

## **Minutes Approved:**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: November 3, 2014**

**Present: Searle, Gibbs, Tsagaris, McCauley (Absent), Murphy**

**Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Harrington (entered the meeting at 8:27pm)**

**Announcements:** Ms. Searle reminded everyone the polls are open tomorrow for voting from 7am to 8pm. She noted Thursday, November 6 is the Spelling Bee at 7:30 in which 3 Selectmen are participating and that the RDF is open on Sundays through the month of November. Next Tuesday is Veteran's day and a ceremony will be held here at Town Hall.

**Warrants Approved:** #2015-014 in the amount of 5,929,073.27

### **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 October 7, 2014, October 14, 2014 and October 20, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meetings.**

#### Gifts to the Council on Aging

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs, the Board voted (5-0) to approve Gifts to the Council on Aging in the amount of:**

**\$25 from Susan & Julian Lange  
\$600 from an anonymous donor and  
\$15,000 from the Almira N. Simon's Trust**

#### Update

Hans met with the Audit committee and they are on track for the audit of financial statements for FY14.

### **3. PSI – 14-02, Tolles Parsons Center Traffic Review**

Ms. Tsagaris opened the hearing at 7:17pm. Matt King, PBC Chair, Richard Thuma, Owners Project Manager and Liz Peart, Traffic Consultant joined the Board. Richard Thuma gave a brief background on the design for the Tolles Parsons Center. He discussed the modified aspects of the project design, and displayed a site perspective from Washington Street of the proposed project.

Ms. Peart summarized the findings of the new transportation study. She reviewed the traffic study area, as well as roadway data on Washington Street west of Morton Street as well as Atwood Street west of Morton Street. She discussed the existing and as built conditions. A typical weekday activity schedule was reviewed as well as mode shares and vehicle occupancy rates. She discussed projected generated vehicle trips during the peak hour, and provided a level of service summary analysis. Ms. Peart concluded with the transportation analysis and noted the project does generate any PSI impacted intersections.

Kien Ho joined the Board and provided a peer review of the traffic study conducted by Ms. Peart. Mr. Ho discussed findings of four key components. He noted that traffic data along Route 16 that the volume has not changed. He noted that none of the scenarios showed any impact to on-street parking.

Virginia Ghattas of Atwood Road approached the Board. Ms. Ghattas noted that she is concerned about the school traffic because they situation is currently very frightening. She noted that parents should be parking at the senior center. Liz noted that in the afternoon there will not be parking capacity at the senior center for parents to park, however morning drop-off, evening and weekend activities could be accommodated if the Town allowed.

Mr. Thuma noted that they will be installing fences around the Tolles Parsons Center property. Ms. Searle noted that no mitigation is required of the Senior Center as it does not meet PSI regulations.

**Ms. Tsagaris closed the hearing at 8:17pm.**

Ms. Jop noted that she will prepare a recommendation for the Board's review next week. Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Planning Board asked for comments from all review boards and departments by November 25. The Planning Board will discuss the first question of accepting the reapplication on November 17. They will determine whether they find there are material or specific changes on December 1.

#### **4. Warrant for Debt Exclusion Election**

Mr. Larsen noted a draft Warrant has been provided for the Board to review on the Special Election to take place on December 9, 2014. Mr. Larsen reviewed each of the two questions the Town will consider.

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to call a Special Election for December 9, 2014 and that the language for said Special Election be as follows:**

##### **Question 1**

**Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and- one-half , so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the design, construction, reconstruction, remodeling, rehabilitation, modernization and additions to the Fiske Elementary School at 45 Hastings Street and the Schofield Elementary School at 27 Cedar Street?**

## Question 2

**Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two-and-one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the costs associated with the replacement of approximately 280 original windows at Wellesley Middle School located at 40 Kingsbury Street?**

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the December 9, 2014, Debt Exclusion Election Warrant. Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.**

### **5. Snapper Dog Hearing Recommendation**

Sue Webb, Animal Control Officer, joined the Board. Mr. Larsen briefly reviewed the Snapper dog hearing on October 6, 2014. Mr. Larsen reviewed the recommendations of the Animal Control Officer. He noted that both parties were amenable to these recommendations. Ms. Webb noted that she is comfortable with recommendations and feels the family is capable of following the recommendations.

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to accept the recommendations of the Executive Director, dated October 22, 2014, from the Snapper Dog Hearing held on October 6, 2014.**

### **6. Continued National Grid Petitions – Redwing Road**

Ms. Jop noted that she spoke with the Town Engineer and noted there is an existing line off of Cedar Street which is a steel gas line. The Engineer noted that PVC piping is much safer and there are few if any instances of problems with this type of gas line. Ms. Jop discussed the safety of this gas line and noted that the Town has had great success with the installation of gas lines.

Dr. Harris Holstein, Redwing Road resident approached the Board. He noted that when he bought house he was not aware of the transmission line behind his house. He presented the Board with a map of the transmission line behind his home. Ms. Jop noted that the town engineer stated that many homes are surrounded by gas although not by transmission lines.

Julie Rich of 14 Redwing Road approached the Board. Ms. Rich noted that they do not desire to be surrounded by gas. They don not feel it's necessary. She noted that they were not aware of the Algonquin line therefore they did not have a choice but they do have a choice in this.

Barbara Landman of 18 Redwing Road approached and noted that she agrees with Mr. Holstein. She noted that if there is a gas leak they have no way of escaping as they will be surrounded by gas. She also did not know about the Algonquin line when she purchased her home. She would feel truly unsafe in her home if she were surrounded by gas.

Ms. Lemonia Fotiadis of 34 Redwing Road approached the Board. She noted she has lived in her current property for 15.5 years. She has talked to the gas company in the past. She noted that many people have gas in front and back of their homes and that with current technology

and the gas company's experience you don't hear of explosions often. She would like to have the choice of having gas in her home.

The hearing was continued until November 10 to give Mr. Regan, National Grid representative a chance to be present. Ms. Landman noted she did not receive a notice regarding second meeting tonight. Ms. Jop explained that continued hearings were not noticed.

#### **7. Beer & Wine Regulations Delivery Modification**

Ms. Jop noted she received a question a few weeks ago from Attorney Himmelberger as to whether deliveries of beer and wine would be prohibited to the college campuses. Town officials have discussed with the colleges and licensed merchants a proposed change that would prohibit deliveries to main campus. Both The Cheese Shop and Roche Brothers responded that they are ok not delivering to college campuses but for large catering events they deliver beer and wine. The Cheese Shop indicated they deliver approximately five cases a month for art functions. This does not stop purchase just the convenience of delivery. Roche submitted a letter indicating they have a strict policy on delivery to dorms. Ms. Searle noted that they will discuss this further prior to making a decision.

#### **8. Old Business/New Business**

Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Town received 22 invitational entries for the Boston Marathon. They have accepted applications for charities and individual runners. They still need three people to run for the War Memorial Scholarship application if anyone would like to run. She noted that names of the currently accepted runners will be posted on website the on Friday. Ms. Tsagaris reviewed the accepted charities and number of runners.

#### **9. Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real estate – North 40**

The Board was polled all aye to go into executive session to discuss acquisition of the North 40.

See executive session minutes

#### **Documents Presented:**

Tolles Parsons center Traffic Study

**The Board of Selectmen's meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm**