

Board of Selectmen – July 19, 2012

Present: Tsagaris, Gibbs, Searle, Babson, McCauley

Also present: Larsen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm.

Warrants approved: #2012-53 (\$2,520,166.45), #2012-54 (\$959,456.43), #2013-1 (\$4,697,198.50) and #2013-2 (\$1,198,662.61).

**At 6:00 the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property.**

(See minutes attached)

**At 7:00 the Board returned to open session.**

**1. Citizen Speak**

None.

**2. Executive Directors Update**

- **The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen meeting of June 28, 2012.**
- **Council on Aging Gifts – The Board voted (5-0) to accept the gift of \$1856.14 from Babson College for the FME program, \$2,500 from the Friends of Wellesley Senior Neighbors to upgrade the TV in the Senior Room, \$500 from the Village Churchwomen for the transportation of senior citizens, and \$500 from an anonymous donor for the Volunteer’s Drivers Program.**
- The Town has received a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for FY2011. This is the eighth year in a row the Town has received this honor.
- MMA/Suffolk University Certificate Program – Five employees have graduated from this program for municipal managers. The course sessions were held at the Natick Police Department. Graduates received 12 credits towards a MPA degree. The students from Wellesley were Brian Dupont, GIS Department, Tanyalee Williams, Board of Selectmen, Sgt. Jeffrey Renzella, Police Department, Blake Lukis, Water and Sewer Department and Kate Moskos, DPW. The enrollment was capped at 25 and we had five employees who completed the course. The next session being organized will be held on the North Shore.
- Green Power Signs – Two signs have been installed, which were provided by the EPA. We have been formally designated as a Green Power Community. The signs have been installed on Rt. 16 as you enter the Town from Newton and on Great Plain Ave. as you enter the Town from Needham.

**3. September 6, 2012 Primary Election Warrant**

**Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Primary Election Warrant for the State Primary Election on September 6, 2012.**

**4. Tom Grilk, Executive Director, Boston Athletic Association**

Tom Grilk, Executive Director of the BAA, appeared before the Board to thank the citizens of Wellesley for their continued support of the runners during the Boston Marathon. Mr. Larsen noted the

successful charity fundraising on behalf of the A Better Chance and Friends of Wellesley Metco, made possible by the marathon waivers provided by the BAA. Ms. Tsagaris thanked Mr. Grilk for coming to speak to the Board and residents.

**5. Takeout Food License Application – JT’s Deli, 978 Worcester Street**

Gordon Briedenbach owner of JT’s Delicatessen and Butcher Shoppe appeared before the Board to address the clarification of the hours of operation. Mr. Briedenbach stated the hours of the deli are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will not overlap with the hours that Justine’s Table will be open.

Mr. Larsen noted that Kien Ho of BETA Engineering does not believe there will be a traffic or parking problem if this license is approved. Ms. Searle expressed concerns regarding construction of the back building if the property goes into foreclosure on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Gibbs expressed reservations about the parking impact of the deli and Justine’s. Mr. Briedenbach felt there would be no impact as the deli would be open when the restaurant was closed and requested the Board approve the license contingent upon the further approval of the parking plans. He also clarified some points questioned by Town Counsel.

**Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve a Takeout Food License for JT’s Deli, located at 978 Worcester Street, in accordance with their application dated, March 29, 2012 and based on the letter received from Mr. Briedenbach dated July 16, 2012, and pending confirmation that the license issued to Justine’s Table limits the hours of operation of that operation to 4:00 p.m. to close.**

**6. 900 Worcester Street Planning Committee Appointments**

**Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Tim Barrett and Rose Mary Donohue to the 900 Worcester Street Planning Committee.**

**7. Senior Center**

The Chairman reviewed the results of a meeting with the NRC. Concepts were presented involving use of NRC parkland on Morton Field and Housing Authority land to accommodate parking for the new Senior Center adjacent to the Police Station. They also looked at concepts that did not involve the use of parkland, as statutory approval would be needed to use the parkland. They met with Mike Pakstis, Meghan Jop, Dave Hickey, Kien Ho and Chief Cunningham to see if there was a way to utilize the Housing Authority property and the current configuration of the Police Department parking. The Chairman described some of the proposed ideas.

**9. Collective Bargaining Agreement – School Custodians**

Mr. Larsen noted that on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Executive Session the Board reviewed the key elements of the tentative collective bargaining agreement reached with the School Custodians. The new terms and conditions of employment will be effective on July 1, 2012. The agreement covers the July 1, 2012 through June 20, 2013. Based on discussions with Labor Counsel, and given the agreement involves no change in previously negotiated wage schedules, the Town is taking the position that Town Meeting approval of the agreement is not required. There has been no substantive change to the language presented at the June 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. A formal contract document for the Board to sign will be available at the Board’s next meeting.

**Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Selectmen and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Local Number 49 covering the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013.**

## **Projects and Other Updates**

- Wellesley High School - The Tower has been demolished and the remaining portion of the school will be demolished shortly.
- Wellesley Square Initiative - July Jubilation will be next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A new rewards program called “Scoop on Local” will soon be available for the merchants use. A fall meeting with the merchants will be planned, to include representatives from the Sustainable Energy Committee.
- Fuller Brook Park – The Committee met today. Decisions have been made such that the consultants can work on the 60% plans and a later meeting with the public is planned for the fall. Cricket Vlass met with the group and gave a tutorial on invasive plants. Volunteers for invasive plant removal are needed.
- 900 Worcester Street – A kickoff meeting of the 900 Worcester Planning Committee was held last week and the Committee agreed to form several subcommittees, i.e., Rink Committee, Pool Committee and Playing Fields Committee.
- Sustainability - **Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and the Board voted to appoint Jessica Langerman as a new member of the Sustainable Energy Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2015.**

We have been informed by Dick Joyce that they have salvaged the solar panels on the old high school and are now using them on the Wellesley Hills substation.

## **New Business**

Hans Larsen, Dr. David Lussier the new Superintendent of Schools and Diane Campbell, School Committee Chair met and talked about the work required to be done over the next few months to establish FY14 budget guidelines. This work needs to be completed by the end of September and the Executive Director feels a much more rigorous and collaborative process is warranted.

**At 9:00 the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session for discussion of acquisition of real property.**