

Board of Selectmen – March 17, 2009

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Tsagaris (Babson arrived at the conclusion of the discussion with the Green Ribbon Study Committee)

Also present: Larsen, Robinson, Connolly, Ketchen

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: Approved minutes of March 9, 2009 meeting.

Business:

- A. Vegetation Management Plan: Approved Vegetation Management Plan and related Yearly Operational Plan drafted by Mike Quinn from the Park & Tree Department.
- B. Green Ribbon Study Committee: Katy Gibson, Molly Fairchild, Rob Rooks and Scott Bender joined the Board and Ms. Gibson reviewed the recent activities of the Green Ribbon Study Committee. Specifically, she described the Committee's recommendation to reduce Town-wide energy usage by 10% from 2007 to 2013 (average 2% reduction each year). Mr. Bender reviewed the 2007 baseline as compiled using ICLEI software and 2009 Initiatives being undertaken to reduce energy consumption. The Board asked a number of questions and expressed support for the Committee's recommendations.
- C. Common Victualler's License – Jimmy's Café: Considered a common victualler's license application for Bedros Kaya of 102 Hobbs Road, Waltham, MA 02452 as the potential acquirer of Jimmy's Café located at 151 Linden Street. Messrs. Grignaffini (Lou and son), owners of 141 Linden expressed concern regarding patrons of Jimmy's Café parking on his property. Mr. Larsen summarized the parking situation at the site. The Board approved the license, contingent on a satisfactory plan for installation of signage to demarcate parking areas for the Café, and on satisfactory resolution of concerns regarding the reservation of 25 parking spaces for Roche Brothers employees at 10 Railroad.
- D. Commemoration: Commemorated Harriet Warshaw's 9 years of service as a Selectmen.
- E. Senior Center: Mr. Dugan recused himself. Ms. Searle and Ms. Searle led a discussion of the status of the Senior Center project. Mr. Larsen reviewed the appropriation request for the upcoming Annual Town Meeting (currently set at \$600,000), which would provide sufficient funds to cover the cost of work through the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. Further work is being done on the total project cost estimate, and a firm figure is not yet available. The Board discussed the merits of funding the project "within-the-levy" vs. via a Prop 2½ debt exclusion, and agreed to maintain flexibility in this regard. Lastly, the Board discussed the substance and sequencing of the related motions for Town Meeting.

- F. Gift Acceptance Policy: Reviewed the status of the draft policy, and deferred a vote until the Board's next meeting\
- G. Town Clerk Salary: Approved the salary to be effective July 1, 2009 (\$75,135 for 52 weeks).
- H. Community Preservation Commission: Ms. Searle reviewed the Community Preservation Commission's planned motions for Town Meeting. The Board deferred a decision as to whether to express support for the CPC's motions.
- I. 2009 Annual Town Meeting: Reviewed status of draft motions.
- J. Executive Session to discuss strategy for collective bargaining: Mr. Larsen reviewed the proposed settlement with Local 1795, IAFF (Firefighters), including the related cost. The settlement provides for increases of 3.5% in FY08, 3.5% in FY09 and 2.0% in FY10. The Board expressed support for the proposed settlement.

Adjourned.