that the two attorneys will need to spend some period of time engaged in communication about the histories of the respective cases which would be for a combined rate of \$660 per hour. Attorney Deutsch pointed out that if the Board is seeking to make a change in legal representation it would be advisable to make the change before the Town engages in litigation. Whether the Town seeks to terminate the “tolling agreement” and initiate legal action against Olin remains an open question. Attorney Reich has indicated that if KP Law is asked to represent the Town on the environmental cases, he would assemble a team of attorneys to become proficient in the cases. An advantage to this approach with more than one attorney knowledgeable about the critical issues is that the disruption caused if one attorney left the firm would be lessened.

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from Melanie Morash, Superfund Project Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the proposed Consent Decree for Olin Chemical Superfund Site. Ms. Morash provided the Town with the link to the announcement. She advised that under the agreement, American Billtrite Inc., NOR-AM Agro LLC, Olin Corporation and Stepan Company will address areas of soil, sediment and surface water contamination on and around the former Olin property and implement the interim cleanup plan for groundwater. In addition to the site cleanup costs outlined in the Consent Decree (\$48million), the four parties will also pay approximately \$400,000 for EPA's past response costs at the site as well as the agency's costs to oversee the cleanup. Ms. Morash stated that a copy of the Consent Decree and information on how to provide comments will be made available on the US Department of Justice's website.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a news release from United States Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the announcement of \$48 Million Settlement for Cleanup of the Olin Chemical Superfund Site.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his letter to Karen Levesque, Right of Way Manager, Verizon, regarding utility pole locations. He noted that the most recent request to locate a pole on Dunton Avenue was made after the pole was located. Verizon had indicated in the application that it was placed because it was an emergency however the pole remained. Making requests to locate poles provides the Town with advance notice to evaluate the site to consider impacts on site distance for motorists and to determine whether such relocation will adversely impact municipal infrastructure including water or sewer lines or drainage. Town Manager Hull advised that in the event of a true emergency necessitating immediate relocation of a utility pole, Verizon should contact the Engineering Division to provide notice of such relocation so that the planned new location can be evaluated. He stated that the members of the Select Board were extremely frustrated by the lack of attention to the appropriate protocol. He noted that the Town endeavors to maintain a positive and productive working relationship with Verizon, continued disregard for seeking approval from the Board in advance of pole relocations will not be viewed favorably and could impact the response to future requests.

Select Board Member Caira asked if the by-laws have been reviewed to determine whether the Town could fine businesses. Town Manager Hull stated that he did pose a question to Town Counsel regarding recourse but noted that he would have to review the by-laws.

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

Town Manager Hull reviewed recommendations from Police Chief Joseph Desmond who recommended approval and Health Director Shelly Newhouse who recommended disapproval. Ms. Newhouse advised that the applicant has not submitted necessary permitting information, nor have they been issued a Permit from the Health Department for 2023. Town Manager Hull advised that the Board could vote to issue the License contingent upon Mr. Hazimeh meeting the Board of Health's requirements or table until a future meeting.

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

VOTED: That the Select Board table action on this item until their meeting of June 12, 2023 to allow the applicant to comply with the Board of Health requirements.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF SELECT BOARD DESIGNEE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Town Manager Hull noted that, at the Board's meeting of May 8, 2023, Select Board Member West advised members that he had looked further into the role of the Economic Development Committee including speaking to chair Mike Champoux. Based upon the information he obtained, he expressed interest in serving as the Board's designee on the committee. 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 Select Board Member Frank West serve as the Select Board's designee to the Economic Development Committee.

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

A motion was made by Select Board Member West and seconded for discussion by Select Board Member Caira, that the Town reappoint Brooks & DeRensis as special counsel. Discussion took place regarding costs to transfer, benefit of Attorney Deutsch's institutional knowledge, the understanding at the time KP Law was hired that they would assume the environmental cases. Select Board Member Caira asked whether it would be possible to obtain affirmation that the Board would be provided 12 months advanced notice of his intention to retire to start the transition to KP Law. Select Board Member Caira suggested tabling a vote until the Board's June 12 meeting and, in the interim, contact Mr. Deutsch to ascertain his willingness to provide notice. If not 12 months, perhaps 6. Select Board Member West withdrew his motion and Select Board Member Caira withdrew his second.

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 Bendel opposed, it was

VOTED: That the Select Board table until their meeting of June 12, 2023.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JULIA BURKE, THEATER ON THE FENCE, TO USE SWAIN GREEN AND MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT FOR A YARD SALE FUNDRAISER ON SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2023 FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

Town Manager Hull advised that the timeframe requested includes setup and breakdown. 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 Julia Burke, Theater on the Fence, to use the Swain Green and Municipal Parking Lot for a fundraising yard sale on Saturday, July 8, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JULIE BLACKLEY, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT (RMLD), FOR RMLD TO HOST AN ELECTRIC CAR SHOW AT THE MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON MIDDLESEX AVENUE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.

Town Manager Hull advised that the request was also to place signs on the Town Common (two on Middlesex Avenue and two on Church Street) to promote their event. 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 Julie Blackley, Communications Manager, Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD), for RMLD to host an Electric Car Show at the Municipal Parking lot on Middlesex Avenue on Sunday, August 13, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and further to approval the placement of signs on Town Common promoting the event.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Select Board Member Bendel offered congratulations to the Class of 2023.

Select Board Member Bendel noted that a meeting will be held on May 31, 2023 regarding the MSBA project. He expressed his concern and encouraged members of the public to attend.

Select Board Member West noted that the Historical Commission will be having an event on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Harnden Tavern. The event is being held to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Town acquiring the property.

Select Board Member Caira stated that he will not be able to walk with the Board in the Memorial Day Parade but will meet them at the Veterans' Lot in Wildwood Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

Select Board Member Bendel asked the Chair, for a future meeting, to outline the process for the Town Manager's evaluation.

Select Board Member West noted that the Moth House appears to be undergoing construction work and asked for information. Town Manager Hull noted that Public Buildings Department is doing the work including replacing the wooden doors. He stated that inmates at the House of Correction will be painting the outside of the building.

Select Board Member West noted that the lines on Route 38 in the area between Clark Street and Route 62 are faded making it difficult to navigate the lanes.

Chair DePalma recalled there was discussion about doing away with the hatch lines at the intersection with Clark Street and noted Representative Robertson was involved. Town Manager Hull indicated that he believes the hatch marks have not been removed due to safety concerns.

Select Board Member West noted that June 14 is Flag Day and the Minutemen will be conducting their flag retirement ceremony at 6:30 p.m. at their headquarters behind the Harnden Tavern. He stated that members of the Select Board and the public are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- May 24 – Senior Center Building Committee – Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- May 27 – Decoration of Graves – Wildwood Cemetery – 8:00 a.m.
Decoration of Parks, Squares and Monuments
- May 28 – Rededication of Parks, Squares and Monuments
Memorial Shrine at St. Thomas of Villanova – 1:00 p.m.
Veterans' Monument at Town Common – 1:15 p.m.
- May 29 – Memorial Day Parade – 10:00 a.m.
Memorial Day Ceremony – Wildwood Cemetery – Veterans' Lot – 11:00 a.m.
- May 31 – Wilmington High School – 159 Church Street – Room 1-062 – 6:00 p.m.
Joint Meeting with School Committee, Select Board, Wildwood School Building Committee and Finance Committee, re: Wildwood School MSBA Project
- June 1 – Shawsheen Tech Graduation
- June 4 – Wilmington High School Graduation
- June 3 – Fishing Derby – Town Beach at Silver Lake – 8:00 a.m.
- June 7 – Town Hall / School Administration Building Committee
Town Hall – Room 9 – 6:00 p.m.
- June 10 – Town-Wide Yard Sale – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- June 11 – Farmers Market – Town Common Parking Lot – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- June 11 – Harnden Tavern – 50th Anniversary Celebration – 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- June 12 – Select Board – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE

Select Board Member Bendel recognized the service of Thomas J. Pazyra. Mr. Pazyra served in the United States Army from October 1954 and was Honorably discharged in September 1957. Most of his service was overseas as a combat photographer during the Korean War where he earned the Good Conduct Medal.

After his service, he married his wife, Carole, with whom he shared over 60 years of marriage before her passing in 2022. Tom and Carole lived in Wilmington for more than 45 years where they raised their two children, Tom and Kelli.

Mr. Pazyra is a staple at the Fun on the Fourth celebration, and a recipient of The Good Guy award. Tom was a 35-year volunteer at WCTV and was instrumental in setting up the new studio on Waltham Street. Always a proud veteran, Mr. Pazyra was always in attendance at Veterans' Services' events and has done an excellent job preserving the Department's history through his videotaping of our events.

The Select Board and citizens of Wilmington salute Thomas J. Pazyra and thank him for his 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 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/ Recording Secretary

