

Board of Selectmen Meeting: July 14, 2014
Present: Searle, Gibbs, McCauley, Murphy
Absent: Tsagaris
Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Harrington

Meeting Called to order at: **7:00pm**

Warrants Approved:

Ms. Searle announced that July Jubilation was Saturday, July 19th and gave details of the event.

1. Citizen Speak

none

2. Executive Director's Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014, June 26, 2014 and July 1, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meetings.

Washington Repaving Update

Mr. Larsen reviewed the work being done this summer on the Washington Street resurfacing from the intersection of Route 9 to Laurel Street including removal and replacement with concrete of the brick banding in the sidewalk.

MassDOT Meeting Update

Mr. Larsen noted that representatives from the Town met with Representative Peisch and representatives from the MassDOT District 6 to discuss projects in Wellesley. These projects which included: the add-a-lane project, signals at Route 9 and 128, resurfacing of Route 9 through Wellesley, replacement of the culvert under Route 9, and the transfer of ownership of Route 135 to the Town of Wellesley. Mr. Larsen briefly discussed the possibility of the addition of a bridge over Route 135 to connect the North 40. He noted that a representative of the MassDOT will come out to review the possibility of the bridge.

September 9th Primary Warrant

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to approve the Warrant for the 2014 State Primary Election on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7:00 am – 8:00 pm.

3. Continued Public Hearing Registered Marijuana Dispensary Regulations.

Ms. Searle asked if anyone on the Board or in the audience had any questions or changes to the rules and regulations. There were none.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to close the public hearing on Marijuana Dispensaries Rules & Regulations.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to adopt the Rules & Regulations Governing the Issuance of a Special Use Permit for Registered Marijuana Dispensaries.

4. AMR – Emergency Medical Services Contract

Mr. Larsen noted that they are proposing to renew the contract with American Medical Response (AMR) who the Town subcontracts ambulance service. He noted that the contract is for a term of two years commencing July 1, 2014-2016 with the option in the Town's favor to extend the contract for an additional year. He noted that the contract has been reviewed by himself, Fire Chief DeLorie and Town Counsel. Mr. Murphy asked questions regarding the rates of the ambulance service. Mr. Larsen noted he would get a sample report for the Boards review. Mr. McCauley noted that he would like a comparison of the rates of other communities to make sure the current rates are comparable.

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to approve the contract between the Town of Wellesley and American Medical Response (AMR) dated July 1, 2014.

5. Chapter 53 Section 18B Ballot Question Format

Ms. Jop noted that Needham had accepted the provisions of Chapter 53, 18B which allows for a brief description at the bottom of a ballot generated by Town Counsel. Ms. Jop noted that she included an example from Needham of the language. Ms. Jop noted Town Meeting would need to adopt this provision which requires the adoption of 3 criteria. Ms. Jop reviewed the three criteria. Mr. Murphy noted that he is in favor of having a concise summary as he feels that it will make the questions clearer. Other members of the Board were concerned with the additional requirements which include for statements from both the proponent and opponents.

6. North 40 Update

Mr. Larsen noted that they have been in continued discussion with Wellesley College and have seen a preliminary proposal as it relates to the scope of work to be undertaken by Haley and Aldridge. Mr. Larsen noted that they briefly reviewed the scope and gave their comments to Wellesley College. He noted that information derived from tests will become part of their offering in a memorandum in the August timeframe. Ms. Searle asked when the College is anticipating the completion of their appraisal. Mr. Larsen noted several pieces of work need to be done before they get to an appraisal. Ms. Jop noted the North 40 Visioning Committee has an RFP out for a consultant and interviews will begin on Tuesday July 22. Mr. McCauley reviewed the preliminary budget sheet for North 40 activity. He suggested the Selectmen go to the Advisory Committee to request additional funds to conduct diligence on the North 40 property.

Mr. Larsen noted that last Tuesday the Town received the Canon Law Notice from the Archdiocese as it relates to the Towns acquisition of 900 Worcester Street. Back in 2012 Town Meeting authorized the Town to proceed with the acquisition of the 900 Worcester Street site. At the time, the Archdiocese asked the Town to hold on further due diligence until appeals were resolved. Last Tuesday, a formal notice was received stating the appeals were finalized and the Town is free to proceed with due diligence. Mr. Larsen reviewed some of the due diligence that will be coordinated.

Upon a motion made by Mr. McCauley and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (4-0) to request a sum of \$75,000 from the Advisory Committee for the North 40 Committee.

Projects & Other Updates

- **Advisory Committee Update** – Andy Patten noted that in terms of the Ambulance Contract the Town may want to look into a self funded ambulance service. Advisory will have their first meeting on Wednesday and they will assign liaisons at this time. He noted that in regards to the reserve fund, the Finance Director left him with many questions and he expressed the need for guidance.
- **Sustainability** - Ms. Gibbs noted that the More Power to Choose program is going very well. They have generated over 300 proposals, and have received 21 signed contracts and 7 installations. On Friday, July 18th the first business will go solar with an installation.

The Board was polled all aye to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation, acquisition of 900 Worcester Street and acquisition of the North 40.

7. Executive Session

- **Pending Civil Litigation**
- **Acquisition of Real Estate, 900 Worcester Street**
- **Acquisition of Real Estate, North 40**

See executive session minutes.

The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

