

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

June 28, 2021

Chairman Lilia Maselli called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. This meeting was held in Room 9 of the Town Hall. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategies with respect to litigation involving multi-district litigation against manufacturers and distributors of opioids in accordance with MGL Chapter 21(A) 3 as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's position.

Chairman Maselli reconvened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira and Gary B. DePalma. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Maselli asked meeting participants to rise and she led the pledge of allegiance.

TREASURY WARRANTS

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 51, 51A, 52 & 52A.

CHRISTINA STEWART, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, RE: WILMINGTON MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Chairman Maselli welcomed Ms. Stewart to the Board of Selectmen meeting. Ms. Stewart began by providing information on the history of the Wilmington Memorial Library. She stated that the first library began in a room behind the old Town Hall which is now the Wilmington Arts Center (sic). In 1890 the library moved to the Center Schoolhouse which is now the Fourth of July Headquarters and where it remained for almost 80 years. In the early 60s, with the growth of Wilmington, they began to look at expanding the library. The Town purchased the land on Middlesex Avenue that was once owned by the Archdiocese of Boston. Memorial Day 1969 a new library was dedicated and changed its name from "Public" to "Memorial" and was dedicated in memory of the four servicemen from Wilmington who were killed in Vietnam (sic).

Ms. Stewart advised that in 1998 a Space Needs Study was conducted, as Wilmington was growing. She stated that there was a proposal to build a new library on the Swain Green and in 2005 that proposal was defeated. In response, the Town began making improvements at the library. Recently, funds from the Barbara Johnson Trust Fund were used to renovate the stairwell, adding a small meeting room. The Peggy Kane Reading Garden was created outside. Ms. Stewart remarked that a lot of service changes have occurred with the advent of technology. She commented that many people thought that the Internet would put libraries out of business but Wilmington Memorial Library has used technology to enhance its services. She elaborated that during COVID patrons were able to use digital services, download books, music, audio and many programs were conducted via Zoom. Ms. Stewart stated that the library strives to offer new services to meet community needs. The experience with patrons is no longer transactional, it is a transformational experience through programs and community connections. Many of the programs bring people together including the Town-wide yard sale, program to pick-up litter, the tree seedling give away and the revive civility program. Ms. Stewart stated that the library staff looks at ways to engage the community and for the community to get to know Wilmington better.

Ms. Stewart stated that the celebration of the library's 150th anniversary began with a rededication of the library over the Memorial Day Weekend stating that they were more inclusive in dedicating the library to all residents who have given their lives in service to our country over the last 150 years.

In addition, 150 yard signs with the anniversary logo were given out and they have integrated the 150th anniversary celebration in to the summer reading program. The first 150 children who sign up will receive a commemorative hat. Adults who sign up will get a cap after reading one book. In addition, there is a coloring contest using the 150th logo and a community reads program featuring The Great Gatsby. Ms. Stewart noted that historical photos of the library are on the website and the Friends of the Library are conducting the annual membership drive. As an incentive, everyone who joins, or renews their membership, by June 30 will be entered into a drawing for \$150 in gift certificates. The annual Summer Bash is scheduled for August 13 and the Friends of the Library are giving out 150 packages of sugar cookies.

Ms. Stewart acknowledged the efforts of library staff, trustees, Friends of the Library and the patrons of Wilmington Memorial Library.

Chairman Maselli thanked Ms. Stewart for her continued commitment. She noted that her children participated in library programs and commented that it made it easier to encourage them to read. Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board.

Selectman Bendel thanked Ms. Stewart and commented that library activities take place outside the walls of the physical library and noted the programs held at the Swain Green, attendance at the Farmers Market and programs at Yentile Farm Recreational Facility. Selectman Bendel stated that the program he enjoys most is the Welcome to Wilmington Reception.

Selectman DePalma opined that it appears people are getting away from the library as you don't hear too much about them but stated that is not the case in Wilmington and the community should be proud of the work of the director and staff who encourage residents to attend the library and show the importance of the library.

Selectman Caira stated that he enjoyed the rededication ceremony and stated that he also enjoys the after-hours events.

Town Manager Hull commented that an amazing element is that the director creates an environment for staff to test out different programs. He stated that the library, and the way people use the library, has evolved.

Ms. Stewart expressed her appreciation at having the support of the administration.

