

Board of Selectmen – September 10, 2012

Present: Searle, Tsagaris, Gibbs,

Also present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson

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

Warrants approved: #7 in the amount of \$2,113,936.60, #8 in the amount of \$4,644,291.99 and #9 in the amount of \$2,619,378.33

Citizen speak: Robert Edwards, 315B Weston Road-had concerns about bicycle safety in town and is planning to present a warrant article for the construction of bike lanes in town.

Minutes approved:

Searle moved and Gibbs seconded to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2012 and August 27, 2012 meetings of the Board of Selectmen.

The Chairman recapped the ceremony where the EPA announced that Wellesley was the first green power community in Massachusetts. This was a tremendous accomplishment for the town and she thanked everyone who participated and especially Dick Joyce and Ellen Korpi.

The Fire Department will have a ceremony tomorrow to commemorate the victims of 9-11.

On September 20th the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor along with the Wellesley Merchants Association “Moms Day Out”. There will be free parking in the lots as well as on the streets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be September 20th.

2. Executive Director’s Update

Gift to the Council on Aging

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded to accept the gift of \$75.00 from Wellesley-Weston Lifetime Learning and \$25.00 from Mr. Charles Wakefield to the Council on Aging.

Cultural Council Appointments

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded to approve the following Cultural Council appointments for a three year term to expire June 30, 2015: Nancy Walsh Saumsiegel, Annie Lysaght and Phillip Rolph and to reappoint Lois Goodman and Nora Tracy Phillips.

We have had several meetings with Joe McDonough, Facilities Maintenance Director and the SMMA for assessments of the school buildings. There will be an upcoming meeting to review the preliminary results.

Martin Padley of the Historical Society has bequeathed to the town a large inventory of town picture postcards and we are looking for thoughts on what to do with them. Any input would be welcomed.

3. National Grid Gas Easement – Cochituate Aqueduct Cedar/Walnut Streets

The Executive Director reviewed the Grant of Easement with National Grid. The laying of the pipe within the Aqueduct has already taken place and was approved by Steve Fader the former Town Engineer. The alternative would have been trenching through the intersection of Cedar and Walnut Streets. Permission is requested for Terri Tsagaris as Chairman to sign the agreement. Town Counsel will notarize it.

4. Sidewalk License Agreement – Boloco 102 Central Street

David Himmelberger, Esq. representing the license holder appeared before the Board to request approval for outdoor seating on the public sidewalk owned by the town. The Board has previously approved a Common Victualler/Wine and Malt License.

The portion of the sidewalk for the proposed outdoor seating is located on the corner of the block next to the fire station. The Executive Director provided a slide show illustrating the location of sidewalk where the seating would take place. Town Counsel has drafted a License Agreement. The question of outdoor music and other technicalities and details will be worked out Town Counsel.

5. FY14 Budget Guidelines

Sheryl Strother and Hans Larsen met with David Lussier and Judy Belliveau from the School Department and David Murphy and Laura Hockett from Advisory to discuss how to close on the Budget Guidelines for 2014. A tentative meeting for September 21st is planned with the Chair of the School Committee and Ms. Tsagaris regarding the deadlines for the school budgets. Joe McDonough will be working on his capital budget and the Advisory Committee budget will be evolving over the next few weeks as we receive the department's budgets.

Projects and Other Updates

Senior Center-T. Tsagaris noted that work with the working group is continuing and will hold a meeting on September 20th.

Wellesley Square Initiative-B. Searle said there would be a meeting on September 12th in the Great Hall to discuss several issues e.g. parking, event planning, Go Local, sustainability and the reward program.

900 Worcester Street-we will be starting the parallel process this week and will hold two public meetings on the 19th one in the morning in the Town Hall and one in the evening in the Kingsburg Room at the Police Station. They will also be seeking input on other uses for the site and all are welcomed to the meetings.

Morses Pond-dredging is expected to start mid-September and will last through the winter and will be completed by April. Information will be provided by the NRC on the town's website.

The Board was polled all aye to adjourn.