

Board of Selectmen – June 29, 2009

Present: Searle, Babson, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

Warrants: None.

Citizen Speak: Angelika Angino, 78 Terrace Brook Road, Wellesley (President of Wellesley Friendly Aid); Stephen Peretti, 37 Audubon Road, Wellesely (President of Wellesley Community Center)

Minutes: Approved minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting.

Business:

A. Executive Director's Update:

*Board and Committee Appointments*

- Mr. Larsen listed the following recommendations for appointments, which were also outlined in a memorandum he sent to the Selectmen on June 19, 2009:

Board of Health – Tobacco Compliance Officer

Terry Donahue

Kepes Panel Sub-Committee

Robert H. Murphy

George Roman

Salvatore Defazio, III

Dante R. DeGruttola

Joel Slocumb

Board of Fire Engineers

Owen H. Dugan

Gregory B. Mills

Katherine L. Babson, Jr.

Barbara D. Searle

Terri Tsagaris

Richard DeLorie

Chief Engineer of the Fire Dept/Forest Warden

Richard DeLorie

Town Counsel

Albert S. Robinson, Esq.

Labor Counsel

Morgan, Brown & Joy

Council on Aging

The following for **three year terms** to expire 6/30/2012:

William Blount

Mary G. Dummer  
William Murphy  
Joellen M. Toussaint  
Kathleen Quirk

Youth Commission

The following for **two year terms** to expire 6/30/2011:  
Paul Delaney( Fire Dept Rep.)  
Ellen Prives (Rec. Commission Rep.)

Zoning Board of Appeals

The following for **three year terms** to expire 6/30/2012:  
David Sheffield-Member  
Randy Becker-Associate Member

Historical Commission

The following for **three year terms** to expire June 30, 2012:  
Barbara Bourque  
Dwight R. Lueth  
Lawrence McNally

The following for a **two year term** to expire June 30, 2011:  
Vicki Schauffler

The following for a **one year term** to expire June 30, 2010:  
Erin Hester

Cultural Council

Ruth Anne Nuwayser for a **one year term** to expire June 30, 2010

The following for **three year terms** to expire June 30, 2012:  
Karen Griswold  
Terri Sevilla  
Marshall Cannell  
Tim Hill

- The Board voted to approve the appointments of those individuals recommended by the Executive Director in his memorandum to the Board of Selectmen dated June 19, 2009.

*Parking Meter Contract*

- Mr. Connolly reported that a competitive bid process had been undertaken to solicit proposals for parking violation processing services. He explained the details of the service the Town was requesting and that bid packages had been sent to seven competing firms. One bid was submitted by Complus Data Innovations, Inc., which is the Town's current vender. The bid submitted

provided a cost reduction from \$1.60 under the current contract to \$1.50 per item (representing an estimated total reduction of \$3,000 per year).

- The Board voted that the contract for Parking Violation Processing Services be awarded to Complus Data Innovations, Inc. of Tarrytown , New York in accordance with the Town's Request For Proposals dated June 9, 2009 and the firm's proposal dated June 24, 2009, said contract to begin July 1, 2009. Further to authorize the Executive Director to sign the necessary materials.

B. Deputy Fire Chief Appointment:

- Fire Chief Richard DeLorie came forward to present Captain Jeffrey J. Peterson as his candidate for the position of Deputy Fire Chief. Ms. Searle indicated that she and Mr. Larsen had an opportunity to interview Captain Peterson and she concurs with Chief DeLorie's recommendation. Captain Peterson introduced those members of his family that were present in the audience.
- The Board voted to appoint Jeffrey J. Peterson to the position of Deputy Fire Chief in the Town of Wellesley.
- Chief DeLorie also reported to the Board on the retirement status of Lieutenant Greg Maloni, who was injured on duty.

C. Old/New Business:

*Wellesley High School Building Committee* – Ms. Babson made a report on the High School project. Permitting is imminent for construction on off-site parking lots. The Town also received its first reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

*27 Washington Street* – No update.

*Senior Center Study* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that representatives from the committee met with the Permanent Building Committee.

*DCR Bridge* – No update.

*Linden Square Meeting* – Mr. Dugan reported that he attended a meeting with the residents and the developer of Linden Square. He announced that Leonard's Furniture was under construction in the former Roche Brothers property and a new Jos. A. Bank store will be starting construction some time during the summer. Furthermore, all of the second floor office space has been leased.

D. Affordable Housing Study:

- Robert Goldkamp from the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation (WHDC) came forward to present a professional market study that had been performed by LDS Consulting Group (LDS). Mr. Goldkamp was joined by Dona Kemp of WHDC and Lynne Sweet from LDS.
- Ms. Sweet gave a presentation on her analysis of housing and socioeconomic data for Wellesley and surrounding communities. The members of the Board asked various question as to how the analysis influenced the work of WHDC regarding rental and home ownership programs moving forward. There was an acknowledgement that the Town was losing ground on its percentage of affordable units.
- Mr. Larsen pointed-out that much of the affordable housing in Wellesley had been achieved as a result of inclusionary zoning as opposed to instances where the Town had taken an active role in purchasing or developing property. He also posited that the Town could more effectively leverage public dollars by targeting individuals whose incomes excluded them from both the housing market in Wellesley as well as qualification for affordable housing programs.
- The Selectmen agreed that the WHDC should take the lead in further developing the Town's affordable housing strategy in consultation with the Planning Board, Community Preservation Committee and others.

E. Verizon Summer Work:

- Ed Morales from Verizon and Bob O'Leary from White Mountain Cable came forward. Mr. Larsen gave a brief background on Verizon's efforts to complete the installation of FiOS infrastructure.
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F. Traffic Regulations:

- Mr. Connolly...

G. Gift Acceptance Policy:

- Ms. Searle...

H. FY2009 Performance Assessments:

- Ms. Searle...

At 8:55 p.m. the Board members were polled all "yes" to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy regarding the potential purchase of real estate.