

Board of Selectmen – May 4, 2009

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Babson, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Warrant: Approved #2009-045

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes: Approved minutes of April 30, 2009 meeting.

Business:

A. Executive Directors Update:

- The Board acknowledged Rusty Kellogg's contributions as chairman of the Advisory Committee.
- The Board voted (5-0) to approve the digitized seal prepared by the Town Clerk as an official Seal of the Town of Wellesley.
- The Board voted (5-0) to approve the proclamation presented by the Department of Public Works recognizing Friday, May 15, 2009 as "Arbor Day" in the Town of Wellesley.
- The Board voted (5-0) to approve the request of the Wellesley Kiwanis Club permitting the Club to use the Tailby Lot on Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for their annual Bicycle Safety Family Rodeo Day.
- Signed recognition letters for Town residents Eric Kennefick Peckham, Ryan Patrick Boyle, Braden Thomas Tierney and Gregory Geoffrey Lin as having recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

B. Special License – Sara Campbell Ltd. on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital:

Mr. Wheeler briefed the Board members on the activities related to his charity event being held on May 13, 2009. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the application of Sara Campbell Limited on behalf of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for a one-day Special License on Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 200 Linden Square conditioned upon confirmation the hours for the event and certification of TIPS training for the servers. Mr. Wheeler returned and distributed copies of the invitation for the event indicating the hours for serving will be 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

C. Planning Board hearing on Extension of Special Permit for Wellesley Inn Site:

Mr. Larsen presented a revised draft of a letter to the Planning Board regarding the extension of the Special Permit for the former site of the Wellesley Inn. The Board discussed the affordable housing elements of the project as well as the poor condition of the current site. It was agreed that Mr. Larsen would further revise the letter.

D. Budget Allocation Methodology:

Mr. Larsen presented a budget allocation model to the Board members based on his discussion with managers from other communities. Discussion of the

allocation ensued using Mr. Larsen's application of the methodology to the current year's budget as an example.

E. Fire Call Boxes:

Mr. Larsen made a presentation to the Board recommending the removal of all residential call boxes and the phased removal of commercial call boxes. Fire Chief Rick Delorie also spoke to the use of the call boxes in recent years. The Board voted (5-0) to authorize the Fire Chief and Executive Director to proceed with the removal of the residential Fire Alarm call-boxes.

F. Old/New Business:

*Wellesley High School Building Committee* – Ms. Babson updated the Board on the permitting aspects of the project. She also described the misaligned expectations that the Town had with respect to its dealings with the Massachusetts Historical Society, with whom the Town had a hearing the previous week.

*27 Washington Street* – No update.

*Senior Center Study* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the committee met to work on the contracts with the architect and project manager as well as programming.

*DCR Bridge* – Ms. Searle reported that her group met with a DCR official. She briefed the Board on issues related to construction and ADA accessibility.

*Gift Acceptance Policy* – Ms. Searle offered to draft a gift acceptance policy for the Town with the assistance of Mr. Robinson.

*State Street Study* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that a public hearing would take place on May 14, 2009. A presentation would take place at the hearing. She reported that a stakeholder survey was also forthcoming.

At 8:43 p.m., the Board was polled all “yes” to enter an Executive Session under MGL c. 39, §23B(3) and (6).

Executive Session of the Board of Selectmen – May 4, 2009 (8:45 p.m.)

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Babson, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson, DeLorie

The Board discussed the possible reduction of shift staffing levels (i.e., from the current minimum of 12 to 11) in order to reduce overtime costs. Chief DeLorie advised a reduction will likely not be required to complete the current fiscal year within the allotted budget. Chief DeLorie will continue to monitor actual spending vs. budget and as circumstances require, he will reduce shift staffing. The discussion also encompassed the anticipated disability retirement of a firefighter and the elements of a contract with an emergency response company and the impact that would have on the department.

The Board discussed property adjacent to the site for the proposed Senior Center. Mr. Robinson advised caution in approaching the property owner about purchasing the parcel. It was suggested that the Town meet with the owner to discuss the plans each had for their respective parcels. The Board discussed various strategies related to the property and decided to seek an appraisal.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.