

Board of Selectmen – November 10, 2009

Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson, Connolly

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

Warrants approved: None.

Minutes approved: November 2, 2009.

Citizen Speak: None

Business:

A. Executive Director's Update

- Mr. Larsen announced that the Town would hold a Veterans Day observance on Wednesday, November 11, 2009.
- Mr. Larsen presented a slate of appointees for election workers. The Board voted to appoint Election Officers for terms to expire on June 30, 2010 in accordance with the Memorandum submitted to the Board of Selectmen by Town Clerk Kathleen F. Nagle on September 22, 2009.
- Mr. Larsen reported the recommendation of Deputy Chief William Brooks regarding the appointment of a Special Police Officer. The Board voted to appoint Patrick Irr as a Special Police Officer for a term to expire June 30, 2010.
- Mr. Larsen gave the Selectmen an update regarding the construction site located on Kimlo Road.

B. Municipal Light Plant – Streetlight Energy Conservation

- Mr. Jack Stuart, chair of the Municipal Light Board, came forward to make a presentation on streetlight efficiency and energy conservation. He was joined by Dick Joyce, Debra Healy and Don Newell from the Municipal Light Plant.
- In his presentation Mr. Stuart discussed the efforts being made by MLP to improve the efficiency of the Streetlight program, pointing out that, while Wellesley has more streetlights than comparable cities and towns, kilowatt-hour costs are approximately one-third less than that of those communities.
- Mr. Stuart shared with the Board progress on the lighting retro-fit program currently underway.

C. Glen Grove – Release of Right of First Refusal

- Mr. John Shuler came forward representing the Wellesley Housing Authority.
- Ms. Babson recused herself from the discussion due to a potential conflict.
- Mr. Larsen summarized the current status of the sale of the affordable housing property at Glen Grove by Equity Residential to Rhode Island Homes.
- Mr. Larsen and Mr. Shuler discussed the conditions under which the Town would release its right of first refusal on the sale of the property. The Town is seeking assurances from the buyer that the property will remain affordable housing for the elderly. To that end, there is an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant

authorizing the Selectmen to release the Town's right of first refusal, the draft motion language for which was read and potential modifications discussed.

D. Special Town Meeting – Review Motion Language

- Mr. Ketchen briefed the Board on the current language of motions being brought before the Special Town Meeting on Monday, November 16, 2009. He received and made edits on the various motions.
- Mr. Ketchen indicated that motions would be mailed to Town Meeting Members on Thursday.

Old Business/New Business:

- Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson reported that the two houses located on Seaver Street had been demolished and that the foundation has been started. Pile driving would begin shortly and parking concerns along Washington Street were to be addressed in the near future.
- 27 Washington Street – None.
- Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the Town Development Review Team (TDRT) for the Senior Center project would meet to discuss parking on Friday.
- DCR Bridge – None.
- Advisory Committee Update – None.

At 8:38 pm the Board was polled all “yes” to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.