

Board of Selectmen – January 9, 2012  
Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs  
Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
Warrants approved: #25 in the amount of \$1,483,336.15 #26 47,434,586.60 & #27 \$925,136.86  
Minutes approved: December 19, 2011 and January 3, 2012

**Citizen Speak:** David Himmelberger, Esq., 387 Linden Street addressed the Board on the Tree Preservation Bylaw and the Tree Protection (buffer) Zone. He presented a slide show pertaining to his concerns regarding enforcement not working and the current disregard for the Bylaw. He also offered suggestions on solutions.

The Chair noted that there will be a discussion regarding this issue with the Building Inspector at next week's Board meeting.

**Business:**

2. **Executive Director's Update** to be continued.

3. **Babson College – Change of Manager “Rogers”**

Stan Park the current Operations Manger of “Rogers” Pub introduced himself to the Board as the new General Manager and gave a summary of his background.

**E. Gibbs moved, T. Tsagaris seconded and the Board voted to approve the change of manager for Babson College d/b/a Roger's Pub, 231 Forest Street and, thereby, name Stan Park as manager of record.**

4. **Legislative Delegation**

Representatives Alice Peisch, Cynthia S. Creem and Senator Richard Ross appeared before the Board. Rep. Peisch gave a summary of the status of various issues the Board was interested in e.g. funding for Chapter 70 for FY12, Special Ed reimbursements (circuit breakers), significant legislation for municipalities and the FY13 Budget.

The Board inquired about the specific issues concerning the CPA & the gaming bill, transportation issues, pension and health care reform and the impact of these on municipalities.

Suzi Littlefield and Illissa Povich members of the School Committee also has questions and comments for the delegation.

2. **Executive Director's Update continued**

Mr. Larsen updated the Board on the status of the Rockland Street Bridge and gave the history of neglect on two properties in town 23 Brookfield Road and 17 Bow Street. The Building Inspector, Board of Health and the neighbors have concerns on the condition of these properties. It is planned to proceed with mechanisms and actions on several fronts to deal with these matters. The Board of Health will hold a public hearing on this in the next few weeks and will forward their recommendations to the Board. The neighbors will be invited to the hearing.

Our new Veterans' District has opened offices in Needham and Weston as well as Wellesley and all are functioning very successfully. The Town of Wayland has requested to be included in this effort. It is expected that a Deputy Veterans' Services Director will be needed on a part time basis with the overall cost to be spread over the four towns. The Wayland Board of Selectmen will consider this idea at their next meeting and it is expected they will act favorably on this initiative. The request for Wayland to join

our Veterans' District is subject to approval from the Massachusetts Department of Veterans' Services Secretary Coleman Nee. Upon his approval this request will be effective July 1, 2012.

## **5. Selectmen's Operating Budget**

The Executive Director provided a short slide show and gave an overview of the Board of Selectmen's Tax Impact Budget.

There will not be a vote nor will the budget be finalized tonight. At the Board's meeting next week Michael Grant, Inspector of Buildings will join the Board regarding his request for additional resources for his department and Terry Connolly will review the Traffic and Parking budgets.

### **Project and Updates**

Wellesley Square Initiative-another meeting with the landlords and merchants is planned for February.

Superintendant Search-We have received 6 proposals from search firms from across the country. Four have met the minimum qualifications and two have been eliminated. The four firms will be evaluated on Wednesday and the results will be presented to the School Committee on Thursday. The Search Committee should be identified by the end of the month.

#### Old Business/New Business:

##### Old Business

**The Board voted all aye to appoint Ellen Gibbs to the RTA Advisory Board.**

Dick Joyce, MLP Director had approved the transfer of the old sub-station to the Board of Selectmen. This will be finalized at the fall Town Meeting contingent upon Town Meeting Approval.

##### New Business - None