

Monday, March 23, 2009

This regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held this evening in the Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall. In attendance were: Gregory B. Mills, Chair, Barbara D. Searle, Vice Chair, Owen H. Dugan., Secretary, Katherine L. Babson, Jr., and Terri Tsagaris. Also in attendance were Hans Larsen, Executive Director, Christopher J. Ketchen, Senior Deputy Director, Terrance J. Connolly, Deputy Director, and Albert S. Robinson, Town Counsel. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following warrants were executed: Warrant #39 in the amount of \$3,195,639.31.

1. Citizen Speak

None.

2. Executive Director's Update

100th Birthday Resolution – Lillian LaRosa

Mr. Larsen presented the Board with a resolution honoring the 100th Birthday of Lillian LaRosa.

Dugan moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the proclamation honoring Lillian LaRosa as presented by the Executive Director recognizing her 100th Birthday.

CALE Machine Replacement Update

Mr. Connolly briefed the Board members on the installation of CALE machines at various parking lots around Town. He commented that he and other Town personnel were pleased with the improved ease of payment and the ability of the new machines to accommodate both Wellesley-issued debit cards and major credit cards.

3. Firefighter Appointment

Mr. Mills called Fire Chief Richard DeLorie forward to present Ms. Joan Cullinan as a candidate for appointment to the position of Firefighter. Ms. Cullinan briefly described her desire to serve the Town.

Dugan moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Joan Cullinan as a firefighter effective March 24, 2009, contingent upon passing a medical examination, Physical Ability Test, and successful completion of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy.

4. Firefighters Contract Settlement

Mr. Larsen briefed the Board members on the details of the contract negotiated with the Firefighters' union. He advised that the union ratified a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) earlier in the day. The settlement includes a 3 ½ percent salary increase for each of fiscal years 2008 and 2009, while increasing salaries by 2 percent in 2010. The Town was successful in getting the firefighters to agree to enroll in the Rate Saver health insurance program as of July 1, 2009.

Dugan moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Wellesley and the IAFF Local 1795 for Fiscal Years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

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5. **Bertucci's Change of Manager**

Mr. Larsen welcomed Jeffrey Vigue to come forward and describe his transition to the position of Manager at the Bertucci's on Washington Street. He pointed out the restaurant's policy to comply with the Town's "intent to dine" stipulations as well as other elements of the state and local laws.

Dugan moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Change of Manager for Bertucci's Restaurant Corp., doing business as Bertucci's Brick Oven Ristorante, 380 Washington Street, from Mark Otis to Jeffrey Vigue.

6. **Senior Center**

Ms. Searle provided an update for the Board members on the activities of the Senior Center Study Committee including preparing mailings for Town Meeting members, preparation for upcoming meetings with other boards, and the prospect of revisiting the Town's naming policy, among other issues. She also pointed out that there would be four motions under this article at Annual Town Meeting (Article 20)

Board members agreed that they would post a meeting for Friday morning at which time they hoped to have a cost estimate from the Permanent Building Committee on the cost of the project. Based upon that information, the Board would vote on whether or not to move forward with supporting the project.

7. **Wellesley High School Update**

Ms. Babson gave the Board members a brief update on the progress of the Wellesley High School project and the permitting process.

8. **Facilities Initiatives**

Mr. Ketchen gave a presentation on Town-wide facilities and energy cost savings initiatives. He was joined by Ms. Carol Gregory, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Suzy Littlefield, Chairman School Committee. The presentation included a broad discussion of possibly engaging and Energy Services Company (ESCO) in a performance contract to improve building systems and energy efficiency. Also discussed was an energy audit grant opportunity through the state's Department of Energy Resources (DOER). The Board instructed Mr. Ketchen and other Town personnel to move forward with the DOER grant application and report back to the Board on the future possibility of an ESCO contract.

Ms. Babson and Ms. Littlefield left the meeting during this presentation and discussion.

9. **Annual Town Meeting Motions**

Mr. Connolly guided the Board members through the various motions. The Board reviewed motion language under articles 3, 5, 8, 29, 31, 33, 36, 40, and 41. Mr. Connolly was joined at the table by Morris Kellogg, chairman of the Advisory Committee, who also participated in the discussion. Mr. David Himmelberger also came forward to discuss his citizen's petition motion under Article 41.

At 9:15 p.m. the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing labor negotiations strategy.