

**Monday, January 7, 2008**

**This regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen** was held this evening in the Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall. In attendance were: Owen H. Dugan, Chair, Gregory B. Mills, Vice Chair, Katherine L. Babson, Jr., Secretary and David J. Himmelberger. Also in attendance were Hans Larsen, Executive Director, Terrance J. Connolly, Deputy Director and Albert S. Robinson, Town Counsel. Harriet S. Warshaw arrived at 7:10. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**The following Warrants were executed: #26 in the amount of \$3,121,069.50, #27 in the amount of \$33,264,263.25 and #28 in the amount of \$3,931,455.41.**

**At 7:00 p.m. the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining and potential litigation.**

**1. Citizen Speak**

None.

**2. FY09 Youth Commission Budget**

Glen Magpiong and Maura Renzella representing the Youth Commission joined the Board and provided an overview of the Commission's FY09 budget.

Ms. Warshaw questioned how many people are being impacted by the Commission's programs. Ms. Renzella described the Commission's various educational programs, which "touch" many people. In response to questions from the Board, Ms. Renzella noted that she is collaborating with the Health Department on a number of programs, but their focus is much more on education vs. mental health.

Noting that the Board is responsive to suggestions regarding new program initiatives, Mr. Larsen encouraged the Commission to continue to be diligent in identifying such opportunities. Following further questions and discussion, the Board expressed strong support for the Commission's efforts and budget.

**3. Executive Director's Update**

Mr. Larsen reported the Town had closed on the purchase of the three properties on Seaver Street.

**Babson moved, Mills seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 meeting.**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the FY08 Winter Maintenance Appropriation request received from the Board of Public Works. He further explained the statutory basis for authorizing such additional funds (i.e., MGL Ch. 44 Sect. 31D).

**Babson moved, Mills seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to authorize the expenditure of up to \$200,000 in additional funds as needed for snow and ice removal and further that this action be submitted to Advisory Committee for its approval.**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the Arbor Day proclamation request.

**Babson moved, Mills seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to proclaim April 25, 2008 be recognized as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Wellesley, Massachusetts.**

Mr. Larsen noted the public meeting regarding plans for reconstruction of Weston Road is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Babson noted the need for a Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article regarding Weston Road and asked Mr. Larsen to speak with the School Superintendent regarding initiatives to encourage walking to school. Mr. Mills noted the city of Lafayette, California has experience with the Safe Routes to School program, which may be of interest to Wellesley.

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4. **FY09 Selectmen Budget**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the revised FY09 Selectmen Budget request, focusing on changes to the budget since the Board's most recent review. The Board asked a number of questions.

**Babson moved, Mills seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Board of Selectmen Fiscal Year 2009 Operating Budget Request.**

**Old/New Business**

Ms. Babson provided an update on the activities of the School Building Committee and noted the Green Charrette scheduled for Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Mills provided an update on the activities of the Sprague Field Task Force. He noted the upcoming public hearing and the expectation of having a decision from the School Committee by the end of January. Mr. Mills also noted the meeting of the ad hoc committee formed to preserve the Country Club clubhouse scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Warshaw updated the Board on the status of the plans for utilizing the Tolles gift to renovate the Community Center for the benefit of the Council on Aging.

Mr. Dugan reminded viewers of the Martin Luther King Breakfast scheduled for January 21<sup>st</sup>, noted his plans to attend the Metrowest Leadership Council on Thursday evening, and noted favorable progress in terms of efforts to implement the MLP's proposed Demand Response Program.

**At 9:10 the Board was polled all aye to adjourn.**