

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING

March 22, 2021

Chairman Jonathan R. Eaton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. This meeting was held via ZOOM. Present were Selectmen Gregory B. Bendel, Kevin A. Caira, Gary B. DePalma and Jomarie F. O'Mahony. Also present was Town Manager Jeffrey M. Hull.

Chairman Eaton thanked IT Director John O'Neil and WCTV for facilitating the meeting.

Chairman Eaton stated that pursuant to Governor Baker's COVID-19 Orders Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, General Law Chapter 30A, Section 18, imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, members of the public who wish to watch and listen to the meeting may do so in the following manner: WCTV (Channel 9 – Comcast xFinity; Channel 37 Verizon FiOS, and live stream wctv.org). This meeting of the Wilmington Board of Selectmen is being conducted via remote participation. **No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted**, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. Members of the public who would like to listen to this meeting while in progress may also do so via telephone by dialing 1-646-558-8656 and enter meeting ID: 832 2224 1465 then press # and press # again at the next voice prompt. Members of the public attending this meeting virtually will be allowed to make comments if they wish to do so, during the portion of the meeting designated for public comment, by following the steps previously noted then press \*9 on their telephone keypad. This will notify the meeting host that the caller wishes to speak. All callers using this feature will be placed in queue in the order they entered the prompt. In the event that, despite our best efforts, we are not able to provide for real-time access, we will post a record of this meeting on the Town's website as soon as we are able.

Chairman Eaton asked meeting participants to rise and he led the pledge of allegiance.

### TREASURY WARRANTS

Chairman Eaton asked for a motion to accept the Treasury Warrants. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen accept Treasury Warrants 37, 37A, 38 & 38B.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Town Manager Hull reviewed an email from Daniel Mueller, Community Liaison, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), who wrote to provide an update on the Fare Transformation initiative and changes being proposed in Wilmington. He advised that upgrades to the fare collection system will allow passengers to use a single card on all MBTA transit modes. Mr. Mueller advised that there will be three system-wide public meetings in late March where residents and city officials can learn more and provide input on the sales network. There is also an online survey in which riders can suggest new sales locations and give general feedback on their approach.

Town Manager Hull reviewed a letter from Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Revenue, where she advised that the amount of excess and deficiency for Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical High School as of July 1, 2020 is \$1,613,823.

Selectman Bendel advised the Board that, on Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Center Committee met and narrowed the number of proposals from architectural design firms to interview to four. He noted that OPM Dan Pallotta of P<sup>3</sup> was present at the meeting. The four firms are BH&A, Catlin Architecture, PC, Dietz & Company and Caolo & Bieniek. Interviews are being scheduled with the aim to interview to firms on March 31 and the other two on April 1.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his joint memorandum with Dr. Glenn Brand regarding an update on engagement with Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Dr. Brand and Town Manager Hull advised that on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> a Zoom session was conducted for purposes of updating on efforts to narrow the field of options to be considered for replacement or renovation of the six (6) elementary schools. Representatives were advised three separate Zoom sessions were conducted with the School Committee, the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen. The goal was confirmed of addressing the Wildwood Early Childhood Center in all options being considered if the Town is invited into the CORE program. MSBA representatives stated that they are completing their vetting of school district Statements of Interest (SOIs) and will be meeting with their internal team before making their recommendations to the MSBA Board of Directors meeting, preliminarily scheduled for April 14, 2021.

Town Manager Hull reviewed his memorandum regarding the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Date for Briefing on Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study. Alicia Fraser, DSc, Director, Environmental Epidemiology Program has invited Wilmington's legislative delegation, Health Director Shelly Newhouse, Board of Selectmen Chairman Jonathan Eaton and himself to participate in a virtual meeting to receive information about the findings from the Wilmington Childhood Cancer Study. Families of the children who were subjects of the cancer study will receive a private briefing. Chairman Eaton stated that the results of the study are expected to be released on Wednesday, March 24.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. Chairman Eaton advised that Selectman Bendel left the meeting to attend to a family emergency.

#### **BOARD TO CONSIDER EXECUTING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF WILMINGTON AND WILMINGTON POLICE SUPERVISORS ASSOCIATION**

The Board is being asked to authorize a three-year successor agreement with the Wilmington Police Supervisors Association (WPSA). The existing agreement expired on June 30, 2019. During negotiations for a successor agreement, the bargaining group which was established as the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 13 filed a petition with the State Labor Relations Commission to decertify. As a consequence, negotiations were placed on hold pending the process associated with decertification and ultimately establishment of the existing WPSA. Membership of this bargaining group is comprised of police lieutenants and police sergeants. Chairman Eaton reviewed changes being made to the existing agreement. Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen execute the agreement between the Town and Wilmington Police Supervisors Association.

