

Board of Selectmen – April 13, 2009

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Tsagaris (Babson arrived during the discussion of item C. and departed at the start of the Executive Session)

Also present: Larsen, Robinson, Connolly

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes: Approved minutes of meetings on March 17, 27 and 30, and April 6 and 7.

Business:

A. Executive Directors Update:

- Authorized acceptance of the following gifts to the Council on Aging:
  - \$24.00 from Barbara L. Jordan (in appreciation of assistance she received from the AARP tax volunteer)
  - \$50.00 from Frederic D. Garmon (general donation)
  - \$100.00 from Claire D. Wilson (in appreciation of the German class taught by volunteer instructor, Gerda Plouffe)
- Mr. Larsen noted that, consistent with Town Bylaws regarding disposition of assets, a viewing of the Seaver Street residences was held for other Town departments on Friday, April 10, 2009. Also, the Housing Development Corporation has previously considered using the structure at 57 Seaver for affordable housing purposes, and concluded this would not be cost effective.
- Mr. Larsen noted the various benchmarking initiatives being undertaken by the Metrowest Managers group to which he belongs.
- Mr. Connolly reviewed the status of the implementation of the Traffic Loop.
- Mr. Connolly reviewed the status of the GOV QA implementation.
- Mr. Connolly noted all of the new CALE parking machines are fully operational.
- Mr. Larsen briefly reviewed the Selectmen's calendar for the balance of the fiscal year.

B. Traffic Matters: Mr. Larsen reviewed the circumstances leading to the Board's request to develop a traffic calming policy. He noted the draft traffic calming policy recently developed in Lexington and the results of his discussions with Chief Cunningham and Mike Pakstis, DPW Director. He further noted the steps being taken to better understand the Lexington model. The Board discussed the need to develop a similar policy in Wellesley and Mr. Mills agreed to take the lead on this task going forward.

- C. Budget Allocation Methodology: Mr. Larsen reviewed the results of his survey of other communities regarding how they allocate budgeted funds across the various Town departments. He noted that a minority of communities including Wellesley have an informal approach to such allocations, whereas the majority of communities use a more formal allocation methodology. He briefly described the workings of a typical allocation methodology, some of the variations to this approach and the pros and cons. He suggested that consideration be given to adopting use of such a methodology in Wellesley, and further noted that this would also be a logical time to reassess whether to allocate health insurance costs to individual departments. The Board agreed to give further consideration to these matters as part of their efforts to support the FY11 Workgroup.
- D. Executive Session to discuss strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel: Reviewed draft goals & objectives for Chief DeLorie, as prepared by Ms. Searle in collaboration with Susan Hurwitz and Susan Adler, representing Human Resources. The Board agreed that Ms. Searle should review this document with Chief DeLorie.

Adjourned at 9:00.