

Board of Selectmen – October 25, 2010

Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

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

Warrants approved: None

Minutes approved: **The Board voted to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen**

Citizens Speak

None

Executive Directors Update

The Executive Director announced the dates of the upcoming flu clinics.

Mr. Larsen updated the Board on his meeting with Mass DOT regarding the pedestrian bridge at Lower Falls which should be completed by the end of next March. There will be no pedestrian access next summer as it will impact the town right of way and the area will have to be fenced off during the construction period.

The Benchmark template is currently being updated and should be done by the end of the calendar year and we are currently reviewing the DPW Capital plan.

We are also working with Peg Metzger and the cable studio in order to broadcast more information regarding town finances.

3. Storage Tank License at Wellesley High School

Roger Gurney, Project Manager and representatives from Turner Construction and Stan Shaevitz, Ferrell Gas appeared before the Board and gave details of the application.

Mr. Gurney explained the necessity for heat for specific activities at the construction site during the winter months. The heaters will be used approximately from November 15, 2010 to April 1, 2011. He also explained the quantity of the gases stored in the heaters and how much will be used per day. Updates will be listed on the website.

Mr. Jamie Meiser, Site Superintendent Turner Construction took questions from the Board.

The Chair opened floor to public comment

Anita Alden of 62 Seaver Street, abutter, asked several questions regarding the proximity of the tanks to residences, what safety precautions are being taken, will the noise barriers reduce the noise sufficiently so it will not impact the neighbors and who is overseeing the compliance of the safety regulations.

Ms. Babson mentioned the high school rendering is on display in the Library and Town Hall and thanked Mr. Gurney and the other representatives for their information.

Move to approve a license for Ferrell Gas allowing the storage of LP gas for the purpose of providing temporary heating for construction services at the Wellesley High School in accordance with their Application dated September 28, 2010.

4. World Of Wellesley Diversity Event

Ms. Gibbs, the Board of Selectmen's liaison to the World of Wellesley conducted the program. This year is the 20th anniversary of WOW and the Board of Directors would like to re-establish connection and to further reach out to the Community and to the Board of Selectmen in order to discuss future plans. Ms. Gibbs praised the volunteers for their committed efforts and recognized Dwayne Babbista who recently passed away after 16 dedicated years of service.

The Board welcomed Richard McGhee, Director and Phyllis Schnitman President of the World of Wellesley Board. Mr. McGhee gave an historical update of WOW and Ms. Schnitman spoke about what they are presently working on such as endeavoring to recruit younger members. Mr. McGhee talked about what they anticipate to achieve in the future and hoped that WOW has enriched residents with culture and diversity. They also recognized Dick Joyce and Harriet Warshaw for all they have contributed to the success of WOW.

Ms. Searle thanked everyone for their service and the Chairman gave contact information for anyone who would like to volunteer.

5. Town Wide Financial Planning Working Group

The Chairman noted that last spring former Chairs and Vice Chairs of past Advisory Committees for the past 6 years discussed what the Town could do to move forward with work on the Town Wide Financial Plan.

Former Advisory Chairs Peter Cory, Marlene Allen, Rusty Kellogg and Tim McMurrich appeared before the Board and gave an overview of key issues of the Town Wide Financial Plan Committee's Report. They explained the process on how the Committee created the Plan and provided details on their thoughts, suggestions, analysis and the results.

The Board discussed the report with the Committee offered suggestions and commended them on all the work that went into the project.

The Executive Director would like the Committee to present the report to a Department Heads Meeting.

7. HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORP LIP APPLICATION

Bob Kenney, Chair of WHDC gave an update on the collective purchase of 12-14 Peck Ave. and 6 Mellon St. He noted that the LIP Agreement will need signatures from the Board along with a memo waiving regulatory agreement. The Peck Ave. meeting was unattended and the Mellon St. meeting well attended. Nov. 1st they will begin the marketing process. Info sessions will be advertised and by the end of January the lottery should be completed for all locations.

They are planning to notify town employees in their paychecks as well as advertising on the town website.

The Executive Director stated that waiving the agreement was more of an administrative issue and he would take care of that portion and the Board only needed to vote on the LIP Agreement. The Town will use Beth Rust as realtor.

Move to support the Local Action Units Application for 12-14 Peck Avenue and 6 Mellon Road as presented by the Wellesley Housing Development Corporation; and further to authorize the Chair to sign said application on behalf of the Selectmen.

Reports

WHS –we received update about heating situation and renderings will be displayed.

WMS - unanimously decided Option X for internal renovations only for 1.6 million dollars.

Advisory - Steve Simons, Advisory Chair, talked about public hearing for citizen impute on warrant articles for December Special Town Meeting. Gave information on how they can be reached

Senior Center - Executive Session held 11/3 @7:30 describe vision for senior/community center at current site of Wellesley Community Center

Fuller Brook - Second set of alternatives - 3 sessions will be held

St. James - Committee met again on 10/19 with talks about the potential allocation for CPA funding for land. Pros/cons of incorporating a bubble over the fields but it was decided for various reasons not to go with this option at this time. Working with zoning and planning regarding various issues. Also thinking about a pool at this site.

Regional Matters- Rt. 135 between Wellesley and Natick has been restriped from 4 lanes to 2 lanes, with turnoffs at Wellesley College and Bacon Street.

Sustainability - A more robust report is being developed on work plan in next two weeks. The MLP Solar panel installation can be viewed at www.wellesleyma.gov

Public Transportation Study – Ellen Gibbs, Christopher Ketchen, and Frank DeMasi will be discussing Transportation issues at networking at Wellesley Friendly Aid

Cable Access Dixon Purcell and James Joyce provided the BOS with an update on the cable corporation including a copy of the draft audit report. Mr. Larsen provided a brief history of WCAC. Mr. Joyce also discussed some upcoming programming and they are trying to involve more Town departments in their programming. They anticipate a government only channel in addition to the existing programming. They anticipate placing some robotic cameras in the Great Hall and hopefully place some cameras at the Library and perhaps the Community Center.

Their current location is no longer able to sustain their needs and they have been in discussion with the Town about the potential reuse of the substation building at the DPW. The town would request appropriation of CPA funds to renovate the outside before handing over the Cable Access Studio. CPA funds would be available as it is a historic building.

The chair announced that there was supposed to be an executive session re st. James acquisition but it was moved to executive session on Thursday where they will also discuss real-estate at the friendly aide site.

Board Moved to adjourn all aye.