

Board of Selectmen – March 20, 2012

Present: Searle, Tsagaris, Gibbs, Babson, McCauley

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

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

Warrants approved: #37 in the amount of \$4,963,987.76

Citizen speak: Robert S. Edwards 315 Weston Rd. TMM Precinct B updated the Board on a recent extension on an Amendment to the Massachusetts Marriage Law.

Minutes approved: none

2. Executive Directors Update

The Executive Director brought the Board up to date on the recent oil spill at the high school. The final closing documents have been filed with Department of Environmental Protection. There are no more issues underneath the floor in the boiler room.

National Development is readying to open the new building at 27 Washington Street around April 10th. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony at the pedestrian bridge on April 30th.

3. Police Officer Appointment

Chief Cunningham updated the Board on the new non-civil servant hiring program. The department administered its first non-civil service promotion exam and three patrolmen passed the exam. The candidates were then interviewed and participated in an assessment center. Officer Brian Spencer was selected to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The Chief provided the Board with Officer Spencer's background.

Gibbs moved, Tsagaris seconded and the Board voted to approve the promotion of Officer Brian Spencer to the rank of sergeant in the Wellesley Police Department.

4. Retirement Board – 2012 Pension Actuarial Valuation

David Kornwitz, Chairman of the Retirement Board presented information on the Pension Actuarial Valuations results for FY 2014 and 2015 appropriations. He also provided information on Long Term Funding Strategy established in FY 2012, Long Term Funding Strategy for FY 2012 and beyond and the Estimated Appropriation for FY 2014 and beyond.

5. Annual Town Meeting Preparation

The Executive Director reported that there no significant changes in the language of the motions for Town Meeting. The plan is to reproduce the final drafts this week and to mail the final motion language and the name tags to Town Meeting Members by Thursday. Ms. Babson and Mr. Robinson are working Article 6 Facilities Maintenance Article. The Facilities Maintenance budget will be presented under article 6 however it will be voted on under Article 8.

A slide was also shown providing the new organization chart for the Facilities Maintenance Department. A new web based platform for room rentals for town and school buildings is being considered.

6. Alcohol Regulation Amendments

Mr. Larsen excused himself in order to attend a meeting with the new Town Meeting Members.

The Chairman gave background information on the proposed new Alcohol Regulations.

Deputy Chief Brooks and Lt. Marie Cleary came before the Board. Deputy Chief Brooks walked the Board through the proposed changes to the Regulations and the new Special Act regarding Wine and Malt licenses. Lt. Cleary will be responsible for the alcohol regulation work in the future.

No decision on the Regulations was made. After the completion of Town Meeting a date will be set for a further Board discussion and a subsequent public hearing. The Board will vote the final amendments after the public hearing.

Projects and Other Updates

Wellesley High School-Ms. Babson reported on the recent public tours of the new high school. The Chairman noted there will be high school tours offered to Town Meeting Members at the precinct meetings on Thursday and Sunday.

Wellesley Square Initiative-The Chairman announced that there is art work displayed in some of the empty store fronts (Betsy's and Clark's) in Wellesley Square.

Superintendent Search-Ms. Gibbs reported the deadline for application is Friday, March 23rd. The Steering Committee has met for the 1st time and things are moving quite quickly. The interviews will be conducted through April 5th

Sustainability-Mr. Ketchen gave a brief slide presentation on the Wellesley Renewable Energy program being promoted by the MLP. He encouraged residents to visit the Wellesley Renewable Energy website.

Old Business/ New Business

Ms. Babson provided the times of the precinct meetings and tours at the high school on Sunday

At 8:38 p.m. the Board was polled all aye to adjourn and to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations with non-union personnel.

Mr. Connolly and Mr. Ketchen were not required to attend Executive Session.