

The May 12, 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; and Board Clerk Geraldine Shaw.

ACTION TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN

FIRST SELECTMAN'S REMARKS

Good evening and welcome to the May 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. I will now call this meeting to order. As permitted by Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7B, extended by Executive Order 9A, related to the COVID 19 Pandemic, this meeting is being held remotely with no in-person attendance.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who sought elected office in the recent municipal elections. Several folks are resigning, and we will have new and returning elected members on some of our Boards. Additionally, both nominating committees for each political party will be meeting to nominate new members to many of our appointed Boards and Commissions. Please join me in thanking the Registrars of Voters and our Town Clerks who have taken on the wonderful task of running primaries and our Town elections during the pandemic. During the first week in May, they ran the municipal election, the Amity Budget Referendum and a recount. All proceeded flawlessly.

Our Annual Town Meeting will be held virtually next **Monday**, May 17 at 7:30 pm. The link to join the WEBEX meeting is on the Town website. The meeting will also be broadcast live on Channel 79 and YouTube.

I want to publicly thank the Brownie Troop 60865 for painting and placing decorative rocks with affirming, happy messages around the walking path at the Fitzgerald Tract. If you recall they received our permission over the winter and just recently placed the rocks. They will spread a little joy and share positive messages with residents and I know we all thank them for it.

WOODBIDGE GARDENS FOR WILDLIFE

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to designate four (4) garden plots at the Community Gardens as Woodbridge Gardens for Wildlife Group projects and outdoor classrooms for Beecher Road School as outlined in the presentation by Ms. Prud'homme and Ms. van Tonder.

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANT ACT 2021 APPLICATIONS

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Stein) to accept the applications received for the 2021 Neighborhood Assistant Act program and to schedule a Public Hearing for June 9, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE CAPITAL PROJECTS

First Selectman Beth Heller **MOVED** and Mr. Joseph J. Crisco, Jr. **SECONDED** the following motion:

"I hereby move pursuant to Section 6-4 of the Charter of the Town of Woodbridge that the Board of Finance consider the following projects for presentation to a Special Town Meeting:

1 – WHEREAS, the old Firehouse is in need of renovations in order to be used as a Town Community Center and other related uses in the approximate amount of \$1,821,617 Dollars; and

2 – WHEREAS, upon written request from the Woodbridge Board of Education, certain sections of the Beecher Road School roof is in need of repairs in the approximate amount of \$573,500 Dollars; and

3 – WHEREAS, The Senior Center is in need of repairs and renovations in the approximate amount of \$455,339 Dollars; and

4 – WHEREAS, a Storage Facility is needed to be placed in the rear of the Town Firehouse in the approximate amount of \$628,950 Dollars; and

5 – WHEREAS, the clubhouse and several outbuildings at the former Country Club of Woodbridge are in of demolition in the approximate amount of \$766,43 Dollars; and

6 – WHEREAS, there is a need to install sidewalks and streetscapes improvements for safety from Amity High School to the Town Center in the amount of \$390,000 Dollars.”

VOTE: Aye – Ms. Heller, Mr. Cardozo, Mr. Crisco, Mr. Rowland, Ms. Stein
Nay – Mr. Dey

TAX REFUNDS

Pursuant to Section 12-124 – 129 of the Connecticut General Statutes and the recommendation of the Tax Collector, the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Cardozo) to refund taxes in the amount of \$9,908.95.

FUNDING REQUESTS

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

2021-24 – Intradepartmental transfer Amount: \$8,000

To: Parks – Groundskeeping Services (1520-00/53400)

From: Parks – Regular All Other (Wages) (1520-00/50240)

For: To pay contractor to assist with mowing due to a severe manpower shortage in the department.

(Heller – Stein) Unanimously approved

2021-25 – Interdepartmental transfer Amount: \$15,198.78

To: CNR – Non-Building Improvements (302-1100/57300/BIKE)

From: Revenue – Miscellaneous Grants (1-2-1100/42600)

For: Transfer Grant and Donation funds to Bike Route Capital Project.

(Cardozo – Stein) Unanimously approved

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SERVICE CREDIT – ASSIGN TO C-MED DESIGNATION

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to designation American Medical Response-MedCom as the recipient of the Town of Woodbridge telecommunications service credit for Coordinated Medical Emergency Director.

APPLICATIONS TO HOLD EVENTS ON TOWN PROPERTY

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED** to approve applications to hold events on Town property:

May 16/22 (rain date) – Decorating Flower Pots – Town Green (Rowland – Cardozo) Approved
June 21, 2021 - Make Music Day – Pease Place Playground (Heller – Stein) Approved
June 21, 2021 – Make Music Day – Fitzgerald Field (Heller – Stein) Approved
June 25, 2021 – Woodbridge Child Center Graduation – Gazebo on Town Green (Heller – Cardozo) Approved

TOWN CLERK’S REPORTS

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Rowland) to acknowledge receipt of the Town Clerk’s Reports for the month ending April 30, 2021 and cumulative from July 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021.

MINUTES

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED** to approve the following minutes:

April 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting – (Heller – Crisco) Approved
April 28, 2021 – Special Meeting – (Heller – Crisco) Approved

TOWN COUNSEL’S REPORT – Report on proposed ordinance

CONSENSUS – It was the Consensus of the Board of Selectmen to refer the matter of a proposed Ordinance re the installation of artificial turf in Woodbridge to the new elected Board of Selectmen after July 1, 2021.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:50 p.m. the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to move into executive session pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 1-200(6)(E); 1-210(b)(1) to receive information regarding health care renewal. Invited to attend: Consultant Brian Luciani; Administrative Officer/Director of Finance Anthony Genovese; and Town Counsel Gerald Weiner.

At 7:00 p.m. the Bord of Selectmen moved out of executive session and returned to the regular meeting. No motions were made or votes taken in executive session.

Action as appropriate – The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Heller – Crisco) to approve Health Care Renewals with Connecticut for medical, Anthem for retiree medical over age 65, Dental and Vision and Hartford Life.

ADJOURNMENT

On a non-debatable motion by Ms. Heller, seconded by Mr. Crisco, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk