

**Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 5, 2016**  
**Present: Murphy, Freiman, Gibbs, Searle, Morgan**  
**Also Present: Larsen, Jop, Harrington**  
**Minutes Approved: April 11, 2016**

**Meeting called to order at 6:00pm in the Middle School Library.**

**1. Citizen Speak**

None.

**2. Debt Exclusion Election**

The Board discussed setting the date for the debt exclusion ballot question should the Tolles Parsons Center, Article 24, pass at tonight's session of Town Meeting. The Board reviewed the ballot language and verified that May 10<sup>th</sup> is a feasible date to hold the election.

**3. Town Meeting Preparation**

Route 9 & Kingsbury Street

Ms. Jop and Ms. Gibbs gave an update on the meeting held with MassDOT today on the Route 9/Kingsbury Street intersection design. Ms. Jop noted that VHB, MassDOT Representatives, town staff, and Ellen met to discuss the results of the two public forums conducted in the past two weeks. The primary option reviewed was option 2, which would signalize the turning lanes. Ms. Jop noted MassDOT reviewed the concerns with regards to the Donizetti neighbors and location of the turning lanes. MassDOT noted the Donizetti neighbors suggested making Donizetti one way towards Route 9. If this were approved it would require signalization of Donizetti at Route 9, which would further complicate the intersection and create additional delays. MassDOT noted the original stop lines after further review; continue to be the best locations to accommodate the 200 foot queue storage for turning vehicles, while creating enough protection for turning with the median. Further to the west on Route 9, the median is narrower which creates challenges. In addressing the question of moving the stop line to Donizetti, MassDOT noted the turn lane would then align with Sprague and Donizetti creating potential opportunities for vehicles to try and cross Route 9 or turn westbound from Donizetti.

Ms. Jop indicated Town staff is of the opinion that the Route 9/Kingsbury work could proceed, and the Town on a separate track could address the Donizetti concerns through various measures including altering the geometry at Route 9 to require reduced speeds to enter the road, installation of sidewalks, review of parking limitations during school hours on both Donizetti and Calvin, and potential reduction in speed on the road to 25 mph. Ms. Jop noted the Planning Board has submitted a letter to support option 2 and recommended some design considerations. MassDOT has agreed to implement approximately 75% of the recommendations including installation of a guardrail to protect the sidewalk from Audubon to the crosswalk. MassDOT also agreed to install video detection at the intersection.

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs, and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the MassDOT option 2 design and to proceed to Annual Town Meeting to seek an appropriation for \$600,000 under Article 26 to complete the work.**

#### Union Contracts

Mr. Larsen reported that earlier in the evening Advisory voted to support the three Union Contracts for the Superior Officers, Patrolmen, and Library.

**The Board called for a recess to attend Town Meeting at 6:45 pm.**

#### **4. Debt Exclusion Election**

**The Board reconvened at 10:55 pm.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously to call a Special Election for Tuesday, May 10, 2016 for the purpose of placing a debt exclusion question on the ballot regarding the proposed Tolles Parsons Center building.**

**Upon a motion by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Freiman, the Board voted unanimously to place the following language on the ballot for the May 10, 2016 Special Election:**

**“Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to fund the plans and specifications, construction, equipping and furnishing of the Tolles Parsons Center building at 494-496 Washington Street?”**

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 pm.**