

Board of Selectmen – October 24, 2011
Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs
Also present: Larsen, Connolly

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: #16 in the amount of \$ 4,306,666.48
Citizen speak: None
Minutes approved: September 19, 2011 and October 4, 2011
Business:

2. Executive Directors Update

Approve Minutes

Move to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2011 and October 4, 2011 meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

Babson One Day Special License

Move to approve the request from Babson College for two (2) One Day Special Licenses for the Fall events described in their October 19, 2011 submission.

3. Amarin Change of Manager

Mr. Kraisor Punturaumporn owner of the Amarin restaurant 27 Grove Street appeared before the Board with a request to be named as the new manager for the above mentioned.

Move to approve the Change of Manager petition of Amarin II, Inc. located at 27 Grove Street and, thereby, name Kraisor Punturaumpom as Manager of Record.

4. Polling Places and Election Dates

Kathleen Nagle, Town Clerk requested the Board to approve the designation of Sprague School for the Precinct H polling place for the next town election. The Town Clerk's recommendation for the election is on March 13, 2012. This location is to be considered as a temporary polling place until the new high school parking lot is available.

All voters will be notified in January of their new or existing polling place.

The Board took a straw vote for the Town Election to be held on March 13, 2012.

Move to designate the Sprague School located at 401 School Street, as the polling place for Precinct H.

5. National Grid Petition – Jackson Road Installation of New Gas Main

Dennis Regan, Permit Representative of National Grid gave an overview of the petition.

Move to approve the following National Grid petition: To install and maintain approximately 90 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Jackson Road, Wellesley from the existing 4 inch gas main at House #5 Northerly to House #1 for a new gas service. Provided, however, that said approval is subject to the Engineering Division's inspection of the final road patch.

6. Traffic and Parking Matters

Terrance Connolly, Lt. Jack Pilecki, Wellesley Police Dept., Kien Ho, BETA Engineering appeared before the Board to give input on the several traffic matters.

Mr. Connolly presented the quarterly traffic update for the month of October. He reviewed the current parking meter rates with parking meter rates comparisons of our peer towns, described the proposed new parking meter rates and briefly reviewed the traffic and parking budget. He also reported on the replacement and maintenance of the meters and noted that there will be an appropriation request for new parking meters at a future town meeting.

If the changes proposed this evening are approved the changes will be completed by January 1, 2012.

Move to amend the Traffic Regulations by deleting Article V, Section 5-3.5 Parking Meters and inserting the following: “Section 5-3.5 The fee for parking shall be five (5) cents for five minutes, ten (10) cents for ten minutes, and twenty-five (25) cents for thirty minutes, as shown on the meter.”

Ms. Babson would like further discussion on the business rates in the Cameron and Tailby lots at another time and to place it on an agenda after the Special Town Meeting.

Atwood Street

Mr. Connolly reviewed the current parking problems and provided input from several meetings with the Atwood Street residents.

June O’Neil, 52 Atwood St. supported the proposed 4 hr. parking.

Linnea Mix, 24 Atwood St. had concerns regarding snowplows and emergency vehicles ability to negotiate the street.

Move to amend the Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule I – 4 Hour Parking the following:

Location	Side	From	To
Atwood Street North		Morton Street	State Street
Atwood Street South		Morton Street	A point 160’ west of State Street

Lowell Rd. and Bristol Road 4-Way Stop

Mr. Ho described and summarized BETA’s findings on the residents request for a 4-way stop sign at the intersection of Lowell and Bristol Roads. It is their recommendation to install a stop sign at the Bristol Road approaches to the intersection to create a 4-way stop controlled intersection.

Move to amend the Traffic regulations by adding to Schedule IV – Stop Signs the following:

Located On	At	So as to Face
Bristol Road	Lowell Road	Northeast Traffic
Bristol Road	Lowell Road	Southwest Traffic

The following Lowell Road residents spoke in favor of the 4-way stop sign: Joseph Cataldo, 240 Lowell Road, Arnout Eikeboom, 230 Lowell Road and Joseph Capanella.

The Chairman noted that the majority of e-mails received on this matter were in favor of the 4-way stop sign.

Garden Road On-Street Parking and Sight Distance Issues

On-street parking on Garden Road has created a sight line issue within the curved section of the road. BETA has recommended restricting on-street parking in this section of Garden Road.

The following residents spoke in favor of the no parking restriction: Wendy Garber, 3 Garden Road and Ralph Stone, 7 Garden Road.

Move to amend the Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule I - No Parking the following:

Location	Side	From	To
Garden Road	North	A point 260' east of Cliff Road	Northerly for a distance of 105'
Garden Road	South	A point 260' east of Cliff Road	Northerly for a distance of 120'

Mr. Larsen referenced an upcoming parking issue regarding prohibiting parking on Washington Street before 7:00 a.m. in the area of Whole Foods. Whole Foods is considering issuing parking passes to some of its employees for parking privileges at the former American Legion site for the duration of the high school construction project. This issue will be on the agenda of November 8th.

Ms. Tsagaris updated the Board on the proposal to renovate the sub-station. If it is found that there is the potential of hazardous materials on the site by MLP's environmental consultant the PBC and the MLP will go forward with the testing and analysis of the site. The Selectmen are also in agreement to go forward with the testing.

Project and Updates

Wellesley High School-Ms. Babson noted that the solar panel installation has been started at the high school and should be completed by Thanksgiving. She thanked the MLP who paid for this project.

Senior Center-none

Wellesley Square Initiative-there will be a follow up meeting next week.

Advisory Committee Update-none

Fuller Brook Park-none

Public Transportation Study-none

Regional Matters-none

Sustainability-none

Old Business/New Business:

Old Business-none

New Business-the Boston Marathon applications are now up on the town website and will also be published in the Townsman. November 4th is the deadline.

The Board was polled all aye to adjourn.