VALERIE GINGRICH, PLANNING & CONSERVATION DIRECTOR, RE: OPEN SPACE & RECREATION PLAN

Ms. Gingrich thanked the Board of Selectmen and introduced herself for those who may not know her. Ms. Gingrich was present before the Board to discuss the Open Space and Recreation Plan that was recently completed by the Open Space Committee.

Ms. Gingrich reported that, since 2015, there is a long list of accomplishments. A complete list is in the plan but she highlighted some of the projects which included the construction of the Yentile Farm Recreational Facility, update of the Land Stewardship Handbook, uploaded maps of trails to the website that can be downloaded, added a small playground at the Murray Hill development, constructed the Wilmington Dog Park and the completion of Eagle Scout projects including one which is a boardwalk that connected trails without the hiker having to walk through wetlands.

Ms. Gingrich stated that a committee was formed in 2019 to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan. Part of the process was to review the 2015 plan, looking at the goals, objectives and action items to see if they needed to be updated, whether they were still appropriate or whether changes needed to be made. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Committee reached out to the community by issuing an on-line community survey. The survey asked questions such as what types of open space respondents used, what they viewed as most valued and what they were most familiar with and to get general feedback from the community to see if the goals have shifted. Ms. Gingrich reported there were 478 responses to the survey and the trails were the number one focus, which is similar to the response in 2015. Ms. Gingrich stated that trails are what residents use most in other communities and that which they are least familiar with in Wilmington.

Ms. Gingrich stated that one comment received was the need for a dog park. This comment was interpreted by the Committee that residents are not aware Wilmington has a dog park. An overall theme of making residents aware of what is out there, what exists and not just creating new things. Using this information, over the fall of 2019 and start of 2020, the Open Space Committee held a number of public meetings to review the goals, fine-tune the previous goals, the objectives and action items.

Ms. Gingrich highlighted the need to increase visibility and awareness of trails and to create trail connections that link large sections of trail. She explained the desire of the Open Space Committee to coordinate with the Middlesex Canal Commission on a grant application to construct a bridge over the Maple Meadow Brook Aqueduct at Town Park. Other objectives include increasing awareness of the full range of open space amenities and focus on high quality maintenance of existing open spaces. Ms. Gingrich stated that the Open Space Committee would like to look at more frequent, more localized clean-up days based in neighborhoods rather than a Town-wide annual clean-up day. Residents are vested in their neighborhood and want to clean up and see progress in their woods and trails. Additional objectives are to improve accessibility of exiting open spaces, provide education of flora and fauna, acquire additional open space through donation, private development or other means, identify certified vernal pools and location of potential vernal pools and complete a Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) plan. Ms. Gingrich advised that the Commission on Disabilities conducted an assessment on the Town's open space and provided recommendations for improvements.

Ms. Gingrich stated that most of the work of the Open Space Committee was completed during the early part of 2020 then, due to the pandemic, all work paused. When the Committee reconvened in the fall of 2020, the information was provided to the public for comment in the form of another survey.

Staff of the Planning and Conservation Department reviewed the planning text of the document, updated, corrected and added to the inventory of open space and earlier this month, provided a fully revised document to the Committee. The Open Space Committee met and finalized a draft which is on their webpage. Residents are asked to submit feedback by July 19. The final plan will be submitted to the state's Division of Conservation Services for review and approval. Ms. Gingrich noted that an approved plan makes the Town eligible for grants. Ms. Gingrich acknowledged the efforts of former Conservation Agent Ryan Hale and former Assistant Planner Sierra Pelletier.

Chairman Maselli asked what the timeline is to receive approval once the plan is submitted. Ms. Gingrich advised that it may take time because things are not usual. Typically the plans are reviewed in great detail and it is possible that the Department of Conservation Services will ask the Town to add or clarify aspects of the plan. Ms. Gingrich is hopeful that it will be approved in one to two months.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were questions or comments from the Board. Selectman Caira thanked Ms. Gingrich for the informative presentation. He stated that he likes the idea of a clean-up day in the neighborhoods. He noted that the old Garden of Eden land was donated to the Town for trails. Ms. Gingrich stated that Mr. Langone is finishing the development and once he is almost complete the Town will look at the trails. Ms. Gingrich described how three subdivisions will be linked by trails with signage.

Selectman Bendel agreed with the neighborhood clean-up and the need for signage on the trails.

Chairman Maselli asked whether the use of QR codes was considered. Ms. Gingrich confirmed stating that they would like to provide as much information as possible within a small area.

