

Board of Selectmen – November 2, 2009  
Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris  
Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Robinson, Connolly

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.  
Warrants approved: #2010-16 (\$2,003,219.38)

Minutes approved: October 26, 2009.

Citizen Speak: None

Business:

A. Executive Director's Update

- Mr. Larsen outlined the Human Resources Board's FY2011 budget guidelines for salary adjustments:
  - 2% increase for 40 series employees.
  - 1% increase for 50 and 60 series employees.
  - The HR Board may seek additional funds for the 50 and 60 series employees under a separate article at the Annual Town Meeting.
  
- Mr. Larsen updated the Board on the Cedar Street Bridge Reconstruction Public Hearing held on October 29th. This bridge is part of the state's accelerated bridge program. Construction could start as early as late 2010. If the project is constructed in the traditional way it is projected to be an 18 month construction project. However, there is another option which is to build a new bridge deck on adjacent land, demolish the old deck, and install the new bridge deck. Installation of the new bridge deck would take place over a long weekend. Another public hearing will be held in approximately 2 months.
  
- Mr. Larsen updated the Board on the CVS Project of Significant Impact. The Town has requested additional traffic counts and review of the site plan, curb cuts, and site circulation. The proponents will be back before the Board on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Mr. Larsen reviewed the sidewalk easement document between the Town and the owners of 219 Washington Street (Friendly Aid Association). Mr. Larsen read an agreement whereby the Town agrees to maintain access to the site during sidewalk construction, restore property to its original condition, and maintain/replace trees between the sidewalk and Washington Street. The sidewalk, signage, striping and traffic signal plans have been submitted to Mass Highway. The Town expects Mass Highway to approve the plans before the November 16<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting. Acceptance of the easement will be considered at the Special Town Meeting.

B. Special State Primary Election including relocation of Precinct F Polling Place

- The Board voted to approve the Warrant for Special State Primaries for the candidates of political parties for the office of Senator in Congress from the Commonwealth and, further, that Tuesday, December 8, 2009 from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM is the date and time for said primaries.
- Kathy Nagle, Town Clerk, joined the Board for a discussion on relocating the Precinct F polling location from the Wellesley High School during the construction of the new building. After reviewing the options, Ms. Nagle recommended moving the Precinct F polling place to Fiske School, located at 45 Hastings Street.
- Ms. Nagle will re-evaluate this location after each election. Ms. Nagle responded to the question of cost savings of having two precincts in one location. The only savings would be the reduction to one Police Officer for both precincts.
- Ms. Nagle informed the Board that the Town must inform all affected voters of this change in polling place. The Town Clerk's office will do this by sending a postcard on December 1 and placing signs at the high school on Election Day.
- The Board voted to relocate the Precinct F polling place from Wellesley High School, to the Fiske School at 45 Hastings Street. This change will begin with the December 8, 2009 special state primary election.

C. Board of Selectmen Capital Budget Request

- Mr. Larsen reviewed the updated Board of Selectmen Capital Requests. There was a \$10,000 reduction in FY2011 for fire protective clothing and \$30,000 moved from FY2011 to FY2012 for fire engine rehabilitation.
- The Board voted to approve the Board of Selectmen's FY2011 cash capital budget request of \$464,849 in accordance with the memorandum dated October 30, 2009 sent by Terri Duggan, the Town's Finance & Budget Analyst.

D. Wellesley Cable Access Corporation – Designation as PEG Access Provider

- The Board met with the Cable Access Corporation on October 26 for the annual business review. Following that review, the Board of Selectmen designates the Wellesley Cable Access Board as PEG Access Provider.
- The Board voted to find that the WCAC has been operating in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement between the Town of Wellesley and the WCAC dated May 1, 2006.

Old Business/New Business:

- Wellesley High School – No update.

- 27 Washington Street – Mr. Robinson reported that the attorney for the plaintiffs (neighbors) has filed dismissals for the 2 pending zoning appeals matters and ready to file dismissal for the wetlands appeals matter. This will bring to an end all pending litigation. Town officials will then initiate discussions for site development.
- Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris reported on the first meeting of the Town Development Review Team (TDRT) for the proposed Senior Center. Their charge is to determine if there is adequate parking on the proposed site or if additional parking is needed. Other transit options, such as additional Council on Aging busses, are being explored.
- DCR Bridge – Ms. Searle reported that she met with the Community Preservation Committee and gave a brief overview of the project. No decisions were made and discussions on the project will continue.
- Advisory Committee Update – Mr. Cory, Advisory Chair, updated the Board on the Advisory Committee's preparation for the November 16 Special Town Meeting. The Report to Special Town Meeting of the Advisory Committee will be mailed to Town Meeting Members on Thursday. The report will be posted on the Town website and hard copies will be available at the library and the Town Clerk's office. The Advisory Chair's newsletter will be mailed to all residents on Thursday as well.

At 7:50 pm the Board was polled all "yes" to go into Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of real property.