

Town of Wellesley – Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: **September 6, 2011**

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

Also present: Hans Larsen, Christopher Ketchen, Terry Connolly and Al Robinson (left meeting
at 7:32 p.m.)

Warrants approved: 2012-007 (\$116,869.95); 2012-008 (\$6,306,608.85);
2012-009 (\$3,300,466.18)

The chair thanked the Municipal Light Plant, Department of Public Works, Police Department
and Fire Department for their exceptional response to power outages and public safety
concerns in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene.

The chair announced that a memorial observance would take place on Sunday at the Main Fire
Station on the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

1. **Citizen Speak**

Mr. Frank Mathis of Quincy, Massachusetts spoke in support of the organizing efforts of the
LaRouche Political Action Committee.

2. **Executive Director's Report**

Mr. Larsen and staff reported on a number of matters and the Board took the following actions:

- The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 & September 1, 2011 meetings of the Board of Selectmen.
- The Board voted (4-0) to approve five One Day Special Licenses for Fall Events at Babson College in accordance with their request dated August, 11, 2011.
- The Board voted (4-0) to approve the exemption requested by Virginia Ferko, on behalf of Tanya Williams in accordance with Chapter 268A, Section 20(b) of the General Laws; and further to authorize the chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign the Disclosure of Financial Interest form as prescribed by the Commonwealth.
- The Board voted (4-0) to approve the Deed of Utility, Pedestrian and other easements as presented for Linden Square, said easements having been authorized under Article 4 of the warrant for the 2005 Special Town Meeting.
- The Board voted (4-0) to support the candidacy of the Towns of Needham and Natick for At-Large seats on the Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization.

3. **Common Victualler License Application Decision – Justine's, 978 Worcester Street**

Mr. Larsen presented a draft written decision on the Common Victualler License Application for Justine's, reflecting the Board's vote on August 1, 2011 to deny the license. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the written decision denying the application for a Common Victualler/All Alcoholic beverage License at 978 Worcester Street and authorizing its signing by the Board.

4. **27R Kenilworth – Acceptance of Gift**

Ms. Tsagaris described the parcel at 27R Kenilworth Road that has been offered to the Town by the property owner. She further recited the Town's Bylaws and the Selectmen's policy regarding the acquisition of real property. She then recommended that the Board decline the gift.

The Board voted (4-0) to decline the gift of the landlocked property located at 27R Kenilworth Road with the Town's thanks for the offer of said property.

Mr. Robinson left the meeting at 7:32 p.m. and did not return.

Projects and Updates

Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the working group has been meeting and exploring other options for locations of a new Senior Center.

Advisory Committee Update – Ms. Searle reported on behalf of Mr. David Murphy that the Advisory Committee will hold its first meeting on Wednesday night (September 7, 2011).

Wellesley Square Initiative – Ms. Searle reported that a meeting has been scheduled with merchants on September 21, 2011.

Public Transportation Study – Ms. Gibbs reported that the report is in the process of being finalized, with a copy expected to be submitted to the Board by next week.

Sustainability – Mr. Ketchen encouraged residents to sign up for the Municipal Light Plant's voluntary renewable energy program.

5. **Common Victualler/All Alcohol License - Asian Wellesley LLC**

Mr. Ketchen invited forward Mr. Wei Jia, (attorney representing Asian Wellesley, LLC), Mr. Jin Hua Xie (applicant) and Ms. Wenfang Zheng (proposed manager). Mr. Ketchen reviewed the license application with the Board.

Mr. Dugan asked for clarification regarding the Manager of Record. Mr. Ketchen and Mr. Jia confirmed that Ms. Wenfang Zheng will be the manager.

Ms. Tsagaris asked if the parking plan was similar to that of the former Bobby's Grille. Mr. Ketchen reported that the parking plan exceeded the number of spaces leased by Bobby's Grille.

Mr. Dugan asked about the term of the parking lease. Mr. Jia confirmed that it was renewable annually. Mr. Ketchen and Mr. Larsen confirmed that Ms. Hobson in the Selectmen's office annually verifies that adequate parking exists before license renewals are forwarded to the Selectmen.

Ms. Gibbs inquired as to the location of additional parking. Mr. Ketchen pointed out that parking at the One Washington Street site was directly behind the restaurant due to the parcel's configuration.

The Board voted (4-0) to approve a Common Victualler License/All Alcoholic Beverage license for Asian Wellesley, LLC located at 11-13 Washington Street, in accordance with their application dated, July 19, 2011 and further to name Ms. Wenfang Zheng as Manager of Record.

At 7:44 p.m. the Board voted all "yes" to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy for the acquisition of real property.

At 8:04 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.