

The September 1, 2021, Special Meeting of the Woodbridge Board of Selectmen was convened at 5:05 p.m. by First Selectman Beth Heller via WebEx.

The meeting may be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/J1HiP41IPZY>

Present: First Selectman Beth Heller, Deputy First Selectman Sheila McCreven, Joseph Crisco, Paul Kuriakose, Dr. David Lober, David Vogel.

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

Invited Guests from Arbor Haven Development: Harvey Shapiro, Partner; Alexander Korallus-Shapiro, Partner; Joseph Amico, Amida Capital Partners; and Kenneth Ginsberg, Realtor

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF RESIGNATION – JANET BARILLARI – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt Janet Barillari's resignation as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals and thanked her for her many years of service to the Town.

**ACCEPT AND CONSIDER NOMINEES TO FILL THE VACANCY ON THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

David Vogel nominated Lin Yang to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Heller.

The Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY** (Vogel – Heller) to appoint Lin Yang to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term ending June 30, 2025.

**ARBOR HAVEN DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Heller welcomed the Arbor Haven Development group to the meeting. She asked if the Board members had any questions for the developers.

Dr. Lober asked how the developers arrived at the education cost.

Mr. Amico said the cost was arrived at after discussions with the Woodbridge Superintendent Dr. Budd, Business Manager Richard Huott, and Mr. Genovese.

Dr. Lober stated that Beecher Road School is almost at capacity and may not be able to absorb a sudden influx of several students without hiring additional staff and possible expansion resulting in more costs.

Ms. McCreven asked about the material for the walking paths and if the roads would be private or Town owned.

Mr. Amico explained that the lots on Johnson and Ansonia Roads would be accessed by driveways each serving two or four homes. The interior roads would part of the private property of the development and maintained (snow, repair) by a homeowners' association. The walking/biking trails would be constructed of pervious materials and though public, maintained by the association. They would be constructed of a material that is not degraded by the elements or result in run-offs into the drainage system or lawns. The paths would be screened from the homes via plantings. Ms. McCreven requested a photo of the pathway

material and reminded the developers to consult with the Fire Department re width of roads and turning radii.

Mr. Vogel expressed his concern about storm-water runoff, the health and volume of a nearby waterway and was assured that all drainage in the development would be designed by civil engineers and may reduce the flow into the waterway.

The main road accesses will be from Woodfield near the present clubhouse and the cell tower.

Mr. Genovese clarified to the Developers that water and sewer services are part of a regional entity and billing is directly from the service provider to the customers - not through the Town.

Mr. Weiner explain that due to regulation changes – a zone change is not required – only a site plan review.

**ACTION AS APPROPRIATE**

The Board was not prepared to discuss next steps and agreed to continue discussion at the September 8, 2021, Regular Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a non-debatable motion by Mr. Crisco, seconded by Ms. McCreven, the meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geraldine S. Shaw, Clerk