

Board of Selectmen Meeting: August 03, 2015
Present: Searle, Gibbs, Freiman, Morgan, and Murphy
Also Present: Larsen, Jop
Minutes Approved: September 8, 2015

1. Call to order

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. Executive Session

At 4:01, the Board was polled all aye to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with Wellesley Realty Associates, LLC. See Executive Session Minutes.

3. Citizen Speak

None.

4. Facilities Maintenance Quarterly Update

Mr. Joe McDonough approached the Board. Mr. McDonough gave an overview of the excellent custodial support received this year and the number of maintenance orders for the various Town buildings that have been completed. He reviewed this year's custodial summer projects including hard surface floor maintenance and painting. Mr. McDonough reviewed the energy management program and noted the energy use in Town buildings has been reduced by 10% from FY12-FY15.

Mr. McDonough gave an overview of the FY14 and FY15 projects that the Facilities Maintenance Department has undertaken and completed. He highlighted three such projects including the Police Department Fingerprint Project, the Fire Headquarters Handicapped Ramp Project and Town Hall Boiler Project. Mr. McDonough discussed upcoming capital projects including Schofield and Fiske renovations, the Middle School Window Project, and the School Security Project. He noted a study is currently underway on the Police Station roof which suffered significant ice dams this winter and water damage. He noted the study for the Police Station will be completed in early October with the expectation to seek funding for the design and construction at the November Special Town Meeting.

5. Executive Directors Update

Appointment

Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to appoint Lieutenant Scott Whittemore as a permanent police officer subject to MGL C. 41 Section 133.

Gift

Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the gift of \$1290 for a Kingsley Bate Teak Bench and brass plaque for the Fuller Brook Park at Forest Street to the Parks Department from Peggy Jagoe and Family in honor of her mother.

6. Purple Heart Community Presentation

Mr. Leo Agnew approached the Board. He thanked the Board for their proclamation and the Town's declaration as a Purple Heart City as part of a continued effort to honor the men and women of the

Town who have served bravely in the Armed Forces. He noted the Purple Heart Flag will be flown at Town Hall on August 7, 2015, in recognition of Purple Heart Day.

The Board thanked Mr. Agnew, representatives from Military Order of Purple Hearts, and current and retired military personnel for their service.

7. Change in Manager – Papa Razzi Restaurant

Mr. Jeffrey Mancinho joined the Board. The Board reviewed the Change in Manager application for Papa Razzi Restaurant.

Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the request from Papa Razzi Trattoria of Wellesley, Inc. dated June 30, 2015 for a change in manager from Dean Pacheco to Jeffrey Mancinho.

8. Change in Manager – Wellesley College Club

Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the request from Wellesley College dated July 8, 2015 for a change in manager from Mark P. Roche to Peter Eastment.

9. 900 Worcester Street

Representatives from the 900 Worcester Street Committee joined the Board including Mr. Andy Wrobel, Miguel Lessing, Deborah Carpenter, and Suzy Littlefield. The Committee members continued the discussion on the release of the 900 Worcester Street RFP from the July 20th meeting. The Board discussed the RFP and Process. The Board noted they were most inclined to support the ice rink and pool on the site, and were less inclined to support a field. The Committee agreed to alter the RFP language to make the two uses the most advantageous design.

Mr. Larsen discussed whether the Selectmen wished to undertake a comprehensive review of the Town's recreational property in relation to the long-term facilities needs by partnering with the Recreation Commission to undertake a study of the Town's recreational resources and needs. The Board noted the North 40 Study Committee undertook a review of the Town's recreational resources and was not inclined to seek further study at this time.

Ms. Jop discussed the merits of extending the open period for the RFP responses from 60 days to 90 days. The Board was in support of keeping the RFP open 90 days.

Mr. Larsen discussed the value of the prospective responses to the RFP and suggested the Selectmen consider retaining a commercial real estate consultant to assist in the lease negotiations and review of the RFP responses. The Board was inclined to hire a consultant, pending the availability of funds, and asked that such a consultant be retained by the date of the RFP closure.

The Board authorized the release of the RFP and all supporting documents for publication pending final review and sign off by Town Counsel.

10. TGSC – Budget Process Discussion

Mr. Rich Page and Ms. Katherine Babson joined the Board to discuss the revisions to the Town Government Study Committee's budget process modification proposal. The Board discussed the draft memorandum and offered suggested points of clarification.

11. Performance Evaluations

Ms. Searle gave an overview of the performance evaluations for the Executive Director, the Police Chief, and the Fire Chief and noted several highlights of their performance in the past fiscal year. Ms. Searle noted the Board has completed successful contract negotiations as well. She noted Fire Chief Rick DeLorie has agreed to a 5 year contract extension with a one year notice of retirement and Ms. Searle discussed the salary provisions. Chief Delorie's increase for the first two years of the contract would be 3.5% each year, and the last three years would be the same amount as the 50 and 60 series employees. Police Chief Terrence Cunningham has agreed to a 5 year contract extension with a one year notice of retirement and Ms. Searle discussed the salary provisions. Chief Cunningham's yearly increase would be the same amount as the 50 and 60 series. The Executive Director has given his notice of retirement and has agreed to a one year contract extension with a retirement date of November 30, 2016. Ms. Searle discussed Mr. Larsen's salary provisions.

12. Old Business/New Business

The Board received requests from the Planning Board to appoint a representative to the Route 9 Corridor Study and to a new Re-Codification Subcommittee. After a brief discussion Ms. Gibbs agreed to be the Board liaison to the Route 9 Study, and Mr. Morgan agreed to be the Board liaison to the Re-Codification Subcommittee.

At 7:15 pm the meeting was adjourned.

Documents

FMD Powerpoint Presentation