

Board of Selectmen – January 11, 2010

Present: Searle, Babson, Dugan, Tsagaris (Mills was absent)

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Warrants approved: None.

Citizen speak: None.

Minutes approved: January 4, 2010

Business:

At 6:01 p.m., the Board was polled all “yes” to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and strategy regarding collective bargaining.

At 7:00 p.m. the Board began its regular meeting.

A. Executive Directors Update:

- The Board voted to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

B. Audit Committee:

- Brian Boyce, Chair of the Audit Committee introduced Sheryl Strother and the Powers and Sullivan staff. He gave an outline of the duties of the Audit Committee and briefly reviewed the Management Letter, Reports on the Retirement System and Federal Award Programs and the Consolidated Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Audit Committee has reappointed Powers and Sullivan for another three year term, FY10 – FY12.

C. Financial Update:

- Sheryl Strother and Terri Dugan, Financial Budget Analyst appeared before the Board and gave a status report on the FY11 budget.

D. Dunkin Donuts – 978 Worcester Street:

- The Board had asked Kien Ho, BETA Engineering to bring more information to the Board. He has coordinated with Mr. Donovan in addressing the queuing concerns at the site. He explained the additional data and queuing analysis and suggested several solutions to the queue storing area. He gave a summary of the data and observations collected and made various recommendations.

The Board asked Mr. Larsen to prepare a list of conditions to bring before the Board next week.

E. Firefighter Appointment:

- The Board voted to appoint Danielle Fitzpatrick to the position of Firefighter in the Wellesley Fire Department contingent upon successful completion of a pre-employment physical, a physical abilities test, the Massachusetts Firefighters Academy and an Emergency Medical Technician course.

F. Veterans' District Proposal:

- Christopher Ketchen briefed the Board on the proposed regionalization of veterans' services. We are in discussions with Needham regarding forming a veterans' district in which Wellesley will serve as the administration hub. The purpose is to provide veterans' services to the towns of Needham, Weston, Dover and Wellesley. He will come back to the Board with a preliminary plan in the coming weeks.

G. Town Meeting Warrant Discussion:

- Christopher Ketchen gave a preliminary review of the ATM Warrant articles. The Board will sign the Warrant on Tuesday, January 19th.

H. Old Business/New Business:

Wellesley High School – None

27 Washington Street – None

Senior Center – T. Tsagaris noted a meeting is to be held with the PBC on Thursday.

DCR Bridge – B. Searle reported the State is still working on permitting with Newton but expects construction to begin in April or May. We will be working with National Development to coordinate the design of the recreation space on Wellesley's side of the river. The pathway will be ADA compliant.

Fuller Brook Path – K. Babson noted the NRC is planning a public hearing on the open space/master plan for Tuesday, January 12.

Advisory Committee Update – None

New Business:

The NRC has submitted to Mass Historical Commission a request to put Fuller Brook Path on the National Register of Historic Places. The Mass Historical Commission has requested that the NRC provide a letter of support from the Board of Selectmen.

At 9:18 p.m., the Board was polled all "yes" to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential acquisition of real property.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 pm.