#### **BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF CHRISTINE TOUMA-CONWAY, TOWN CLERK, TO APPOINT ELECTION WORKERS FOR 2021**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman O'Mahony, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen appoint the following individuals to serve as Election Workers for the year 2021:

Jawad Alhady	Christine Downey	Christine Murphy
David Anick	Deborah Dudley	Kim Mytych
Alfred Antinarelli	Pennilyn Dudley	Joanne Neale
Donald Armstrong	John Duhamel	Marjorie Pearson
Lynne Ayvazian	Carol Dwyer	Judith Perry
Susan Bakhtiari	Jennifer Erickson	Kimberly Peterson
Jennifer Begon	Carolyn Fenn	Gail Protopapas
Beth Bergman	Lisa Ferranti	Anna Rainone
Catherine Bimbo	Donna Flynn	Tyler Ressler
Barbara Bishop	Mary Ann Fogarty	Charles Robinson
Karin Bloom	Michelle Getchell	Clarice Ross
Jeanne Buck	Kathleen Gorvin	Michelle Rossman
James Buckley	Jeanne Grant	Alice Rourke
Christine Caggiano	Charlotte Grasso	Rosemary Russo
Ryen Cahill	Christine Hauray-Gilbert	Jacquelyn Santini
Elaine Calvo	Lori Hayes	Matthew Savage
Paul Chalifour	Jody Heffernan	Julia Sbraccia-Marios
Joanna Clayton	Lillian Hupper	Mary Schultz
Sandra Cosman	Meghan Jones	Sean Scott
Sarah Cosman	Ronald Judkins, Sr.	Joan Searfoss
Linda Costantino	Mary Kiesinger	Annette Shelley
Robert Costine	Carol King	Ellen Sullivan
Diana Couture	April Kingston	Robert Sweet
Marie Creeth	Nicholas Labello	Debra Thomas
Beverly Dalton	Janice LaCasse	Alicia Verno
Judith Dankese	Janice Lapham	Frank West
Alma D'Antonio	Rosalie McConologue	Karen West
Patricia Dennis	Cynthia McCue	Jayne Wierzbicki
Judith Lee Dickson	Patricia McKenna	Diana Wilson
Wendy Diecidue	Susan McNamara	Kristine Zuk
Dianna DiGregorio	Shawn Moran	

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF CHRISTINA A. STEWART, LIBRARY DIRECTOR,  
TO PLACE SIGNS ON THE TOWN COMMON IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIBRARY'S  
150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Christina Stewart, Library Director, to place signs on the Town Common from mid-June until the end of July in celebration of the Library's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF CHRISTINA A. STEWART, LIBRARY DIRECTOR, TO USE THE SWAIN GREEN ON THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. FOR A JAZZ CONCERT AND TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. FOR A CHARLESTON DANCE PROGRAM**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Christina Stewart, Library Director, to use the Swain Green on Thursday, June 24, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a Jazz Concert and on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a Charleston Dance Program.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF ANALOG DEVICES TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS OF THEIR FLAMMABLE LICENSE FROM 804 WOBURN STREET TO ONE ANALOG WAY**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. This request is administrative in nature. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Analog Devices to change the address of their flammable license from 804 Woburn Street to One Analog Way.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO CONDUCT A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021**

Town Manager Hull advised that it is expected that the parade will take place although at this time Governor Baker's orders do not allow for parades. He stated that recognizing the time necessary to plan the event it is appropriate to take action at this time. Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of Lou Cimaglia, Director, Department of Veterans' Services, to conduct a Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 31, 2021.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF TAXI CAB LICENSE FOR WILMINGTON TAXI**

The Board of Selectmen was advised that a recommendation of approval for the renewal of the Taxi Cab License and the Taxi Cab Operator's License was received from Police Chief Joseph Desmond. Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen renew the Taxi Cab License for Wilmington Taxi.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER RENEWAL OF TAXI CAB OPERATOR'S LICENSE FOR TIMOTHY J. FLYNN**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman O'Mahony, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen renew the Taxi Cab Operator's License for Timothy J. Flynn.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER REQUEST OF JOHN ROMANO, PRESIDENT, SONS OF ITALY, TO USE THE TOWN COMMON MUNICIPAL PARKING LOT ON SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021, 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF A BLOOD DRIVE**

The Board of Selectmen was advised that the Blood Drive scheduled for December 2020 had to be cancelled due to a mechanical issue with the bloodmobile. Mr. Romano is requesting to use the Fourth of July Building and parking lot to conduct the Blood Drive. Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman O'Mahony, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen approve the request of the Sons of Italy to use the Town Common municipal parking lot on Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of a blood drive.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER CALLING A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WITHIN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 AT THE SHRINERS AUDITORIUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF 1) RESCINDING THE TOWN'S ACCEPTANCE OF MGL, PART I, TITLE IV, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 58A, 2) ADOPT PART I, TITLE IV, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 58A OR 3) SET ASIDE THE PROVISIONS OF PART I, TITLE IV, CHAPTER 31, SECTION 58A TO AUTHORIZE WALTER A. VAREY TO HAVE 2020 AND ALL FUTURE TEST RESULTS FOR MASSACHUSETTS CIVIL SERVICE ENTRY EXAM BE ALLOWED FOR EMPLOYMENT**

Chairman Eaton advised that Mr. Varey submitted a petition to the Town Clerk's office on Thursday, March 18 with 281 signatures certified. He advised that he spoke to Mr. Hull and discussed the process that occurred in 2018. He advised that it is likely the process will be similar this year. Chairman Eaton advised that, in accordance with the By-laws, the Finance Committee will conduct a hearing to review the articles and provide an opportunity for the petitioner to discuss the intent of the articles.

Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. A motion was made by Selectman O'Mahony, seconded by Selectman DePalma and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen call a Special Town Meeting to be held within the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Shriners Auditorium for the purpose stated.

**BOARD TO CONSIDER FORMALLY OPENING THE WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR MAY 1, 2021 AND CLOSING THE WARRANT FOR PETITIONED ARTICLES AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021**

Chairman Eaton advised that in the event residents would like to submit petitions for the Special Town Meeting, it would require 100 certified signatures of registered voters in the Town of Wilmington. Chairman Eaton asked if there were any questions, comments or a motion. Selectman O'Mahony stated that she was willing to make a motion to open and close the warrant this evening for petitioned articles and stated she is unsure why it would need to remain open until Friday. Chairman Eaton provided Town Manager Hull the opportunity to respond. Town Manager Hull advised that he is not aware of a statutory requirement for the warrant to be held open for a specific period of time. He advised that in 2018 it was at the Board's discretion how long to keep the warrant open. He believes there was a sense that the Board wanted to provide a limited opportunity for residents to submit petition articles. Selectman Cairra stated that he would like the motion to be contingent on Town Manager Hull speaking with Town Counsel and confirm that the Board would not be in violation by closing the warrant this evening. In the event the warrant must be open for a specific period that the timeline be adjusted accordingly. Selectman O'Mahony opined that if there was a requirement that it should have been included in the memorandum provided to the Board of Selectmen. If another resident wishes to submit a petition, they can take the same action Mr. Varey took. Selectman O'Mahony stated that by leaving the Warrant open, it invites residents who missed the deadline for the Annual Town Meeting to submit articles. Chairman Eaton reviewed his understanding of the motion to be that the Board of Selectmen formally open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and close the warrant tonight provided that, if Town Counsel advises the Warrant must be open for a specific amount of time not satisfied by opening and closing tonight, the Warrant will remain open for the minimum amount of time required by statute and closes at that point. Selectman O'Mahony confirmed the motion and the motion was seconded by Selectman Cairra. Selectman DePalma stated that he is surprised the Town Manager was not more clear about the purpose of keeping it open until Friday if this has been done before. Chairman Eaton advised that the same method was handled in 2018, that the timing is relatively similar and in 2018 the Board of Selectmen held a special meeting to call and open the warrant.

Selectman O'Mahony requested that if there is a requirement, that Town Counsel cite the requirement and the information be provided to the Board of Selectmen.

With a motion having been made and seconded and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen formally open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting and close the warrant tonight provided that if Town Counsel advises that the warrant must be open for a specific amount of time not satisfied by it opening and closing tonight, that the warrant remain open for the minimum amount of time required by statute and closes at that point.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chairman Eaton asked if there were members of the public wishing to comment and was advised there were not. Chairman Eaton reminded viewers of the process to make public comment and advised that he would wait a moment in the event someone wishes to comment.

Chairman Eaton asked Mr. O'Neil whether there were any callers wishing to speak and after confirming no additional speakers he declared Public Comments closed and continued with the remainder of the agenda.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

### NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Town Manager Hull reviewed important dates including:

- March 23 – Ice Rink & Recreation Committee – Virtual – 7:00 p.m.
- March 31 – Architect Interviews for New Senior Center – Virtual – 6:00 p.m.
- April 1 – Architect Interviews for New Senior Center – Virtual – 6:00 p.m.
- April 3 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 5 – Last Day to Register to Vote at the Annual Town Election and Town Meeting Town Clerk's Office Open 8:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- April 7 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 10 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 12 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.
- April 14 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 17 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 19 – Town Offices Closed – *Patriot's Day*
- April 21 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- April 24 – Brush Drop-Off – Old Main Street – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- April 24 – Annual Town Election – Polls Open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- April 26 – Board of Selectmen – Town Hall – 7:00 p.m.
- May 1 – Annual Town Meeting – 9:00 a.m.  
Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road

Selectman Cairra inquired about dates for Brush Drop-Off.

### SALUTE TO SERVICE



Chairman Eaton recognized James J. Durkee, a resident of North Wilmington who served during World War II in the United States Army. Mr. Durkee served his country from April 12, 1946 to October 12, 1947.

Members of the Board of Selectmen wished residents a Happy Easter and Happy Passover.

A motion was made by Selectman DePalma, seconded by Selectman O'Mahony and by the affirmative roll call vote of all, it was

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary