

The February 10, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 5:02 p.m. by First Selectman Beth Heller via teleconference. Ms. Heller declared the following members present via roll call: First Selectman Beth Heller; Deputy First Selectman Mica Cardozo, Joseph J. Crisco, Jr.; Joseph S. Dey, III; Dwight C. Rowland; and Sandra T. Stein.

Present for staff: Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese; Town Counsel Gerald Weiner; Assistant Administrative Officer Betsy Yagla; Media Specialist Pua Ford; and Mrs. Shaw, Clerk.

Ms. Heller made the following statement: "In accordance with Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7 B Section 1, which suspends the open meeting requirements of in-person participation, audio and video of this Regular Meeting is being simultaneously televised live on WGATV Channel 79 and youtube@WGATV79, in order to allow the public to view and listen to our meeting."

The February 10, 2021 meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen may be viewed on YouTube here:

<https://youtu.be/1MkJYz9rR64>

ACTION TAKEN AT THE MEETING

BROWNIE TROOP 60865 SERVICE PROJECT

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Rowland) to approve the service project presented by Brownie Troop 60865: placing rocks painted with positive sayings along the Fitzgerald Trail where it runs along the fitness area.

POLICE NETWORK PROPOSAL – Shaun DeRosa, Frank Cappiello

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Cardozo – Stein) to move forward with the network proposal for the Police Department as presented by Shaun DeRosa.

REQUEST FOR NEW ORDINANCE BANNING SYNTHETIC MATERIALS IN WOODBRIDGE

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to refer to the Ordinance Committee the request from the Concerned Citizens of Woodbridge for a new ordinance banning synthetic materials in Woodbridge.

UPDATE – PROJECTS FOR BONDING

It was the **CONSENSUS** of the Board of Selectmen to add as the first item on the agenda for the February 23, 2021 Selectmen's meeting discussion and action on the projects consider for a bonding issue.

TAX REFUNDS

Pursuant to Section 12-124 thru 12-129 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Cardozo) to refund Personal Property Taxes in the amount of \$96.46 and Motor Vehicle Taxes in the amount of \$2,218.60 for a total of \$2,315.06.

FUNDING REQUESTS

The Board of Finance **VOTED** to refer the following funding requests to the Board of Finance:

2021-16 – Intradepartmental Transfer Amount: \$ 2,000.00

To: Police Technical (1219-00/55120)

From: Police Prof. Dev. – Conferences (1219-00-54619)

For: Cover the cost of replacing a broken printer in the Chief's office

(Heller – Cardozo) Unanimously Approved

2021-17 – Allocation Amount: \$ 9,915.00
To: Information Systems – Data Processing (1145-00/52210)
From: Board of Finance Contingency (1175-00/56800)
For: Funding for IT services related to improving cyber security resiliency
(Heller – Stein) Unanimously Approved

DISPATCH CENTER RENOVATION COSTS

No action was taken on this matter.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller - Rowland pursuant to the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, the Library Director and the vote of the Library Commission to offer the position of Library - Head of Circulation to Sarah Shepherd at an annual salary of \$40,950 effective February 16, 2021.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORTS

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Cardozo) to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk's Reports for the month ending January 31, 2021 and cumulative from July 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021.

MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Stein) to approve the minutes of January 13, 2021.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to appoint Police Chief Frank Cappiello representative to the Emergency Medical Services Regional Council for a term ending December 31, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:45 p.m. the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to move into executive session pursuant to:

- a. C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B), 1-210(b)(2) – Heart and Hypertension and to invite Atty. Charles Tiernan, Town Counsel Gerald Weiner, and Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese to attend.
- b. C.G.S. 1-200(6)(B) Discussion regarding the application to amend zoning regulations and the Plan of Conservation and Development and to invite Town Counsel Gerald Weiner and Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese to attend.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board of Selectmen moved out of executive session and returned to the regular meeting. Ms. Heller stated that no motions were made, or votes taken in executive session.

ACTION ON MATTERS HEARD IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Heart and Hypertension – The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Dwight) To authorize a Worker's Compensation settlement pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-433(C) as presented by Atty. Charles Tiernan in the amount of \$100,000 payable to Deputy Police Chief Raymond Stuart in equal installments of \$50,000 payable on July 1, 2021 and \$50,000 payable on July 1, 2022.

b. Discussion regarding zoning amendment application – It was the consensus of the Board of Selectmen to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen with an executive session at a date to be determined for further discussion of this matter.

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by First Selectman Heller, seconded by Mr. Cardozo, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk