

Board of Selectmen Meeting: October 14, 2014

Present: Searle, Gibbs, Tsagaris, McCauley, Murphy

Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Connolly

Minutes Approved: November 3, 2014

Warrants Approved: #2015-012 in the amount of \$6,427,541.23 and #2015-013 in the amount of \$1,717,904.29.

Announcements: Ms. Searle noted the date of the second session of the Town Wide Financial Plan presentation on Thursday October 16. She also reviewed the dates for the upcoming Trail Walk, League of Women Voters STM prep meetings, and the Board of Health Annual flu clinic.

1. Executive Director's Update

Holiday Parking

Mr. Larsen noted that each year the Town allows free parking for shoppers in commercial areas, in on street lots and commercial lots. This year the Board decided to extend the free parking to Wellesley Hills.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to allow free parking for shoppers at 2-hour parking spaces on street and in municipal parking lots from December 6, 2014 – December 26, 2014. This free parking does not apply to any long term or all-day parking spaces used by commuters or employees.

2. One Day License Requests

Ms. Jop reviewed two requests for One-Day Special License's.

Babson

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the One-Day Special License request from Babson College for an event to be held on November 7, 2014 in the Sorenson Theatre.

Sisters of Charity

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the One-Day Special License request from Elizabeth Seton Residence Inc. (Sisters of Charity) for an event to be held on October 18, 2014 in the Mount St. Vincent Chapel & Dining Room.

3. State Election Warrant

Mr. Larsen asked for Board's action to call the state election and sign the warrant.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the November 4, 2014 State Election Warrant. Polls will be open from 7:00am to 8:00pm.

4. North 40 Update

Mr. McCauley noted the Town is continuing to have discussions with Wellesley College regarding the submitted proposal. Mr. Murphy discussed final actions of the committee this morning, and noted that this was the conclusion of the North 40 Steering Committee meeting's unless the Board of Selectmen would like to expand the mandate.

5. 900 Worcester Update

Mr. Larsen noted the fourth amendment to the purchase and sale agreement with the Archdiocese of Boston will be put on the website which was reported on last week. Mr. McCauley gave a brief summary of the fourth amendment. H also reviewed the discussion with the Archdiocese around the higher than estimated abatement costs.

The Board discussed the sequencing of the motions for Article 9.

6. Draft Special Town Meeting Motions

There were no draft motions available at this time.

7. FY16 Budget Guidelines

Mr. Larsen briefly reviewed the previously circulated draft guidelines. He noted that the initial deficit had been reduced as free cash has more favorably evolved. A note was received from the Human Resources Board recommending a 40 series increase of 2.5% and a 50 series increase of 2.5% for FY16. He noted they will continue to seek efficiencies from all departments to offset wage increases. Departments will be asked to build into their budget a 2.5% wage increase for 40 series employees and nothing for the 50 series employees as that will be budgeted separately by Human Resources. They are awaiting further analysis from the School Department.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Tsagaris and seconded by Ms. Gibbs the Board voted (5-0) to approve the FY16 Budget Guidelines as proposed by the Executive Director, which will be 4.0% for the School Departments and 2.5% for all other Town departments.

Old Business/New Business

Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Tolles-Parson's Center PSI application was filed today with the Planning Department. She noted all involved departments will receive packets this week. The final transportation report was received as well. The first transportation hearing was to take place on October 20th but it has been postponed and will take place on November 3. The continuation will be November 10 if needed.

Executive Session to Discuss Acquisition of Real Estate

At 7:42 the Board was polled all aye to go into executive session and discuss acquisition of the North 40 property.

See executive session minutes

The Board of Selectmen's Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm