

Board of Selectmen – November 21, 2011 in the Juliani Meeting Room of the Wellesley Town Hall
Present: Searle, Tsagaris, Gibbs, Babson, Dugan
Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson
Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: 2012-019 \$1,086,646.00 and 2012-020 \$4,998,118.35.

Announcements

This meeting is being broadcast by WCAC on Channel 8 (Comcast) and Channel 40 (Verizon) and will be re-broadcast during the week.

The RDF will be open on Sundays through December 4th from 11am – 3pm.
Holiday Stroll on December 4th in Wellesley Square. Businesses will be open from 12 – 6.
Tax Classification Public Hearing scheduled for December 5th.
Luminary Night on December 4th.

Ms. Babson described the schedule for Turn out the Lights Events.

Sunday, Nov. 20: Video premier: “Architectural History of the Old WHS Building” in Wakelin Room, Wellesley Free Library, 2:30 pm sponsored by Wellesley Historical Society followed by a talk on the break up and make-up of Wellesley and Needham by Beth Hinchcliffe. Ms. Babson noted the Wakelin room was entirely full and you can purchase the video online at www.wellesleycelebrateseducation.org
Tuesday, Nov. 22: Panel Discussion: “U.S. Foreign Policy: Making It, Executing It, Analyzing It and Covering It” Wellesley High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. with 4 Wellesley High School Graduates.
Thursday, Nov. 24: 124th football game between Needham and Wellesley - 10am.
Friday, Nov. 25: Music Through The Decades Dance Wellesley High School Cafeteria, - 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 26: High School Open House and Yard Sale Wellesley High School, noon - 4 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 26: Performing Arts Showcase Wellesley High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Citizen speak: None.

Business:

2. Executive Director’s Update

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Larsen noted the proclamation for James Wall of Troop 182 for his advancement to Eagle Scout.

Mr. Larsen advised the Board the Town would be authorizing some amount of overtime for building Inspectors to handle delays in issuing building permits.

Mr. Larsen outlined key dates leading up to the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, which is proposed to begin on Monday, March 26, 2012. The Board will open the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on December 5, 2011.

3. Wellesley Cable Access Corporation – Annual Review

Dennis Viechnicki, President, Dixon Purcell, Treasurer, and James Joyce, Executive Director presented the FY-5 Annual Review (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011). Topics included:

- Name change to Wellesley Media Corporation
- Personnel – Staff and Board of Directors
- Financials

- Accomplishments –
 - 2 new channels –
 - Wellesley Government Channel
 - Wellesley Community Channel
 - New Website with Streaming Video
 - www.wellesleymedia.org
- Local Organizations Served

This presentation is attached to these minutes.¹

As required within the agreement between the Town and the WCAC, the Board of Selectmen must vote that WCAC has been operating in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement. This vote is expected within the next two weeks.

4. Selectmen’s FY2013 Capital Budget Requests

Rachel Lopes, Finance and Budget Analyst, presented Selectmen Department Capital Requests for FY2013. Of the capital requests totaling \$1,558,269, \$997,000 is borrowing to replace a Fire Engine. Ms. Lopes reviewed capital requests for Fire, Police, and Network and Information Systems (NIS). Ms. Lopes also compared the requests with each department’s 5 year capital plan submitted for FY12. Mr. Ketchen reviewed the FY13 Facilities Maintenance Capital Requests. Mr. Ketchen answered questions from the Board regarding the various facilities maintenance capital requests.

The Board will approve their capital requests in advance of their meeting with the Advisory Committee on December 14th.

The Board of Selectmen FY2013 – 2017 Departmental Capital Budget Requests presentation is attached.²

5. Special Legislation – Alcohol Licensing Changes

Ms. Babson reviewed the draft special act which was authorized at the November 14, 2011 Special Town Meeting. The special act requests:

1. A reduction in seating capacity from 100 to 50 seats for any liquor license.
2. Authority to issue up to 12 wine and malt licenses in addition to already authorized alcohol licenses.
3. Acceptance of the act shall be submitted for voter approval at a special or annual town election.

This draft legislation will be submitted to Representative Peisch and the general counsel of the ABCC for review before filing this special act.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the petition as drafted requesting the Executive Director transmit it to Representative Peisch and if she agrees to file it in the General Court for enactment.

Project and Other Updates:

¹ WCAC Annual Review Presentation

² Selectmen FY2013 – 2017 Departmental Capital Requests

Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson reported the eagle has been placed in the lobby of the new high school.

Fuller Brook Park – The contracts with Steve Fader, retired Town Engineer, to serve as project manager and BETA Group, Inc. for consulting work are being finalized.

Sustainability – Mr. Ketchen reported the solar panels at the new high school have been energized.

New Business:

Ms. Tsagaris announced the two charities chosen to receive to proceeds from the Town's lottery of Boston Marathon Invitational Entries

- Friends of METCO for 10 entries
- Wellesley A Better Chance (ABC) for 6 entries

Deadline to applying for marathon numbers is December 15th. It will be a lottery with Wellesley employees and Wellesley residents given preference.

At 8:40 pm the Board entered into Executive Session – To discuss strategy regarding bargaining with non-union employees