Town Manager Hull extended his appreciation to Ms. Gingrich and the Open Space Committee.

**COLEEN O'BRIEN, GENERAL MANAGER, READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT
DEPARTMENT, RE: ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS**

Ms. O'Brien was present to provide additional information to the Board of Selectmen regarding the EV Charging grant that Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD) submitted to the MASSEVIP program. Ms. O'Brien stated that the RMLD is committed to building infrastructure to support non-carbon goals including gas vehicle transition goals by the state. She noted that the RMLD Board of Commissioners has approved investing in one charging station for each town. She advised that rebates have been offered to residential network enabled chargers with customers agreeing to a Time of Use to promote off-peak charging and mitigate transformer overload.

Ms. O'Brien advised that RMLD, in conjunction with George Hooper, Superintendent of Public Buildings, sought potential EV charging locations, meeting state criteria for visibility, community accessibility, etc. Approval was obtained from the Town on March 18 to submit grant applications for Level II and III EV chargers at Yentile Farm Recreational Facility (Yentile) and Wilmington Town Hall. The state, under MASSEVIP, awarded Level II grant monies for Yentile and Town Hall. Subsequent investigation of the Yentile location and its potential parking lot design review, has resulted in RMLD asking the Town to consider an alternative location of Wilmington Memorial Library.

Ms. O'Brien advised that RMLD is responsible for all make-ready work and that the charging stations will be accessible through an EV network APP for location and payment. She reported that prior to July 3rd, RMLD intends to respond to the state that RMLD accepts grant funding for Wilmington Town Hall location as a pole mounted dual charger and rejects funding for the Yentile location and offers an alternative location at the Wilmington Memorial Library.

Ms. O'Brien showed, through a PowerPoint slide, what the unit would look like. She advised that a pole mount facilitates future relocation for any potential Town Hall design/renovation. In addition, RMLD will repair a section of the asphalt and re-line spaces to comply with the required grant accessibility. The charging station system requires a total of 24 feet. Three foot hatching, 8 foot parking space, 5 foot hatch and 8 foot parking space.

Ms. O'Brien concluded her report by advising that the RMLD will provide final designs to the Superintendent of Public Buildings as part of the RMLD EV Charging Grant Project Team; RMLD will notify the state to retract the existing Level III applications for the Town Hall and Yentile and asks that the Superintendent of Public Buildings continue to work with the RMLD to provide a list of potential EV locations for future installations.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board. Selectman DePalma asked whether the train station on Main Street was considered. Ms. O'Brien deferred to Mr. Hooper stating her understanding that the land is owned by the MBTA. Mr. Hooper confirmed that both train stations were considered. Selectman DePalma followed up by stating that there are ten spots reserved. Mr. Hooper stated that the spots are reserved, with a time limit, for patrons of local businesses. Ms. O'Brien emphasized that the land must be Town owned to be eligible for the grant.

Selectman Caira asked whether the Swain School parking lot, near the Fourth of July building, was considered. Mr. Hooper reviewed the different locations that were considered. He noted that relative to proximity to power, the library location was easier to configure. Ms. O'Brien noted that the grant for Level II charging stations are not limited, she advised that the grant is available until funds run out and if there is another location the engineering team can review the feasibility of locating a charging station and whether applying for a grant is appropriate.

Selectman Caira asked about the types of charging stations, he stated it is his understanding that one charges faster and that the Town will receive the slower charging station. He expressed concern that the parking space will be occupied for a longer period of time while the vehicle charges. Ms. O'Brien explained the difference and noted that 3 phase voltage are expensive to construct and not many vehicles have level III charging capability. She stated that RMLD is encouraging ownership as it is less expensive. The charging stations should be likened to topping off your vehicle.

Selectman Caira asked if RMLD would install lighting if there was not adequate lighting in the area and Ms. O'Brien acknowledged that she did not evaluate the existing lighting and advised that a light fixture could be installed on the pole if warranted and requested by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Bendel opined that installing the chargers is a great idea but reminded residents that there will be a cost. Ms. O'Brien commented about costs assessed to users of chargers located at RMLD and stated she reviewed the maintenance and software costs which is a pass through to users. She offered to keep the Board of Selectmen apprised as to the use and rate. The costs charged by RMLD equates to approximately \$1.80 per gallon.

Selectman Bendel commented about the need for an APP and Ms. O'Brien confirmed and noted the APP is free and the user is billed from the meter.

Selectman Bendel asked if the Board would be notified when the grant runs out. Ms. O'Brien advised that the funding is a result of the Volkswagen settlement and it is her understanding the grant will exist until the money runs out. She will be speaking with the state and can confirm the information but she suggested that the Board review other locations for RMLD to investigate and submit grant request.

Selectman DePalma commented that a family member drove to North Carolina in a Tesla and the APP provided information for Tesla charging stations as well as other charging stations. He stated that the rates varied among locations. Selectman DePalma asked whether the charging locations would be included on an APP.

Ms. O'Brien advised that when the time for installation comes closer, she is willing to meet with the Board to discuss parking logistics and the APP. She advised that RMLD will produce a procedure internally, as well as distribute flyers and run ads in the paper to inform residents on its operation.

Town Manager Hull asked if there would be an opportunity to locate charging stations on private property such as Market Basket. Ms. O'Brien stated that she was hesitant because of a system called Volta that is in Boston and she was hoping it would make its way to the suburbs. She explained that the business model for Volta is to go into strip malls where patrons are in-and-out in a short period of time. The unit is a flip sign which advertises local businesses and changes every eight seconds. The businesses have paid to advertise so the patron charges their vehicle free of cost. Ms. O'Brien stated that she was hoping the company would target stores such as Walmart and Market Basket. She advised that installing charging stations on private property requires different easements. She offered to help facilitate businesses to get charging stations.

Ms. O'Brien requested permission for RMLD to move forward with the Level II grant request for charging stations to be located at Wilmington Town Hall and Memorial Library.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen authorize Reading Municipal Light Department to respond to the state and accept the MASSEVIP award for a charging station to be located at Wilmington Town Hall, decline the award for a charging station to be located at Yentile Farm Recreational Facility but request an alternate location of Wilmington Memorial Library located on Middlesex Avenue and further to retract the existing Level III applications.

COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Robert G. Peterson, Jr., Chairman, By-Law Review Committee, who wrote to provide an update of the activities of the By-law Review Committee. Mr. Peterson informed the Board that General Code has completed their Editorial and Legal Analysis of the existing by-laws and have returned their report to the Committee for its consideration. The task is daunting but General Code's analysis makes the work of the Committee understandable and clear. Because of the importance of the by-laws to the Town, the Committee believes it would be beneficial to have the Board of Selectmen aware from the very beginning of the work ahead and to provide an opportunity to weigh in on the methodology that will be used before it begins the process of addressing the issues before them. The Committee invited the Board of Selectmen to attend the By-law Review Committee meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. The Committee plans to meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of July and August at 4:30 p.m.

Selectman DePalma stated that there are 364 corrections suggested, noting that many are spelling and grammatical and some need to be reviewed in-depth. He provided the example of the word by-law being spelled different ways.

Selectman Caira stated that he appreciates the invitation but noted that he does not get home from work until after 5:00 p.m. Town Manager Hull suggested that the draft document be shared with the Board of Selectmen for their review and they can offer comment to the By-law Review Committee.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a memorandum from Christine Touma-Conway, Town Clerk, who provided insight on how to address the vacancy on the Board of Selectmen created by the resignation of Jomarie O'Mahony. Ms. Touma-Conway provided the verbiage from Section 3 of the Town Manager Act and that by her calculation, the earliest day a Special Election could be held

would be August 18, 2021 and the latest date could be September 12, 2021. Town Counsel advised that, despite the word “shall” in Section 3, case law has determined that such language does not mandate that the Board order a special election to fill the vacancy and the 65-90 day period outlined may be treated as directory and not mandatory.

Ms. Touma-Conway’s memorandum provided information regarding the provision of the Town Charter that addresses the process of calling a special election and the timeline of when nominations papers may be taken out, when they must be submitted, last day to file objections/withdrawals, last day to register to vote, pre-election campaign finance reports due, last day to post warrant, date of special election and post-election campaign finance reports due. She advised that she has been in contact with the School Department regarding the timing of this election. School staff of the Wildwood School and Boutwell School are due back on August 30 and have workshops scheduled that day and August 31. Parent orientation is scheduled for September 1. Ms. Touma-Conway respectfully asked that the Board schedule the Special Election for Thursday, September 2, 2021. This date would enable the Town Clerk’s office to avoid previously scheduled vacation time, the Labor Day weekend, the opening of the Wildwood and Boutwell Schools to the students and avoid having the election on a Saturday, incurring overtime costs for staff of multiple departments. Ms. Touma-Conway also asked that the Board consider a shorter election day and she provided her reasons for the request.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. He noted that the Town of Wilmington is due to receive \$7,007,871 in funds from the federal American Recovery Plan Act. The portion of the program directed to municipalities is referred to as the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. Communities are currently able to seek 50% of their portion of the entitlement or non-entitlement funds by or before June 30, 2021. Applications for 50% of Wilmington’s non-entitlement portion has been submitted. The Town can submit an application for the balance of the funds in twelve months. Town Manager Hull stated that discussions are ongoing to develop a plan of use of these monies including upgrades to the water and stormwater management infrastructure and Health Department related support in the event of a COVID resurgence.

BOARD TO CONSIDER CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION OF JOMARIE F. O’MAHONY FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE APRIL 29, 2023

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma to conduct the Special Town Election on Thursday, September 2, 2021. The motion was seconded by Selectman Bendel for the purpose of discussion. Selectmen Bendel stated that he wanted to discuss the start and end times. He stated that the Board should acknowledge that the voters work and many may already be at work at 8:00 a.m. therefor he is amenable to changing the start time to 7:00 a.m. He stated that he does not want to close the polls earlier because the residents need time to get home from work and many have other commitments after work. He stated he is open to discussion to have the polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Selectman Caira opined that polling hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and they ought to remain. He stated that voters, including himself, may have to work late. He noted that he leaves for work at 7:00 a.m. and, on Thursdays, must work until 7:00 p.m. He believes there ought to be some convenience to the voters. Selectman DePalma agreed that there should be consistency. Chairman Maselli asked for a motion to call a Special Town Election on Thursday, September 2, 2021, polling hours to be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen call a Special Town Election on Thursday, September 2, 2021, polling hours to be 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

BOARD TO CONSIDER ISSUING AUTOMATIC EXTENSIONS TO LICENSEES LICENSED FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION AND GRANTED APPROVAL FOR OUTDOOR TABLE SERVICE UNTIL APRIL 1, 2022

Town Manager Hull noted that when the Governor first declared a state of emergency, and thereafter, there were a series of executive orders issued. One order allowed for restaurants that have alcohol licenses to serve alcohol in outdoor seating areas. In September 2020, the Board authorized the continuance of the outdoor seating until 60 days following the expiration of the State of Emergency. Town Manager Hull advised the Board of Selectmen that the legislature recently enacted, and the Governor signed, authorization to continue until April 1, 2022.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen automatically extend licensees licensed for on-premises consumption and granted approval for outdoor table service until April 1, 2022.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE REQUEST OF MARY WINSTANLEY O'CONNOR, ESQUIRE, ON BEHALF OF NILESH PATEL, NR WILMINGTON CORPORATION DBA WILMINGTON PLAZA WINE & SPIRIT, TO AMEND THE ALL ALCOHOL LICENSE TO ALLOW THE PLEDGE OF LICENSE

Town Manager Hull noted that the applicant was before the Selectman in April for a change in ownership. He advised that no action was taken by the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission (ABCC) as the inspector determined that a pledge of license is necessary because Mr. Patel is purchasing fifty percent interest from the other party using Rockland Bank as the financing agent. Town Manager Hull stated that the Board is being asked to authorize the pledge of license as collateral.

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Bendel, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the application to amend the All Alcohol License of Wilmington Corporation DBA Wilmington Plaza Wine & Spirit to allow the pledge of license.

Town Manager Hull noted that the Annual Town Meeting included a number of articles requesting that parcels of Town-owned land be deemed surplus to the Town's needs and authorized the Board of Selectmen to sell the parcels. Three were identified as surplus and subsequently Town Meeting authorized the land to be sold. Town Manager Hull advised that, if the Board of Selectmen votes to sell the property, Valerie Gingrich, Director of Planning & Conservation, will finalize bid documents that will be publicized in the newspaper and other locations. Individuals interested in purchasing the property must submit a sealed bid by a date certain. Bids will then be opened and the property awarded to the highest qualified bidder.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE SALE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND LOCATED ON LAKE STREET MAP 55, PARCEL 228A, AS VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 1, 2021

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the sale of Town-owned land located on Lake Street, Map 55, Parcel 228A.

