

Board of Selectmen – August 24, 2009

Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Warrants: #2010-06 (\$5,659,331.42)

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes: August 3, August 13

Business:

A. Appointment of Fire Lieutenant

- Chief DeLorie and Deputy Chief Peterson introduced Firefighter Matthew Donahue as their recommended candidate for Fire Department Lieutenant.
- Matt was appointed to the Fire Department in October 2002. His father James Donahue served as a Fire Fighter in Wellesley for 29 years. Matt introduced family members present.
- The Board voted to appoint Matthew Donahue to the position of Lieutenant in the Wellesley Fire Department

B. Investment Policy Discussion

- Sheryl Strother, Finance Director and Marc Waldman, Treasurer/Collector joined the Board for this discussion.
- Ms. Searle and Ms. Babson have been working with Ms. Strother and Mr. Waldman to update the Town's Investment Policy over the past few months.
- Mr. Waldman led a discussion with the Board regarding revisions to the policy
- The policy has not been updated since it was adopted by the Board of Selectmen in 1991.
- Mr. Waldman explained some changes in municipal investment marketplace.
- Reviewed by Town's Auditing Firm and Town's Audit Committee
- Draft policy covers 3 areas not addressed in current policy:
 1. Role of Board of Selectmen;
 2. Delineation of investment in 3 distinct town funds; operating, reserve, and trust funds; and
 3. Reporting Responsibilities of the Treasurer.
- Comments from the Board will be reflected in the next draft.
- Ms. Babson asked that this policy be reviewed by Town Counsel
- A vote on the policy will be scheduled in September.

C. Executive Director's Update

Weston Road Reconstruction - Mr. Connolly updated the Board on the Reconstruction of Weston Road. Paving is complete from Fells Road to MacArthur Road. Work on Hardy Road and the sidewalks will be completed before school starts on September 2nd. Work has begun on the next phase from MacArthur Road to Turner Road.

Local Options Meal Tax – Mr. Ketchen continued a discussion on the Local Option Meal Tax. This local option meal tax would have to be approved by majority vote at a

Town Meeting. The Board will be receiving public input at a Public Hearing scheduled for September 9th. This would allow the Town to collect an additional .75% tax on meals in local restaurants. The annual revenue for Wellesley is estimated to be \$355,000. The Board will consider calling a Special Town Meeting at their meeting on September 21st.

CVS – PSI Application – Mr. Larsen reported that the Town has received a PSI Application proposing a CVS at the former site of Kehoe Chrysler located at 984 Worcester Street.

D. Procedure on Building Moves

- Mr. Ketchen gave a brief account of the house move that occurred on August 1, 2009 from Seaver Street to Rice Street.
- Mr. Ketchen distributed a draft procedure for house moves developed by staff using lessons learned on August 1st.
- Mr. Ketchen explained the draft procedure for house moves.
- Mr. Mills suggested explicitly stating that all costs are the responsibility of the applicant.
- Ms. Babson suggested identifying private trees to be cut/ pruned in the application as these trees do not fall under the same legal notification process of public shade trees.
- Ms. Tsagaris suggested highlighting opportunities for public input via public hearings or otherwise.
- Ms. Babson asked that Mr. Ketchen assemble information so that the Selectmen can fully understand state law that governs the moving of a house.
- Mr. Ketchen will provide another draft to the Board based on the Board's input.
- Ms. Searle recognized Marc Shechtman, 41 Rice Street, who asked the Board to consider amelioration for owners of trees trimmed on private property.

E. Municipal Energy Efficiency Committee Update

- Mr. Dugan updated the Board on the initial meeting of the committee. The members included representatives from: MLP, DPW, Schools, Green Ribbon Committee, Selectmen, and Executive Director.
- 2009 Annual Town Meeting approved the Green Ribbon Study Committee's target of reducing green house gas emissions, both public and private, 10% below the 2007 levels by 2013.
- It was agreed by the committee that the municipal goal would be a 20% reduction to make-up for a possible shortfall in energy reduction by residents.
- All town departments must be more aware of energy usage and energy conservation.
- Mr. Dugan reported on the "Green Team" energy reduction initiative at the Wellesley High School.

Old Business/New Business:

- *High School* – Ms. Babson reported that all permits for the new high school have been received and the appeal periods have expired. 3 off-site parking lots are nearly complete. The installation of the perimeter fence began today. The School Department sent out information to parents regarding the site, circulation, and parking.
- *27 Washington Street* – No report.
- *Senior Center* – Ms. Tsagaris reported that the draft traffic and parking report was submitted to the PBC. With the use of on-street parking spaces on Washington Street, the site can accommodate 100 -150 visitors per day. An updated draft will be available next week. The demolition permit for American Legion building was issued today. Demolition should be completed before the start of school.
- *DCR Bridge* – Ms. Searle attended a meeting held by the DCR in Newton. The meeting primarily discussed design plans for the approaches to the bridge on both the Wellesley and Newton sides. Ms. Searle felt that it was a very productive meeting.
- *Advisory Committee Update* – No Report.

Adjourned: 8:25 pm