

Monday, April 6, 2009

This meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held this evening in the Library, Wellesley Middle School. Members in attendance were: Gregory B. Mills, Chair, Barbara D. Searle, Vice Chair, Owen H. Dugan, Secretary, Katherine L. Babson, Jr., and Terri Tsagaris. Staff in attendance were Hans Larsen, Executive Director, Christopher J. Ketchen, Senior Deputy Director, and Albert S. Robinson, Town Counsel. Also in attendance were Harriet Warshaw, Chair of the Senior Center Study Committee and Gail Kingsley, Trustee of the Tolles Estate. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

The following warrants were executed: None.

1. Citizen Speak

None present.

2. Article 20 – Senior Center Discussion

There was a discussion of the order and content of the presentation before Town Meeting. The members also discussed their response to a number of potential questions about a change in policy of the Community Center. The Board members agreed that unless action was taken which provides for a free standing, dedicated Senior Center, any alternative plan would be unacceptable. Ms. Kingsley further reported that a “no” vote at Town Meeting would not mean that the designated funds from the Tolles Estate would go to the Community Center. Mr. Robinson and the Board members discussed the need to be prepared for several amendments including the reduction of the proposed \$600,000 appropriation as well as the possibility of falling short of the 2/3 majority.

3. Discussion of Issues at Future Meetings

The Selectmen agreed to discuss the following issues at their regularly scheduled meeting on April 13, 2009:

- Signage at the Route 135 rotary
- Traffic calming
- Rockland Street Bridge
- High School parking

4. Puffer 100th Birthday Proclamation

The Selectmen were presented with a proclamation in honor of the 100th birthday of lifelong Wellesley resident Donald Puffer.

Mr. Mills moved, Mr. Dugan seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the proclamation in honor of Donald Puffer’s 100th birthday.

Each Board member signed the proclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.