

Board of Selectmen – August 23, 2010

Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

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

Warrants approved: 2011-005 in the amount of \$3,186,692.44

Citizen speak: None

Minutes approved: None

Business:

1. Executive Director's Update

The Board voted (5-0) to approve a proclamation honoring the 20th anniversary of the “World of Wellesley”.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the following gifts to the Wellesley Council on Aging:

- \$500 from the Village Churchwomen.
- \$2,000 from the Wellesley Hills Junior Womens Club

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the Change in Manager petition of Qdoba located at 185B Linden Street and, thereby, name Sharon Brown as manager of record.

The Board voted (5-0) to authorize the Chair to sign the Right of Entry permit granted to Massachusetts Department of Transportation – Highway Division, or its duly authorized agents, in connection with the construction of the Lower Falls Pedestrian Bridge. This permit is granted for 1 year expiring August 23, 2011. And further, that as a condition of this permit, Massachusetts Department of Transportation agrees to indemnify the Town for personal injury or property damage that could occur due to the State's negligence.

2. Police Matters

Ms. Searle reviewed the terms of the proposed employment contract renewal with Police Chief Cunningham. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the contract for Terence M. Cunningham, Chief of Police effective July 1, 2010 as prepared by Town Counsel.

Chief Cunningham reported to the Board on his recent academic experience at the Kennedy School of Government.

Deputy Chief Brooks summarized the Police Department's new process for selecting new police patrolmen and Chief Cunningham recommended three candidates to the Board.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the following individuals to the position of Police Officer in the Wellesley Police Department, subject to passage of the required psychological screening tests:

- Kathleen A. Connors, effective October 4, 2010;
- Michael J. Lemenager, effective October 4, 2010; and,
- Timothy C. Gover, effective March 2011.

Chief Cunningham summarized the Police Department's process for selecting a new sergeant to replace Sergeant Cleary who was recently promoted to Lieutenant, and recommended one candidate.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the appointment of Detective Steven Atwood to the rank of sergeant in the Wellesley Police Department.

3. Kepes Panels

Robert Murphy, Joel Slocum, George Roman, Dante De Gruttola and Tory DeFazio, representing the Kepes Panels Study Committee, joined the Board and reported on their efforts, as summarized in their report dated August 23, 2010.

The Board voted (5-0) to authorize Ms. Gibbs to work with the Kepes Panel Study Committee and Town Counsel to resolve the language of the copyright and otherwise finalize the copyright. The Board also voted (5-0) to authorize the expenditure of \$350 for related purposes.

4. Project and Other Updates

Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson noted the results of the recent meeting of the parking committee.

Wellesley Middle School – Ms. Tsagaris reported on the recent presentation by the architect to the School Building Committee and noted the date and agenda for the next SBC meeting. It is hoped that additional classroom space will be made available by September 2011.

27 Washington Street – N/A.

Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris noted that discussions with representatives of the Community Center are continuing.

DCR Bridge – N/A.

Advisory Committee Update – N/A.

Fuller Brook Path – Ms. Babson noted that a related page is now visible on the Town website. She also noted the dates of three upcoming public meetings.

St. James Committee – Ms. Babson noted the date of the next Committee meeting.

Public Transportation Study – Ms. Gibbs noted that Phase 1 of the study has been completed.

Regional Matters – N/A.

Sustainability – Ms. Babson noted that the Attorney General has approved the bylaw that created the Sustainability Committee and that appointments to the Committee will be recommended shortly.

At 8:37 the Board was polled all “yes” to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.