

Town of Wellesley – Board of Selectmen
Meeting Date: **September 12, 2011**

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

Also present: Hans Larsen, Christopher Ketchen, Terry Connolly

Warrants approved: 2012-010 (\$2,654,749.31)

The chair, Ms. Searle, announced the availability of the Recreation Department's Fall brochure as well as the dates of several Trails Committee walks.

1. **Citizen Speak**

None.

2. **Executive Director's Report**

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

3. **FY13 Budget Guidelines**

Mr. Larsen made a presentation and was joined by Ms. Sheryl Strother, the Town's Finance Director/Town Accountant. Mr. Larsen and Ms. Strother made a presentation comparing the latest fiscal year 2013 (FY13) budget projections against what was projected at Annual Town Meeting in the spring. The latest projections indicate a \$5,346,604 deficit in the budget for FY13. The Selectmen requested a copy of the PowerPoint file to review over the coming weeks. Several override scenarios and uses of reserves were discussed.

4. **Wellesley Square Initiative**

Ms. Searle gave an update on the initiative to improve the vitality of the Wellesley Square business district. A group was assembled including members and staff from the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board. The group has been interviewing property owners and renters. The group is looking at new meter rates to improve parking issues among other parking considerations. A variety of other uses for vacant store front space were also discussed. A meeting with the merchants has been schedule for September 21st and September 27th.

5. **Special Town Meeting**

Mr. Ketchen presented a proposed calendar of key dates that would enable the Selectmen to meet Bylaw, statutory and other requirements in advance of a November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting.

The Board voted (4-0) to call a Special Town Meeting and set the following dates:

- Start of Special Town Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2011, 7:30 PM at the Wellesley Middle School;
- Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant - Monday, September 12, 2011;
- Close the Special Town Meeting warrant - Friday, September 30, 2011, 5:00 PM.

Projects and Updates

Regional Matters – Mr. Dugan reported on a recommendation from the Planning Board to join a regional sustainability group. The Board voted to approve the recommendation of the Planning Board to join the Consortium for Sustainable Communities; and further to authorize the Executive Director to execute an agreement to that effect with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

Public Transportation Study – Ms. Gibbs stated that the final report of the Public Transportation Working Group would be available to the Selectmen by the end of the week.

Sustainability – Mr. Ketchen encouraged residents to attend the Sustainable Wellesley Expo from 10AM – 12PM on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Municipal Light Plant. Ms. Searle also reminded the public that, even if they are already signed up for the Voluntary Renewable Program

New Business

Ms. Tsagaris conveyed a request from the Moderator that the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Advisory Committee prepare a presentation on how the government is structured and how Town Meeting precincts have been re-drawn. The presentation will be given to a variety of interested civic groups throughout the community. Any interested groups were encouraged to contact Ms. Tsagaris.

Ms. Tsagaris reported that the Town would receive 20 invitational entries for the Boston Marathon. As with the previous year, the Board would determine what charities will be the beneficiaries of donations made in exchange for the entry numbers. Charities interested in being considered were encouraged to contact Ms. Tsagaris.

At 8:08 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.