

Board of Selectmen Meeting: August 18, 2014
Present: Searle, Gibbs, Tsagaris, McCauley, Murphy
Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Harrington

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

Warrants Approved:

Announcements: Ms. Searle noted that Morses Pond will remain open until Sunday August 24, 2014. After this time no life guards will be on duty. She noted that school will begin earlier this year on Wednesday, August 27. The Department of Public works will be doing road work on Washington Street from Prescott Street to Wellesley Hills.

1. Citizen Speak

none

2. Executive Director's Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2014 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

Town Wide Financial Plan Update

Mr. Larsen reminded viewers that they will be conducting two presentations on the Town Wide Financial Plan (TWFP) on October 1, 2014 and October 16, 2014 in the Wakelin Room at the Library. This will be done in two parts and the two presentations will not be repetitive. An agenda will go out for each session in advance of the meeting. Pension and OPEB will be discussed at the second session on the 16th. The intention is to get the details of the TWFP earlier in the Budget Cycle than had been done previously.

Non-Civil Service Police Act

Mr. Larsen noted that the Special Legislation to alter the way appointments are done with regards to non-civil service police officers has been passed. Representative Peisch sponsored this legislation on the Town's behalf that would allow the Town to do indefinite appointments of their non-civil service officers as we are currently able to do with their civil service officers today.

Babson One-Day License

Ms. Jop reviewed the request for a one day special license from Babson College.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the request from Babson College for a One Day Special License in accordance with their request dated June 3, 2014, for a Reunion and Homecoming Weekend to be held at Babson College from Friday, September 19, 2014 through Sunday, September 21, 2014.

Ms. Jop noted that the Selectmen's office received a request from the Chief of Police to appoint as a Special Wellesley Police Officer, Babson Police Officer, Guy Prather. The Wellesley Police asks to make these appointments because they are then able to utilize them in times of need.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Babson College Police Officer Guy Prather as a Wellesley Special Police Officer.

3. Performance Reviews

Ms. Searle noted that on an annual basis the Board of Selectmen conducts reviews on the Executive Director, Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief. This will be the public portion of the review. Each Selectmen fills out a performance evaluation based upon a self assessment from each of the three on their accomplishments.

- Hans Larsen

Ms. Tsagaris stated that Mr. Larsen had an excellent year and reviewed his major accomplishments.

- Richard DeLorie

Ms. Tsagaris noted that Chief DeLorie had a very productive year and is a great leader. She reviewed his major accomplishments this year. She noted that it is a pleasure to have him working for our Town and they are lucky to have him.

- Terrance Cunningham

Ms. Tsagaris noted that Chief Cunningham had another outstanding year. She reviewed his major accomplishments this year. She thanked the Chief for all of his work and the work of his department.

The Board echoed the comments made by Ms. Tsagaris.

4. North 40 Update

Mr. McCauley noted that ground work continues to be done. He noted that the College is proceeding with their time frame and with their work, and have posted an environmental assessment on their website. The College is in the process of analyzing data collected and are continuing to push completing site assessment to solicit bids in September aiming for an October close of the sale of the property. The North 40 Committee has hired a firm to assist them with the visioning process. Many departments have submitted report's to the committee regarding their findings and suggestions. The school is refining their work to develop a view with and without the North 40. A lot of groundwork is being done and the process is now in place for the Town to focus on putting the pieces together and coming up with an approach. They expect that the North 40 will advise the Selectmen on preliminary basis on thoughts about going forward with the purchase of the property. The conduct of appraisals is currently going on with the property on both the Town side and the college side. The Town has hired BETA to take a look at potential traffic mitigation. Ms. Jop reviewed the upcoming public forums taking place to aid the visioning process.

Mr. McCauley briefly reviewed the status of the sale of the Rawlings property.

5. Tolles-Parsons Center Update

Ms. Tsagaris noted that they met with the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) and the Owners Project Manager last week. Ms. Tsagaris reviewed where they are in the PSI process. She noted that they will expand the study area per the previous concerns of the Planning Board. Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Board needed to discuss LEAD certification and that they are currently looking at the costs associated with this certification. She noted that they also need to discuss the possible addition of a basement. She is waiting for numbers on additional costs of adding a basement. Ms.

Searle noted that in regards to the LEAD certification, while sustainability is very important to the community whatever systems they put into the building they have to be able to maintain long term.

6. Old Business/New Business

Ms. Searle noted that First Commons Bank in celebration of their anniversary in town would like to provide free parking for 1 day in September in the square. They will pay for the parking in town for that day and provide bags to cover the meters.

The Board agreed to accept the free parking.

7. Executive Session to discuss

The Board polled all ay e to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of real estate and pending litigation.

See executive session minutes

The Board of Selectmen meeting adjourned