

Board of Selectmen – January 30, 2012

Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan,

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson (left meeting at 7:50 p.m.)

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Warrants approved: None

Citizen speak: None

Minutes approved: None

Business: The Chair announced final dates for taking out papers for TMM election is January 31st for those who wish to run for reelection, and Friday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> is the last day to pull papers for anyone who is interested in running as a new member. The Chair also announced Deputy Brooks will be leaving the Town of Wellesley to become Chief of Police in Norwood on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **2. Executive Directors Update**

Mr. Larsen gave an update on the Rockland St Bridge which is closed, and suggested alternate routes. Mr. Larsen asked the Board to approve a request for a 1 day special license for Babson College Spring 2012 submission.

### **Special One Day License-Babson College**

Mr. Larsen also announced that Representative Peisch notified us that special legislation regarding liquor licenses has been approved and gone to the Governor's desk for signature. The Board will work on the language to be put on the ballot for approval by the voters.

**The Board voted unanimously to approve the 2012 Spring Submission of Babson College for ten (10) One Day Special Licenses for the dates and events described in the January 27, 2012 memorandum from Executive Director Hans Larsen.**

### **Appointment of Election Officers**

Mr. Ketchen noted that the Town Clerk has advised the annual appointments of election of officers has been delayed this year due to a lack of candidates. Town Clerk has sent a memo with a list of candidates to appoint. There are still vacancies in several precincts.

**The Board voted unanimously to appoint Election Officers for terms to expire on July 31, 2012 in accordance with the Memorandum submitted by Town Clerk Kathleen F. Nagle dated January 29, 2012.**

## **3. Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance Committee - Recommendations**

Tom Goemaat, Chairman of Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance Committee gave a presentation of recommendations for a centralized department that would care for the maintenance needs of town and school buildings. He summarized their report and gave an overview of current practices in Town and how they evaluated the best practices in other Towns and commercial organizations. He further described input received from all boards and committees of the Town.

**The Board voted unanimously to support adoption of the Ad Hoc Facilities Maintenance Committee's recommendations under Article 6 at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting.**

Mr. Robinson left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

#### **4. Town Wide Financial Plan**

Mr. Larsen presented the Town Wide Financial Plan. He was joined by the Finance Director, Sheryl Strother. Costs for pension, other post employment benefits, contract increases, collective bargaining and facilities maintenance funding were discussed as cost drivers. A projected deficit for FY2013 of \$3,020,872 was presented. Discussion ensued among the Board members regarding potential remedies for the deficit, including budget cuts, use of reserves and an override proposal.

#### **5. Reserve Policy**

Ms Strother reported that she has been working with Ms. Babson and Ms Tsagaris to refine the wording for a Reserves Policy, how reserves are calculated, and the uses of free cash.

#### Projects and Other Updates

- Wellesley High School- Ms. Babson reported that furniture is being moved into the new building.
- Superintendent Search- Ms Gibbs presented slides from the Search Committee's January 26, 2012 presentation to the School Committee. The consultant, Future Management Systems, has begun one on one interview and there will be 10 focus groups beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. She stated that there would be three parent groups, one Student group, Elementary School groups, WMS & HS, a Municipal & Town Government Personnel group, one Administration and one District Principals group. There will be a Forum at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. All members of the public are encouraged to participate.

#### Old Business/New Business:

Mr. Larsen reported on proposed fare increases for the MBTA. A series of hearings are being held throughout the State regarding these changes. Mr. Ketchen advised there will be a Regional Collaborative meeting at Town Hall on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

At 9:34pm, the Board votes all "yes" to go into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing strategy for the acquisition of real property.