

Board of Selectmen – September 20, 2012
Present: Searle, Tsagaris, Gibbs, Babson, McCauley
Also present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: # 10 in the amount of \$3,113,473.71 Citizen speak: None
Minutes approved:

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2012 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

The Chairman announced the following upcoming meetings September 24th, October 2nd and October 8th.

On September 24th the Council on Aging Transportation Fair will be held at the Community Center please contact the Council on Aging to register.

The MLP reported several outages due to the storm last week. Power outage affected 62 residents and was restored very quickly thanks to the diligent work of the MLP employees.

Congratulations to the Facilities Department for their help in successfully reducing the energy used in the Town Hall.

2. Executive Director's Update

I-95/Route 128 Add-a-Lane Project

Chief Cunningham, Mike Pakstis, DPW Director, David Hickey, Town Engineer, Lt. Jack Pilecki, and Hans Larsen met with representatives of the Dept. of Transportation this week regarding the reconfiguration of the Rt. 9 & Rt. 128 interchange. The Town has concerns with the new configuration and the entrance/exit from William Street. We are asking BETA for their input on these plans. This will be a federally funded project and there may be little flexibility in accommodating the Town's concerns.

Colby Road Paving Project

We have received a number of telephone calls from residents on Colby Road regarding paving on Colby Road on the accepted portion of the road. The paving was done today and the piece not being paved is a private section of Colby Road. The Selectmen have a policy which is responsive to this issue and they have to follow these procedures.

Nancy Adler, 26 Colby Road reviewed information she accrued regarding the private/public way paving issue and stated her concerns about the private section not being paved.

New Precinct Notifications

The Selectmen's Office has been working with the Town clerk to send out postcards regarding the new precinct structure to ensure voters of how and where they are voting in the November election.

Waterstone at Wellesley Lottery

There are 22 independent living units at the Waterstone project and 7 affordable assisted units. There was a lottery held this past Monday for the 22 units which 13 individuals participate. All 13 will acquire an affordable unit. The remaining units will be awarded in a first come basis. We would like to send thanks to the WHDC for representing the Town at the very successful lottery.

3. Rey Duran – Art Project

Maura Renzella, Wellesley's Youth Director introduced Reynaldo Duran who is a junior at Wellesley High School. Rey approached her last spring as part of a leadership project program to put together an art project which he wanted to present it to the Town.

Rey gave a brief slide show presentation on how he came up with the idea for the project and his decision on the final design and his discussions with Maura.

He thanks his leadership teachers, his friends and his team.

4. Joint Meeting with Planning Board

The following members of the Planning Board appeared before the Board: Jean Conroy, Planning Board Chair, Deb Carpenter, Sara Preston, Vice Chair and Neil Glick.

Convene:

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and all were in favor to convene a Joint Meeting between the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

Elect Chair:

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and all were in favor to elect Terri Tsagaris as Chair of the Joint Meeting.

Elect Secretary:

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and were in favor to elect Jeanne Conroy as Secretary of the Joint Meeting.

Appoint Member:

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and all were in favor to appoint Deborah Carpenter, 1 Commonwealth Park, as a full member of the Planning Board for a term to expire March 5, 2013.

Dissolve:

Searle moved, Gibbs seconded and all were in favor to dissolve the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

5. Council on Aging/Senior Center Project

Susan Lange, Chair, Gail Thieme, COA Director, John Schuler and Fred Wright, Council on Aging members joined the Board.

Ms. Tsagaris gave a brief intro to the presentation. The Selectmen want to evaluate the current design and spaces to determine whether it is the best design for the current spaces and for future uses and would like feedback from the Board.

Susan Lange re-introduced her Board and spoke about the Tolles-Parsons Center and laid out the process for the next stage and the groundwork for the process. She described the new programs, activities and initiatives and also outlined the new lecture series and topics.

She presented a slide show reviewing the mission and the mission driven process. John Schuler and Fred Wright furnished their input and thoughts.

6. Fire Department Hiring

Chief Delorie and Deputy Fire Chief Peterson appeared before the Board.

Ms. Tsagaris noted that a new hiring policy has been adopted by the Fire Department since coming out of Civil Service. The policy is excellent and we want to approve the policy so we can approve any amendments in the future.

