

Board of Selectmen – March 22, 2010
Present: Searle, Babson, Dugan, Tsagaris and Gibbs
Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved:
Citizen speak: None.
Minutes approved: None.
Business:

The Chairman made two announcements: Next week's Selectmen's meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 30th due to Passover and there will be two forums tomorrow for the proposed new senior center the first will be at 1:00 p.m. in the Wakelin Room in the Main Library and another at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall, Town Hall.

2. Executive Directors Update

The Executive Director announced that we have received notification from the Department of Veterans' Services at the State House regarding the approval for the combined Veterans' district with Weston, Needham and Dover. We will start advertising for the Veterans' Services Officer position shortly.

Old Business/New Business:

Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson showed slides of the progress on the high school job site. The building permit has been received and the steel deliveries have begun.

27 Washington Street – Mr. Larsen met with Mike Pakstis, DPW Director, Steve Fader, Town Engineer and the developer today to review plans on the roadwork and also discussed the details of the work on the pathways to the bridge.

3. Fire and Police Chiefs Storm Update

Deputy Police Chief Brooks, Fire Chief DeLorie and Deputy Fire Chief Peterson appeared before the Board to present an update on the recent rain storm.

Chief DeLorie described the Fire Departments efforts dealing with the 10 inches of rain from the storm. The Town couldn't rely on mutual aid from other neighboring towns as all communities were dealing with the same significant problems.

After the storm, Deputy Fire Chief Peterson drove representatives of MEMA, FEMA and the SBA around Town to give them an overview of the affected areas. The Chief has submitted to the federal government an initial damage assessment of \$103,342 for property damage, residential home damages, overtime and equipment rentals. Municipal governments may be eligible for up to 75% reimbursement for emergency expenses. The Governor will forward the data to FEMA which will request a disaster declaration from the President. There will be information regarding disaster financial assistance advertised on-line, on cable TV, newspapers and the general media.

The Chief commended the Police Department, the Firefighters, the Dispatchers and Town employees on their extraordinary efforts during the emergency.

Deputy Chief Brooks said the emergency call dispatch was working at capacity and the City Watch system was put in force to all homes. He described the areas which had the most flooding and that they contacted Smart Routes, Twitter and NIXLE to keep people updated on what roads were closed and open. He announced where residents can sign up for the NIXLE cell phone alerts. He also thanked all the personnel who contributed to the storm effort. The teamwork with all departments worked very well and professionally together.

6. Joint Meeting with Planning Board – Associate Member Appointment

Ms. Searle invited forward members of the Planning Board for a Joint Meeting. The meeting began at 7:24 p.m.

Move to elect Barbara Searle, Chair of the Board of Selectmen, to chair the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

Move to elect Donald McCauley, Chair of the Planning Board, as Secretary of the joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

Move to appoint Rose Mary Donahue as an Associate Member of the Planning Board for a term to expire on June 30, 2011.

Move to dissolve this joint meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

All motions were approved unanimously and the meeting dissolved at 7:27 p.m.

7. Bond Sale – Sign Notes

Mr. Waldman requested the Board to approve the March 15th \$35,000,000 bond sale and explained the adoption of the vote the Board would be signing.

Move to approve the motion presented by the Town Treasurer in his memorandum dated March 18, 2010 regarding the sale of General Obligation Bonds. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Grounded Power Demonstration

Mr. Ketchen gave a demonstration of the new Grounded Power displays which have been installed in the Town Hall, the Main Library and the Middle School. Grounded Power is a company working with the MLP to provide real time energy consumption data in various Town buildings. The attempt is to reach the Town Meeting's goal to reduce carbon emission at both the municipal and residential levels.. The overall goal is to reduce residential consumption by 10% and municipal consumption by 20%. Mr. Ketchen presented a real time graph of current usage by the Town Hall. The program is all web based and residents will be able to go on line and track the electric consumption.

Old Business/New Business continued

Senior Center – None

Advisory Committee Update – None

DCR Bridge – None

Fuller Brook Path – Ms. Babson noted that the purpose of her demonstration is to request support of the Board for the request of the CPC for \$250,000 for Phase I of the Fuller Brook Park Master Plan. She gave a brief history of the path and showed slides of the park's history. She highlighted the project elements for Phase I and noted the public could access the Master Plan on the Town Website/NRC.

The CPC will be making its motion at ATM and she asked and received the Board's support.

At 8:26 p.m., the Board was polled all "yes" to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing acquisition of real property and personnel contract issues.