

Town of Wellesley – Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Date: **September 19, 2011**

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

Also present: Hans Larsen, Chris Ketchen, Al Robinson

Warrants approved: 2012-011 (\$4,724,458.60)

Ms. Searle announced the “Mom’s Day Out” event scheduled for Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Sustainability Expo scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>, and the Board’s public meeting regarding the potential for a dual tax rate scheduled for next Monday night, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

1. **Citizen Speak**

Mr. Brian Kurz, representing Linear Properties, owner of 74-90 Central Street, spoke in favor of a reduction in the number of seats required for an alcohol license, as contemplated in the Selectmen’s warrant article for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

2. **Executive Director’s Report**

The Board voted (4-0) to reappoint Mr. Walter Woods to be Wellesley’s representative on the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Advisory Board for a term to expire on August 31, 2012.

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Larsen noted the Board will discuss Tax Classification at next week’s meeting and again on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Neither of those meetings will constitute the actual Tax Classification Hearing, which will be held in late November or early December.

3. **National Grid Petition – Oakridge Road**

Dennis Regan joined the Board and explained National Grid’s right-of-way request. Ms. Searle invited public input and Roy Switzler expressed his disappointment with the quality of road patching being done by National Grid and other utilities.

Mr. Larsen and Mr. Robinson noted the Department of Public Works’ role in this regard, specifically their ability to control the quality of road patching via their granting of street opening permits. Mr. Larsen will share Mr. Switzler’s concerns with the Town Engineer’s office.

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the following National Grid Petition:

To install and maintain approximately 220 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Oakridge Road, Wellesley from the existing 4 inch gas main at house #30, easterly to house #23 for a new gas service.

#### 4. **Firefighter Promotion – Matthew Corda**

Chief Rick DeLorie and Deputy Chief Jeff Peterson joined the Board and Chief DeLorie summarized his recommendation that Matthew Corda be promoted to Lieutenant.

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the promotion of Firefighter Mathew Corda to the position of Lieutenant in the Wellesley Fire Department.

#### 5. **Cochituate Aqueduct Lease Renewals**

Mr. Larsen explained the Bank of America's interest in extending their lease of the Town-owned portion of Aqueduct land in front of their branch office on Washington and summarized the rationale for gaining further authorization from Town Meeting to negotiate and execute renewals of the various Aqueduct leases.

The Board concurred with the submission of a warrant article to seek the further authorization at the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

#### **Projects and Updates**

***Wellesley Square Initiative*** – Ms. Searle noted a meeting scheduled for Wednesday morning with Central Street merchants.

***Public Transportation Study*** – Ms. Gibbs noted copies of the Study Group's final report have been distributed to the Board and the Group will be meeting with various Boards and other interested parties over the next few weeks, before presenting their final recommendations to the Selectmen.

***Sustainability*** – Mr. Ketchen noted the Sustainability Expo scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup>.

The Board voted (4-0) to proclaim that Saturday, September 24, 2011 be recognized as "Sustainable Energy Day" in the Town of Wellesley in accordance with the proclamation presented to the Board by Christopher Ketchen, Chairman of the Sustainable Energy Committee.

#### **Old Business / New Business**

None.

At 7:42 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.