

Monday, April 28, 2008

This regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held this evening in the Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall. In attendance were: Owen H. Dugan, Chair, Gregory B. Mills, Vice Chair, Harriet S. Warshaw and Barbara D. Searle. Also in attendance were Hans Larsen, Executive Director, Terrance J. Connolly, Deputy Director and Albert S. Robinson, Town Counsel. Katherine L. Babson, Jr., Secretary was absent.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following warrants were executed #40 in the amount of \$4,203,543.29, #41 in the amount of \$3,854,880.59, #42 in the amount of \$2,437,280.66, #43 in the amount of \$3,949,668.64 and #44 in the amount of \$2,589,217.27.

1. Citizen Speak

Peggy Griffin, 27 Columbia, asked for the Selectmen's support in obtaining an understanding of understanding the density of the proposed development at 27 Washington Street.

Martin Kane, 11 Ledyard, similarly expressed his concerns regarding density and the Planning

2. Executive Director's Update

Searle moved, Mills seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 and April 15, 2008 Board of Selectmen meetings.

Searle moved, Mills seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to appoint David J. Accorsini as a Special Police Officer for a term to expire June 30, 2008.

3. Naming Policy for Assets Under Selectmen Jurisdiction

Agenda item deferred due to a later date.

4. 27 Washington Street PSI – Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Mr. Mills questioned whether the "neckdown" on Washington at

Martin Kane

Against left and through at Concord signal turn feature

Against left turn restriction from River onto Washington

Sophie Jones, Columbia Street, expressed concern regarding traffic that can no longer make left turn from River onto Washington

Ray Capobianco, Columbia Street

Neil Glick, 89 River, asked for **traffic calming measures on River Street**, and asked for some restrictions on right hand turns from River Street onto Washington Street.

Central Section

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Mr. Dugan questioned geometry of cross-hatched area, i.e., have a radius

Ms. Warshaw questioned whether there will be a pedestrian signal at the

Mr. Mills questioned whether there is a dedicated left turn lane for cars entering the Site Drive

Mr. DiLucci, owner of building at 5 Washington, suggested the neckdown should be started further to the East of its current start

Peggy Griffin, 27 Columbia, expressed support for the pedestrian improvements and questioned the specifics of the proposed pedestrian signal at the crosswalk in front of CK Shanghai. She also questioned whether a restaurant had been contemplated.

Neil Glick, 89 River Street, suggested the additional traffic related to the buildout of the DiLucci property should be considered as part of the traffic study. He also suggested that consideration should be given to a greener treatment of the entrance to the Town ROW.

Fran Jordan, 8 Glen Road, suggested the Town reconsider the times of peak traffic.

Mr. Mills questioned the current level of service (LOS) and what the Board is required to assess in terms of impact of the development on LOS. He also questioned whether the

Bill Donovan, owner of Dunkin Donuts in the Lower Falls and Route 9, suggested the Board review the density judgements of the Planning Board

Western Section

Ms. Warshaw questioned whether the parking spaces between Columbia and Ledyard are to be metered and whether the crossing guard will remain

Mr. Mills questioned whether there will be two travel lanes at the approach to the Glen Road signal.

Ms. Bowers, 12 Columbia, questioned whether they could similarly cross-hatch the area at the end of Columbia on Washington.

Martin Kane, suggested eliminating another parking spot on Washington, and suggested there is not sufficient space for a left turn bay for eastbound Washington Street traffic. Also suggested someone making a left into Ledyard will effectively block eastbound traffic, so we should do a 3 month test.

Sophie Jones, also supported a cross-hatching the end of Columbia, and engaging residents before changing one way on Columbia. She also expressed a desire for further traffic calming measures.

Ray Capebianco, suggested moving parking to other side of street in order to move the line over and create better space for left turns off Washington.

Joe Tierney, supported post-development follow-up studies.

Chief Cunningham noted that crossing guard would manually control Glen Road signal

Mary Bowers, 12 Columbia asked whether the traffic impact of the new businesses at the site of the former Spivacks operation

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Traffic calming measures related to left-turn restriction and on River Street, and need for Transportation Demand Management (TDM) measures

Searle moved, Warshaw seconded, and the Board voted (4-0) to approve the 27 Washington Street Redevelopment (PSI 07-02) traffic study as being professionally prepared and that it adequately addresses the traffic and pedestrian safety impacts, conditioned on a survey confirming adequate widths at Washington/Glen and the site driveway and assurance that there will be adequate space for shuttle stops and a turnaround. Further, to forward to the Planning Board all recommendations made in Conley Associates' Preferred Washington Street Improvement plans dated April 23, 2008 and the April 28, 2008 peer review letter from Beta Group

5. One Day Special Liquor Licenses

Old/New Business

- **Wellesley High School Building Committee Update**

- **Wellesley Country Club – Original Town Hall**

At _____, the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and strategy for collective bargaining.

Tom Schnorr, Chair of the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation, joined the Board to discuss