

**Monday, April 27, 2009**

**This meeting of the Board of Selectmen** was held this evening in the Juliani Room of the Wellesley Town Hall. 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. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**The following warrants were executed: #43 in the amount of \$3,517,402.32 and #44 in the amount of \$2,988,073.02.**

1. **Citizen Speak**

None .

2. **Executive Director's Update**

Approval of Minutes

**Dugan, moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2009 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.**

Other Updates

Mr. Ketchen informed the Board that the Town had hired a new Assistant Director of Facilities Maintenance, Mr. Joseph Murray. He briefly described Mr. Murray's background. Several Board members expressed their pleasure with the appointment.

Mr. Ketchen informed the Board that a bid package for sale of the modular house, garage and contents at 57 Seaver Street was available in the Selectmen's office. He indicated that bids would be due on May 22, 2009.

Mr. Larsen briefed the Board on a letter received from Mr. Peter Epstein indicating that Verizon intends to eliminate the reporting of subscriber count data, which is useful information to the Town and the Cable Access Corporation. A number of communities have added their names to a petition that will be presented at a public hearing to be held on this matter. The Board decided to authorize the chair, Mr. Mills, to proceed so long as the language of the final letter does not change substantially.

**Babson moved, Tsagaris seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to authorize the Chair to work with the Executive Director on adding Wellesley to the list of communities in support of the reporting requirement.**

Mr. Larsen briefed the Board on the possibility incorporating an affordable housing component to the sale of Glen Grove. The Board members discussed the matter briefly.

3. **Planning Board Hearing on Extension of Special Permit for Wellesley Inn Site**

Mr. Larsen presented the members with a draft of a letter to the Planning Board supporting an extension of the Special Permit for the Wellesley Inn site. The Board and staff discussed strategies regarding possible negotiating positions. Mr. Dugan agreed to request that the Planning Board hold the public hearing open beyond tonight's meeting while the Board came to a consensus on its position. The Board members agreed and Mr. Dugan left the meeting to address the Planning Board (7:34 p.m.).

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**4. High School PSI Decision – Approve Permit Conditions**

The Board of Selectmen agreed to meet again on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to review and make a decision regarding the final draft of the permit conditions.

**5. Old Business/New Business**

**Wellesley High School Building Committee**

Ms. Babson gave an update on the High School project, describing the design development documents, bus drop-off plans and permitting.

**27 Washington Street**

No update.

**Senior Center Study**

Ms. Tsagaris discussed meetings with PBC regarding selection of the architect and project manager. She also discussed the need to address programming and traffic/parking.

**State Street Study**

Mr. Mills indicated that Ms. Babson had raised the issue of including a member of the Board on the committee conducting the State Street Study. Ms. Babson indicated that both the Planning Board and NRC have members on the committee. She suggested Ms. Tsagaris serve on the committee along with Deputy Director Terrance Connolly. Mr. Larsen brought forward a schedule of upcoming meetings including an 8:30 a.m. meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2009 and a public hearing on May 14, 2009. The Board agreed to have Ms. Tsagaris represent the Board along with Mr. Connolly. Discussion ensued on the scope of the site.

**Off-Site Retreat**

Ms. Searle asked Mr. Larsen to propose schedule options for the Board's annual off-site retreat in order to plan for the coming fiscal year. Mr. Larsen agreed.

**Traffic Calming Policy**

Ms. Babson asked for the Board to begin discussion of a traffic calming policy. Mr. Mills agreed and suggested placing it on the agenda for the May 4, 2009 meeting of the Board. The Board members discussed the issue briefly.

**Ms. Tsagaris moved, Ms. Searle seconded and the Board voted (4-0) to adjourn.**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.**