

Board of Selectmen – June 15, 2009

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Babson, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen

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

Warrants: Approved #2009-52 (\$1,266,891.45)

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes: Approved minutes of the June 1, 2009 and June 8, 2009 meetings.

Business:

A. Executive Director's Update:

*Approval of Council on Aging Gifts*

The Board voted to accept the \$200.00 from the Friends of Wellesley Senior Neighbors, the \$500.00 from The Village Churchwomen, Wellesley Congregational Church, and the \$25.00 from Sheila L. Greenfield.

Ms. Searle asked that the Board review its Gift Acceptance Policy at the next Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Larsen reported that it would be discussed on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

B. Review of FY2009 Accomplishments:

- Mr. Larsen made a presentation on the following accomplishments during FY2009:
  - High School – Nearing completion of permitting
  - Collective bargaining – All contracts renegotiated
  - Health insurance changes – All employees migrated to Rate Saver
  - Senior Center – Design funds appropriated
  - 978 Worcester Street – Project permitted
  - Weston Road – Design completed and project bid
  - 27 Washington Street – Awaiting outcome of legal appeals
  - Facilities Maintenance – Managerial staff hired; functioning as standalone budget; reserve fund established
  - Building Department – MUNIS Permitting Module
  - MUNIS implementation – Implemented Traffic Loop; to be completed by 6/30/09
  - Fire Chief Search – Chief DeLorie appointed following search and assessment center process
  - MPO projects – Reconstruction of Rockland St. bridge scheduled for 2010
  - Communications – Gov Q/A architected and initial implementation work completed
  - Sprague Field – Project completed
  - Linden Square - Construction nearly completed
  - Sign By-law enforcement – Enforcement effort initiated
  - Original Town Hall – Flooring and other key artifacts preserved

- Gift Acceptance Policy – Policy drafted and approved by Town Mtg.
  - Selectmen Naming Rights – Policy drafted
  - One-day liquor licenses – Policy drafted
- Mr. Mills also commended Town Meeting and the various Town boards and committees for their efforts to balance the budget for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year without the need for a Proposition 2 ½ override.

C. Board Reorganization:

- The Board voted to elect:
  - Barbara Searle as Chair of the Wellesley Board of Selectmen;
  - Katherine Babson as Vice-Chair of the Wellesley Board of Selectmen; and
  - Gregory Mills as Secretary of the Wellesley Board of Selectmen.
- Mr. Mills handed the gavel to Ms. Searle, who presided over the remainder of the meeting as chair.

D. FY2010 Work Plan:

- Mr. Larsen made a presentation on the following goals established by the Board for FY2010:
  - High School
  - Senior Center
  - FY11 Budget Workgroup
  - 27 Washington Street
  - Facilities Maintenance
  - Traffic Calming policy
  - Traffic operations
  - Federal Stimulus Funds/MPO projects
  - Successor Firefighters contract
  - Facilities planning
  - Website enhancements, Gov Q/A
  - Police and Fire overtime
  - Energy conservation
  - Public transportation
  - Parking
  - Housing policy
  - St. James Church
  - Communications
  - List of parcels for acquisition
  - Aqueduct leases
  - State Street study
  - Weston Road
  - Sign By-law enforcement

- Aqueduct encroachments
- DCR bridge
- Cochituate Aqueduct land acquisition
- Selectmen Gift Acceptance policy
- River Street parking garage
- Planning/zoning/PSI process issues
- Sale of Town land
- Youth mental health

E. Old/New Business:

*Wellesley High School Building Committee* – Ms. Babson made a report on the High School project. The project is in the final stages of permitting, with its third public hearing before the ZBA on Wednesday.

*27 Washington Street* – No update.

*Senior Center Study* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that committee continues to meet with the architect and the project manager in advance of meeting with the Permanent Building Committee in the coming week.

*DCR Bridge* – No update.

*State Street Study* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the public can participate in the public survey through the Town’s website.

*Time of Use Project* – Ms. Searle discussed the completion of the Municipal Light Plant’s “Time of Use” project, which challenged participants to reduce their energy usage. Several Board members discussed their participation in the program.

At 8:03 p.m. the Board members were polled all “yes” to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for negotiations with non-union personnel.