

Board of Selectmen – December 21, 2009

Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson (left meeting at 7:56 p.m.)

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

Warrant: Approved #2009-22 (\$1,067,001.82) and #2009-23 (\$6,240,398.87)

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes approved: November 30, 2009

Business:

A. Executive Directors Update:

B.

- Mr. Larsen gave an update on the Cedar Street Bridge. The bridge construction is still on track in an accelerated fashion. They plan to move the deck in approximately 5 hours on the July 4th 2011 weekend with a detour around the bridge on Rt. 9 from 8:00 p.m. on Friday to 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday. A traffic baseline will be conducted on the July 4th 2010 weekend.
- The Selectmen have had a request for free parking for holiday shopping from December 22nd to January 3rd. There will be free parking on the 2-4 hr. street parking meters and in the municipal lots, free parking will not apply in the all day commuter lots. The revenue loss will be less than \$10,000.
- The Board voted to approve a One-Day Special License Application submitted by the Wellesley Chamber of Commerce for an event to take place at Knight Auditorium at Babson College on January 19, 2010.

C. Common Victuallers License – Lobelia, 268 Washington Street:

- Mr. Ahmad Kazemi the applicant appeared before the Board and gave a summary of his background. He had been employed with Brigham's for 20 years and was the former manager at this location. The only changes will be interior decorating and all logistics will remain the same.
- The Board voted to approve the Common Victuallers License application of Lobelia (formerly Brigham's) located at 268 Washington Street and further to name Ahmad Kazemi as Manager of Record.

D. Old Business/New Business:

MLP Renewable Energy Program – Ms. Babson gave a slide presentation on the follow up to the MLP report on the initiative to provide renewable energy as a source for the town's utility usage. Rate payers have been asked to sign up for this program with a participation goal of 10% by the end of 2010.

Wellesley High School - No Update

27 Washington Street – No Update

Senior Center – Ms. Tsagaris attended the PBC presentation on the TDRT report on the parking and parking options. The PBS authorized to go forward with the project and is working on finalizing the design plans and parking site plans.

DCR Bridge – No Update

Advisory Committee Update – No Update

Fuller Brook Path – Ms. Babson gave an update on the master plan the NRC is putting together for the preservation and restoration of the Fuller Brook Path. They will be holding a public hearing and will organize an expanded inter-board committee to study the plan to bring to Town Meeting. Ms. Babson will continue to bring updates to the Board.

Grounded Power Pilot Program – Mr. Larsen and Mr. Ketchen met with Dick Joyce and members of his team and the Green Ribbon Study Committee to discuss logistics of the Grounded Power Pilot Program. The Pilot Program will install systems in the Middle School, Town Hall, the Main Library and thirty residences in town. The program will provide real time feedback on power consumption. A 32 inch monitor will be installed in the Town Hall to show Town Hall consumption.

E. Common Victuallers License – Dunkin Donuts:

- Mr. Bill Donovan owner and Joseph Murray, General Manager of Dunkin Donuts appeared before the Board and took questions regarding the Common Victuallers License application for 978 Worcester Street.

The Board had questions relating to conflicting information given on the application and regulations of the ZBA Special Permit. It also had concerns regarding the hours of operation, traffic and parking issues. The Board felt it needed more information before they could vote on the application and wanted Kien Ho's opinion before they vote. This application will be considered at the next meeting.

- At 7:56 p.m. Mr. Robinson left the meeting.

F. Selectmen's Operating Budget:

- Mr. Larsen highlighted the changes in the Operating Budget.
- The Board voted to approve the FY2011 Operating Budget Request in the amount of \$47,725,129, said amount being deemed necessary to fund the activities of those departments reporting to the Board of Selectmen and to meet Debt Service, Shared Costs and Special Items obligations; and further to forward said Request to the Advisory Committee for their deliberations in advance of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

At 8:17 p.m., the Board was polled all “yes” to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding collective bargaining.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.