

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

### **Membership and Organization**

During the 2012 fiscal year, the Board was chaired by Barbara D. Searle, Jr. with Terri Tsagaris serving as vice-chair and Ellen F. Gibbs serving as secretary. On June 27, 2011, the Board was reorganized – electing Terri Tsagrais as chair, with Ellen F. Gibbs serving as vice-chair and Barbara D. Searle serving as secretary.

On March 13, 2012, the Annual Town Election was held. Incumbent Terri Tsagaris and Donald McCauley were both elected to three year terms.

### **Town Meeting Articles and Actions**

#### 2012 Annual Town Meeting

The 2012 Annual Town Meeting was convened on March 26, 2012 to act on the FY2013 budget and other Town business. The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made motions on the following articles which were approved:

Article 2	Town-Wide Financial Plan
Article 7	FY12 Appropriation Adjustments
Article 8	Omnibus Budget and Capital
Article 9	Set Salary of Town Clerk
Article 14	Authorize/Reauthorize Revolving Funds
Article 17	Fire Department - Ladder Truck Replacement
Article 37	Appoint Fire Engineer

#### June 13, 2012 Special Town Meeting

The June 13, 2012 Special Town Meeting was convened to act on the acquisition of St. James the Great Church located at 900-910 Worcester Street. The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made motions on the following articles which were approved:

Article 2	Acquire property located at 900-910 Worcester Street (St. James the Great site)
Article 3	Establish 900 Worcester Planning Committee to further study the use recommended by the St. James Ad Hoc Committee and to evaluate any other potential uses for the property

### **FY2012 Accomplishments**

- 27 Washington Street Project completed including DCR bridge restoration, pathway and new Town parking area creation
- Facilities Maintenance Assisted in creation of centralized Facilities Maintenance Department
- 900 Worcester Street Successfully negotiated P&S with Archdiocese  
Developed plan for successor to study committee
- Tax Classification Enhanced public presentation/discourse on single vs. dual tax rate  
Substantial analysis performed and presented at public hearings

- Wellesley Square Initiative Significant outreach to merchants and property owners  
Initiated art displays in vacant shops  
Implemented parking enhancements
- Town Wide Financial Plan Implemented numerous recommendations of former Advisory Committee Chairs including Selectmen setting budget guidelines  
Balanced FY13 budget without override
- Alcohol Licensing Successful reduction from 100 to 50 seats to apply for license for sale of all-alcohol beverages  
Required Town Meeting vote – November 14, 2011  
Mass Legislature approval of Chapter 25 of the Acts of 2012  
Voter approval march 13, 2012 Annual Town Election
- Encroachment Board adopted “Policy on Encroachments on Town Land” January 24, 2012

### **Scholarships Granted by the Board**

The Board of Selectmen has announced that for the 2012-2013 academic year, it was able to give 25 students financial assistance through scholarship funds administered by the Board.

Seventeen students attending various colleges received scholarship awards totaling \$8,500 from the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The award winners were Holly Kapinos, Lauren Madden, Matthew Mahoney, Victoria Smith, Claire Crowther, Sarah Forman, Cara Moran, Peimun Sharbatoghlie, Victoria Gerald, Meghan Morris, Paul Vasko and the Named Award Winner, Hugh Crowther.

The Selectmen also have the responsibility and privilege of selecting the Town Scholars who attend Wellesley College and who will receive tuition grants. Town Scholars selected for the 2012/2013 academic year are Barbara Jiang, Fanni Torok, Madeline Buckley, Soomi Kim, Marisa Mahlenkamp, Soojin Kim and Lisa Hsieh.

Town Scholars to Babson College are also chosen by the Board of Selectmen. This year Salina Chan, Adam Farina and Hugh Crowther have been granted awards toward tuition.

Taylor Steel, David Kaplan and Claire Bradach were chosen to receive the Seldon and Nellie Brown Scholarship for Wesleyan University.