

Board of Selectmen Meeting: June 08, 2015
Present: Searle, Gibbs, Murphy, Freiman, Morgan
Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Connolly, Harrington
Minutes Approved: June 29, 2015

1. Citizen Speak

None.

2. Executive Directors Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. Murphy and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 and June 4, 2015 Board of Selectmen's Meetings

Mr. Larsen noted that the School has renewed their contract with Harvey for one additional year of trash hauling and recycling. They have looked at other alternatives but would like more time to do research on this topic.

2. North 40 Closing

Ms. Searle announced that today the Town has purchased the North 40, the deed has been registered and the Town has paid the college \$35,000,000. Kim Bottomly, Wellesley College President, Steve Langer, Wellesley College Attorney, Ben Hammond, Wellesley College CFO, Cathy Kaufmann Wellesley College Trustee, and Don McCauley, former Selectmen joined the Board. Ms. Searle briefly reviewed the history of the North 40 purchase and noted the collaborative effort. Ms. Bottomly noted that the College and the Town have a long history of working together and that she is proud of this collaborative project and is very excited about future collaborations. Mr. Murphy noted how great the process was and what a great opportunity it was for the Town and thanked all the groups involved in the process. He also recognized Mr. McCauley and the significant role he played in the North 40 process. Mr. McCauley noted that he feels that this purchase will be transformative for the Town. He noted the collaboration of various groups made this so successful. Both Ms. Searle and Mr. Hammond signed one final document.

3. Fuller Brook Park Committee (FBPC) Update

Diane Campbell and David Wright of the FBPC and Pete Jackson, Project Manager joined the Board. Ms. Campbell reviewed the history of the Fuller Brook Park Committee and updated the Board on the current status of the Fuller Brook Park Project. Mr. Jackson presented slides which detailed work currently being done.

4. Joint Meeting with the Town Government Study Committee (TGSC)

Members of the TGSC, Katherine Babson, Thomas Ulfelder, Rose Mary Donohue, Linda Perlmutter, Ann Marie Gross, Rich Page, and Lee Brooks joined the Board. Ms. Babson presented the draft recommendations of the TGSC. She began by discussing the Committee's work plan, forms of government comparisons as well as governmental structures. She reviewed our current form of

government and how it compared to surrounding towns and the history of the Town's current governmental structure. Ms. Babson discussed the concern over whether citizen involvement would be decreased with a town manager, and found that in communities with a town manager, citizen involvement remains high. Ms. Donohue reviewed the land use draft recommendations. Ms. Babson reviewed next steps and a summer timeline for the committee. The TGSC would like to roll out final recommendations in September.

5. Old Business/New Business

Ms. Searle noted that the Board would discuss school security at the June 29th meeting.

At 8:25 pm, the Board was polled all aye to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining strategy

6. Executive Session

See executive session minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Documents Presented:

- Fuller Brook Park Preservation Project Update PowerPoint
- TGSC Draft recommendations