Chief Delorie reviewed General Order #2009-17 which outlines the background, the procedures and the elements of the selection process. He would like the Board to approve the policy as written until a request for modification comes from the Fire Chief.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the Fire Rescue General Order #2009-17, Personnel Selection – Firefighters, dated September 20, 2012.

LEPC Coordinator

Chief Delorie requested the Board to vote for permission to write a letter to appoint the Fire Chief as Emergency Response Coordinator for the Town and to develop a committee to work with other departments in Town to respond to all hazard emergencies. It will also allow the Fire chief to get certification to apply for grants and enable him to put a structure in place.

The Board voted (5-0) to appoint Fire Chief Richard DeLorie as Emergency Response Coordinator.

7. Boloco Sidewalk License Agreement, 102 Central Street

David Himmelberger, Esquire representing Boloco described the licensing agreement necessary for outside service for Boloco. The Executive Director and Town Counsel met with Mr. Himelberger to work out changes to the agreement regarding the \$250 annual fee.

Ms. Searle made note of her meeting with the Wellesley Square merchants regarding the outside music and it was not well received. Those who spoke were concerned with competing music from other establishments.

The decibel level was discussed and when drafting the agreement how to regulate it. A trial basis was discussed.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the Sidewalk License Agreement between Boloco Restaurant at 102 Central Street and the Town of Wellesley.

8. Encroachments on Town Property

The Town adopted an encroachment policy earlier this year to address encroachments on Town land including the building of retaining walls, landscaping and dumping of trash or garbage on town property. A town encroachment correction process includes notification of property owner and classification of the encroachment.

The Executive Director provided three slides proposing for the Board's consideration for correction the following locations:

81 Prospect Street – 1850 Sq. ft. encroachment-retaining wall on large portion of Town land/aqueduct.
275 walnut Street – 2 retaining walls on the aqueduct
283 Prospect Street – retaining wall for level back yard, wall has deteriorated and is considered a public safety issue.

81 and 283 Prospect – level 2 significant intrusion on Town property
283 Walnut Street – level 3 public safety hazard

The Executive Director has asked the residents to come forth with a plan to correct these issues but has not had a response from them.

Action was deferred until the policy was in place.

The Board voted (5-0) to approve request for proceeding with the encroachment correction process for the properties located at: 81 Prospect Street, 275 Walnut Street and 283 Walnut Street.

9. FY14 Budget Guidelines

The Executive Director and Sheryl Strother will be meeting with the Chair and Vice Chair of the School Committee and well as the Superintendent and Business Manager of the School Department and members of the Advisory Committee regarding the initial proposal we've made as it relates to the guidelines of the FY14 Budget. Guidelines were requested at the Inter-Board meeting. At the Selectmen's meeting next week there will be more discussion the Budget Guidelines more specifically and we will have input from the School Department.

Projects and Other Updates

Wellesley High School-Work continues on the parking lot. Ms. Babson and Suzie Littlefield took the class of 1950 on a tour of the high school. This class is the class of Sylvia Plath and is their 62nd reunion.

Wellesley Square Initiative-Today was Mom's Day Out and next week will be College night for Babson, Olin and Wellesley College. October 2nd will be the next land lord meeting to discuss energy sustainability

Fuller Brook Path Update – There will be a meeting Saturday for the Fuller Brook Path Committee to talk about what specific actions will be taken with the stream and path with a walk along the path.

900 Worcester Street – the parallel process has met with 6 or 7 town boards & committees for input for alternative uses of the property. Many of the committees and board's support the recreational plans. The only committee that came up with an alternative plan was the COA as they would like the senior center to be considered for this location if the Washington Street property fails to work at the former American Legion location.

There were two public hearings held yesterday for alternative public uses with the evening meeting having no attendees. If anyone has alternative suggestions the Board would like to hear from them.

Transportation – Ms. Gibbs thanked the Townsman for the recent coverage on the fixed route bus service to Wellesley. The goal is to meet the needs of all residents.

The Transportation Advisory Group will meet tomorrow with the MWRTA staff to identify sources of funds and applications.

Sustainability – Regarding energy use in the Town hall Molly Fairchild has prepared significant information where we stand as a town and on the municipal side on energy reduction. This will be an agenda item in October

Old Business – Ms. Babson is following up on suggestions to check with other town boards to participate in the town spelling bee.

The Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and potential acquisition of property.