

Town of Wellesley – Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: **September 1, 2011 8:00am**

Members Present: Barbara Searle, Ellen Gibbs, Katherine Babson, Owen Dugan,
(Terri Tsagaris was absent)

Also present: Hans Larsen, Terry Connolly and Al Robinson

1. **Citizen Speak**

None

2. **Discussion of Common Victualler Alcohol Licensing**

Deputy Police Chief William Brooks joined the Board for this discussion. The Board will seek authorization, at the November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting, to request special legislation reducing the statutory seating requirement from 100 to 50 seats for alcohol beverage licenses. The proposed seating reduction would apply to both all-alcohol and beer/wine liquor licenses.

Deputy Brooks offered two draft Home Rule petitions for the Board's consideration. One draft required a town-wide vote to adopt the proposed changes to the alcohol regulations before adoption. The other draft petition eliminated the town-wide vote for adoption. Deputy Brooks is awaiting word from the Attorney General as to whether adoption would require a town-wide vote or is optional.

As reducing the minimum number of seats for an alcohol license it is a substantial change to the Town's alcohol licensing, Mr. Dugan believes a town-wide vote would be prudent.

3. **Executive Director's Report**

November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting

- The Board approved Mr. Larsen's request to alert Town Meeting Members of the November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting.
- The Warrant is scheduled to open on September 12, 2011
- Federal Realty has requested the Town consider extending the VW lease for a period of 20 years. This change to the Development Agreement would require Town Meeting approval.

Farmer's Market

Mr. Larsen reported he and Ms. Fairchild, Sustainability Coordinator, have briefed Ms. Babson, Ms. Searle, and Mr. Dugan on planning for a potential farmer's market at Whole Foods. The Board will delay any discussion until Ms. Tsagaris and Ms. Gibbs have been updated.

Tax Classification

Mr. Larsen proposed the following tentative dates for Tax Classification informational sessions and the required Tax Classification Public Hearing.

Public Informational Sessions (tentative dates)

Session 1 - September 26, 2011

Session 2 – October 17, 2011

Classification Hearing (tentative date)

December 5, 2011

At 9:20 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.