

Board of Selectmen – August 13, 2012  
Present: Searle, Tsagaris, Gibbs, Babson, McCauley  
Also present: Larsen

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
Warrants approved: #2013-004 (\$3,666,399.52) and #2013-005 (\$4,611,532.63)

**1. Citizen Speak**

None.

**2. Executive Director's Update**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2012 and July 30, 2012 Board of Selectmen's Meetings.

The Board voted (5-0) to appoint the recommended list of election workers for all elections to be held during the period September 6, 2012 through March 4, 2013 per the request of the Town Clerk in her memo dated August 1, 2012.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the proclamation regarding the World of Wellesley Diversity Celebration as prepared and read by the Executive Director.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the request of the Wellesley Merchants Association for free parking in Wellesley Square on Thursday, September 20, 2012 from 10am-5pm to celebrate Mom's Day Out.

Mr. Larsen reported the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) has approved the Local Initiative Program for the 22 independent living units at Waterstone at Wellesley.

**3. Transfer of Common Victualler All Alcohol Beverage – Papa Razzi Trattoria of Wellesley**

Kristen Scanlon (McDermott, Quilty & Miller), Ken Cusson (Director of Business Development – Newport Harbor Co. d/b/a Papa Razzi Trattoria of Wellesley, Inc.) and Denise Pryor (restaurant manager) proposed joined the Board and Ms. Tsagaris opened the hearing. Ms. Scanlon summarized their request for the transfer of the license to the new owner. She noted that the sale of the Papa Razzi in Wellesley is part of larger transaction involving six restaurants in Massachusetts and one in Rhode Island. She also noted the transaction has been preapproved by the Alcohol & Beverage Control Commission and no changes are planned in the day-to-day operation of the restaurant, except for an increase in the hours of operation.

The Board questioned the requested change in hours of operation and noted that the parking situation, e.g., arrangements for off-site parking, might need to be reassessed as part of the upcoming year-end license renewal process.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the transfer of Common Victualler All Alcohol Beverage License from Back Bay Restaurants, Inc to Papa Razzi Trattoria, Inc. d/b/a

Papa Razzi located at 16 Washington Street, with the caveat that the hours of operation are to remain the same.

Ms. Tsagaris closed the hearing.

#### **4. Senior Center**

Ms. Tsagaris noted that the proposed parking configuration adjacent to the Police Station has been staked out and that she would organize a time to visit the site and meet with the Engineering representatives responsible for developing the proposed plan.

Ms. Tsagaris summarized the recent work of the Working Group and described their next steps. She indicated the Working Group may be expanded and welcomed volunteers. She and Ms. Gibbs described the potential formation of an Interdisciplinary Review Committee to provide feedback on the Senior Center proposal. Ms. Tsagaris noted that members of the Working Group and Council of Aging will meet with the Board on August 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss their findings to-date and plans for moving forward.

#### **5. FY14 Budget Guidelines**

Mr. Larsen made a presentation regarding the FY14 Budget Guidelines, which are to be published by the Selectmen's office by the end of September. He reviewed the key messages regarding FY14 as discussed at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting; summarized the new information received subsequent to Town Meeting and discussed the potential impact on the FY14 budget.

As a result of the high level of budget "turnback" from FY12 and other factors, it appears the Town's Free Cash balance at June 30, 2012 will be higher than previously anticipated. This suggests the possibility of balancing the FY14 budget without an override. Mr. Larsen reviewed a revised set of revenue and spending assumptions for FY14 including the use of \$2.5 million of Free Cash. These assumptions are projected to yield a deficit of slightly less than \$1 million. Realizing these assumptions would require restraint on the part of all of the Town's boards in terms of wage increases, union contract settlements, expense growth, etc. The Inter-Board meeting scheduled for Thursday night is intended to begin the process of soliciting feedback from other town boards on these assumptions.

The Board discussed the revised assumptions and resulting projection. Pending the Massachusetts Department of Revenue's certification of the 6/30/12 Free Cash balance, and feedback from other town boards, it was tentatively agreed that balancing the FY14 budget without an override would be preferable.

#### **6. 900 Worcester Street**

Ms. Searle reviewed the plans with respect to the Parallel Process to ascertain whether there may be suitable uses for the 900 Worcester Street property other than the initially proposed recreational plan. She outlined the process for soliciting ideas from other boards and public, the timetable for this solicitation and the criteria to be used in evaluating proposed uses.

## Projects and Other Updates

- Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson noted the old High School is entirely demolished.
- Senior Center - None
- Wellesley Square Initiative – Ms. Searle noted the dates for the next meetings with the merchants and property owners.
- Advisory Committee Update - None
- Fuller Brook Park - None
- 900 Worcester Street None
- Regional Matters – None
- Sustainability – Ms. Searle noted the September 4<sup>th</sup> event to commemorate the Town's achievement of Green Community status.

Old Business/ New Business - None

At 8:40, the Board was polled all aye to go into executive session to discuss strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel.