

Board of Selectmen – June 21, 2010
Present: Searle, Babson, Dugan, Gibbs, Tsagaris
Also present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: #50 in the amount of \$9,896,049.16
Citizen speak: none
Minutes approved: June 14, 2010
Business:

1. Fraud Prevention Follow-up

Sheryl Strother, Finance Director summarized the steps that have been taken to reduce the risk of fraud, including implementation of a new fraud hotline (i.e., Town website link) and fraud-related presentations to Department heads and at an Inter-Board meeting. In addition, she described her plans to meet with individual Department heads to assess the risk of fraud in their specific operations.

2. Executive Directors Update

Mr. Larsen advised the Board that work at the Kimlo Road site adjacent to the Wellesley Hills train station is resuming, and he summarized the precautions being taken to ensure the work proceeds in a safe manner.

3. Traffic Matters

Ms. Searle opened the public hearing. With regard to each of the following four matters:

- Mr. Connolly and Lt. Pilecki reviewed the specific circumstances and summarized the proposed change.
- The Board asked questions and invited Kien Ho's (Town's consulting traffic engineer from Beta) comments.
- Ms. Searle invited public comment. Residents spoke in favor of (i), (ii) and (iii). Nobody spoke in opposition to any of the proposals.
- The Board acted as noted below with regard to each item.

(i) High School Parking Restriction

The Board voted unanimously to amend the Town's Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule I Seasonal Parking

(High School Vicinity)

That weekday parking shall be prohibited at the following locations between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. from September 1st through June 15th inclusive:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Twitchell Street	Both	Clifford Street	Wilson Street
Cottonwood Road	Both	Clifford Street	Wilson Street

Wilson Street Both Twitchell Street Cottonwood Road

(ii) Washington Street at Ledyard Street

The Board voted unanimously to amend the Town’s Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule I No Parking

<u>Location</u>	<u>Side</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Washington Street	North	Ledyard Street	A point 45’ east of Ledyard Street

(iii) 4-way Stop Hampshire Road at Lowell Road

The Board voted to amend the Town’s Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule IV – Stop Signs

<i>LOCATED ON</i>	<i>AT</i>	<i>SO AS TO FACE</i>
Hampshire Road	Lowell Road	Northwest Traffic
Hampshire Road	Lowell Road	Southeast Traffic
Lowell Road	Hampshire Road	Southwest Traffic
Lowell Road	Hampshire Road	Northeast Traffic

(iv) Sandwich Board Signs

The Board expressed support for the staff’s plan to eliminate such signs at the Great Plain Ave and Wellesley Ave rotary, the intersection of Washington and Walnut Streets, and the intersection of Washington, Central and Grove Streets.

4. 978 Worcester – PSI Traffic Update

Dean Behrend (owner of 978 Worcester) and Jeffrey Dirk (Mr. Behrend’s traffic consultant from Vanasse) joined the Board and explained the change in program for the project. Mr. Larsen explained why this necessitated the Selectmen to revisit their prior PSI conclusions regarding this project. Mr. Larsen asked the Board to approve the 978 Worcester Street Redevelopment (PSI-10-03) traffic study as being professionally prepared and that it adequately addresses the traffic and pedestrian safety impacts. The Board is satisfied with the recommendations it made previously for this redevelopment under PSI-8-01.

5. Cochituate Aqueduct Lease (Whole Foods)

Mr. Larsen reviewed the status of the draft Gravestar lease circulated to the Board and indicated that he would work with Town Counsel to finalize the document over the next few days. The Board voted unanimously to authorize the Chairman to sign the lease of Cochituate Aqueduct property with Wellesley Plaza, LLC.

6. **FY10 Board Accomplishments**

Mr. Larsen reviewed the accomplishments relative to the Board's FY10 Workplan.

7. **Board Reorganization**

Mr. Dugan moved, Ms. Babson seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to elect Katherine Babson as Chair, Terri Tsagaris as Vice Chair and Barbara Searle as Secretary of the Board of Selectmen.

8. **FY11 Board Workplan**

At Ms. Babson's request, Mr. Larsen reviewed the FY11 Workplan developed by the Board. As in prior years, the Workplan identifies Major Projects, Strategic Issues and Other Issues that the Board will address over the next year. It also identifies the Board and staff member(s) assigned to each issue.

Projects and Other Updates:

Wellesley High School – None

Wellesley Middle School – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the architect continues to look for locations for the modulars. There will be more detail analysis information of the cost estimates in the next couple of weeks. There will be no scheduled SBC meeting until they receive this information

27 Washington Street – None

Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris noted there will be an upcoming meeting with the Community Center to see what additional spaces could be provided for Senior Center activities.

DCR Bridge – The state will begin the project this summer. No start date has been determined.

Advisory Committee Update – None

Fuller Brook Path – Ms. Babson said the interviews for the consultants for Phase I are done and they will know next week who will be chosen.

St. James Church – Ms. Gibbs said Town Counsel has advised the committee that CPA funds may not be used for purchasing land under which structures are to be placed. It will be necessary to find other funds for the purchase of land where the buildings for the ice rink, pool and parking are to be located.

Moved that Ellen Gibbs, Katherine Babson, Jr., and Hans Larsen will be representatives to the St. James Committee.

MLP Substation – Ms. Searle noted that the Town has been looking at the potential reuse of the MLP Substation at the DPW yard. There has been discussion with the Cable Access

channel as to their interest in renting the space if it can be updated. The CPC has indicated they might be interested in funding the renovation. This project will be looked at over the summer.

Public Transportation Study – None

Regional Matters – None

At 9:30 p.m., the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation to discuss the potential acquisition of real property.