A member of the audience who identified himself as Mark Reed inquired whether the National Grid project on Glen Road would be heard tonight. He stated that he is a construction worker and was advised the hearing was tonight. Town Manager Hull advised that the project was not being heard by the Board of Selectmen.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE SALE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND LOCATED ON WOBURN STREET MAP 46, PARCEL 134A, AS VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 1, 2021

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman Caira, seconded by Selectman Bendel and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the sale of Town-owned land located on Woburn Street, Map 46, Parcel 134A.

BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVING THE SALE OF TOWN-OWNED LAND LOCATED ON ALDRICH ROAD MAP 9, PARCEL 56, AS VOTED AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF MAY 1, 2021

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the sale of Town-owned land located on Aldrich Road, Map 9, Parcel 56.

BOARD TO CONSIDER SCHEDULING TRAINING BY TOWN COUNSEL

Town Manager Hull reminded the Board that Town Counsel will provide two training sessions per year and, at the Board's last meeting, he had suggested two topics. Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma and seconded by Selectman Caira. Selectman Bendel expressed his preference to not take action at this time. He explained that the Board of Selectmen will have a new member in the fall and it may be more prudent to select a topic to assist the new member. He stated that he would like to have input from the new member. Selectman DePalma and Selectman Caira withdrew the motion. It was the consensus of the Board to table further discussion until such time there is a full board.

BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JOYCE MULVANEY, COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, READING MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT, TO CONDUCT AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE CAR SHOW ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021, 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE WILMINGTON FARMERS MARKET AND FURTHER TO PLACE ADVERTISING LAWN SIGNS ON THE TOWN COMMON (TWO ON EACH SIDE) FROM AUGUST 2 THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2021

Chairman Maselli asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman Caira and by the affirmative vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Reading Municipal Light Department to conduct an Electric Vehicle Car Show on Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in conjunction with the Wilmington Farmers Market and to place advertising lawn signs on the Town Common (two on each side) from August 2 through August 15, 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Selectman Bendel advised members of the Board that the Senior Center Building Committee met on June 17 in Room 9. He stated that Deitz & Company, the architect selected by the Committee, gave an impressive PowerPoint presentation which consisted of preliminary options. All four of the proposed locations were discussed. Selectman Bendel reported that the Committee received great feedback from the public. He advised the presentation will be made available on the website. In addition, representatives from the Committee will travel to Ludlow, Massachusetts to visit their senior center. He noted that Deitz & Company was involved in its design. The next meeting date is to be determined.

Selectman Bendel recognized PFC Jonathan Murray (JT) who is home for three weeks. Selectman Bendel stated that PFC Murray serves in the US Army and is stationed in Kentucky. He was recently deployed in the Baltics, noting his responsibilities include working on, and flying, helicopters. Selectman Bendel expressed his gratitude for JT's service.

Selectman Caira wished his colleagues and residents a Happy Fourth of July.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

Through

- October 3 – Farmers Market – Swain Green – Sundays – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- July 7 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- July 7 – Concert on the Common – 6:30 p.m.
Ball in the House
- July 10 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- July 12 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.
- July 14 – Economic Development Committee – Town Hall – Auditorium – 6:00 p.m.
- July 14 – Concert on the Common – 6:30 p.m.
Jimmy & the Jesters
- July 21 – Concert on the Common – 6:30 p.m.
Back Track

- July 28 – Concert on the Common – 6:30 p.m.
Perfect Crime
- August 3 – National Night Out – Rotary Park
- August 4 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- August 7 – Purple Heart Day
- August 7 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- August 13 – Library Summer Bash – Swain Green – 5:30 p.m.
- August 16 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – Room 9 – 7:00 p.m.

SALUTE TO SERVICE



Selectman Bendel recognized Wilmington resident Paul Doyon, a US Air Force Veteran who served admirably for many years, earning the rank of E-7 Master Sergeant.

Some of the many awards that Paul has been awarded include: Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 8 Oak Leaf Clusters, Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon and NATO Medal.

Paul recently retired from the Air Force and works full time as a fire fighter in the city of Medford. Our entire community is grateful for his service and proud of his efforts. Among those who are most proud are his wife Kerri and his two daughters, Eva and Kinsley.

On behalf of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen and all the citizens of Wilmington, we salute Paul and thank him for his service to our country and our community.

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Recording Secretary