

Board of Selectmen Meeting: March 21, 2016
Present: Murphy, Freiman, Gibbs, Searle, Morgan
Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Connolly
Minutes Approved: April 11, 2016

Warrants Approved: #2016-037 in the amount of \$6,017,314.00

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. Citizen Speak

None

2. Executive Director's Update

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2016 Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

War Memorial Scholarship

Mr. Larsen asked the Board to clarify the amount of funds they want to designate for the War Memorial Scholarship. He briefly reviewed a memo from the Treasurer which detailed the market value of the fund as well as various fund raising avenues for this fund. Mr. Larsen proposed they use \$5,000 this year.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to approve the use of \$5000 for the purpose of the FY16/FY17 War Memorial Scholarship.

Mr. Larsen updated the Board on the Government Finance Officers Association Award statistics related to a discussion that had begun at the previous meeting. He noted that 43 organizations in Massachusetts and 4,181 organizations nationwide have received this award.

3. Collective Bargaining Update

Ms. Jop noted that they have come to an agreement with the Superior Officers Union. She briefly reviewed changes to the draft agreement. She noted that they are waiting for finalization of language on one item. This is a 1 year contract which includes a 2.5% increase in pay. Ms. Jop noted the total amount is about \$24,000.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Wellesley and the Wellesley Superior Officers pending finalization of language, and authorize Hans Larsen to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board.

4. Hardy Hunnewell Upham (HHU) Update

Mr. Morgan noted that because of the importance of further considerations of the issues, including school facilities, potential school closings and efficiencies in the HHU Schools, they are forming a new

HHU Master Plan Committee. There will be approximately 20 members on the committee. He briefly described the makeup of the committee and the application process for soliciting members. He noted that there would be much more transparency this time around. The Board of Selectmen will vote the draft charge next Monday night.

5. Quarterly traffic update

Deputy Chief, Jack Pilecki joined the Board.

Wellesley Country Club crosswalk improvement

Deputy Chief Pilecki noted that at the request of the Wellesley Country Club they will be installing a video detection camera at the pedestrian crossing on Wellesley Avenue. The Wellesley Country Club will cover the entire cost of the equipment/installation. This stemmed from concern over pedestrians not pushing the pedestrian crosswalk light. He noted that they will experiment with this to see how it works.

Deputy Chief Pilecki updated the Board on a meeting with Cottage Street residents regarding traffic concerns. Cottage Street is a cut-through street which receives about 3000 cars per day. They are working with the residents to see if they are able to reduce the volume if possible and increase safety.

He reviewed a meeting with school officials regarding traffic issues at the Fiske School. As a result of this meeting they will be looking at some crosswalks to see if they need to be relocated or redesigned.

He noted an upcoming meeting dealing with traffic issues on Brook Street and Amherst Street.

Route 9/Kingsbury Street/Intersection

Deputy Chief Pilecki noted that there will be a public hearing tomorrow night and March 31st regarding the intersection of Route 9 and Kingsbury Street.

Washington St/Ledyard Parking Space Public Hearing

Mr. Murphy opened the public Hearing at 7:15pm. Mr. Connolly reviewed the proposal to remove a single parking space on Washington Street, east of the driveway at 27 Washington Street. This was reviewed by the town's traffic consultant at the request of the traffic committee. This first parking space hinders the view of oncoming traffic when turning out of the driveway. Mr. Connolly asked the Board to approve the removal of this parking space.

Mary Bowers, Waterstone resident, approached the Board. Ms. Bowers noted that she has watched as the traffic situation has increased. She along with other residents feel that this spot should be removed. When larger vehicles are parked in that spot taking a left onto Washington Street is nearly impossible. She noted that it is a great safety concern for both drivers and pedestrians. Mr. Connolly noted that there was no feedback against this proposal.

Mr. Murphy closed the public hearing.

Deputy Chief Pilecki noted that the area will be striped and a no parking sign will be placed.

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman the Board voted (5-0) to amend the Town's Traffic Regulations by adding to Schedule I – No Parking

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIDE</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Washington Street	Northerly	Driveway at 27 Washington Street	Easterly for a distance of 30 feet

Parking Pass for Commercial Pass Holders

Mr. Connolly noted that he and Ms. Jop met previously with merchants in town regarding the ongoing issue of employee on street parking. He noted that many of the merchants bought stored value cards to allow their employees to park in the Tailby Lot. At this time the town's parking lots are experiencing overflow on a daily basis and they are having trouble finding spaces. Mr. Connolly and Ms. Jop proposed a pilot program which they would like the Board to consider from now until July to have 20 spaces to allow them to park in spaces not used by other commuters or in long term parking. Ms. Jop noted that the Waban lot does not typically see as much demand as other lots and that this may alleviate parking issues for the few merchants who have already invested in the parking passes. Mr. Larsen noted that they are looking at a rate increase in the lots particularly for the non residents as there has been no rate increase in close to 10 years.

6. 900 Worcester Street Request for Proposals (RFP)

Andy Wrobel joined the Board. Mr. Wrobel noted that the 900 Worcester Committee voted and is awaiting feedback from the Board of Selectmen. He noted that there were no major changes to the RFP only that some of the criteria was cleared up. The Board shared feedback on the RFP.

7. Preparations for ATM

Tad Hauer, Historic Commission Chair joined the Board. Mr. Hauer briefly reviewed the amendment to Article 17 of the Town's Bylaws. He discussed what they are trying to achieve with this article. He noted that they are seeking language clarification. Residents when renovating their home have been having an issue with the stretch code and often have to go to the building commissioner to request a variance in order to preserve existing doors and windows on their home. The Historical Commission believes that they should have the ability to survey historical buildings per the stretch code exemption. He noted that this Article will serve as a technical clarification that they would have the authority to survey these buildings and will prevent a homeowner from having to seek a variance from the state.

The Board briefly reviewed changes to motion language.

8. Old/new business

Mr. Murphy reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule .

The Board of Selectmen meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm

Documents Presented:

- Quarterly Traffic Update