

Board of Selectmen – February 11, 2013
Present: Tsagaris, Gibbs, Searle, Babson, McCauley
Also present: Larsen, Connolly

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Warrants approved: #2013-031 in the amount of \$3,234,644.11 and #2013-032 in the amount of \$6,445,877.19

Minutes approved: none

Announcements: Ms. Tsagaris thanked the Police Chief, Fire Chief, DPW Director, MLP Director and their staff for the work they did during the storm emergency.

1. Citizen Speak

None

2. Executive Director's Update

Mr. Larsen updated the Board on an upcoming Public Meeting with the neighbors of Linden Square regarding the VW Dealership which will be held on February 13, at 7pm at the Town Hall.

A request was received from the DPW to appropriate an additional \$100,000 for snow and ice budget, which has since been amended to \$200,000. Mr. Larsen suggested deferring action on this request until the next meeting.

3. Babson College – Spring One Day Special Licenses

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the request of Babson College for 9 One Day Special Licenses for events held in 2013.

4. Facilities Maintenance Projects (Annual Town Meeting Article 17)

Joseph McDonough, Facilities Director joined the Board. Mr. McDonough gave a detailed overview of each of the six municipal projects, a breakdown of project costs and a recommendation for prioritizing these projects. The total 2013 ATM Appropriation is \$2,321,850. The design costs total \$650,000 which will give a better understanding of what the construction costs may be for these projects.

Ms. Babson questioned how the Town was possibly going to fund these projects as well as other upcoming unrelated projects. It was concluded that a plan was needed to decide how all of this is going to move forward.

David Lussier, School Superintendent, Diane Campbell and Wendy Paul joined the Board. Mr. McDonough next reviewed the project schedule for both municipal and school projects. Mr. McDonough presented the details of what he thinks needs to happen, task by task in order to meet a 2014 construction schedule.

Ms. Tsagaris suggested having a joint meeting with PBC, Board of Selectmen, School Committee & Joe McDonough on Thursday to have a better understanding of how all these projects can be completed.

5. Branch Library Maintenance (Article 21)

Ms. Gibbs updated the Board on a meeting she had with the Library Trustees regarding Article 21, which deals with funding branch library capital needs for the next 5 years. At the end of the meeting the group decided it would be helpful to engage Town Council to focus the motion and be prepared to answer questions town meeting might pose. After a discussion about the article it was decided to assist the group by crafting some potential language for the motion.

The draft language is as follows: The Town hereby directs the future planning for funding of capital needs for town buildings shall include the needs of the branch libraries.

Trustees are meeting tomorrow to provide feedback and comment on this language. Ms. Gibbs asked the board for their feedback on the language.

6. Town Clerk Salary (Article 5)

The average wage increase contemplated for merit pay plan employees proposed by the HR Board assumes a 2% increase for series 50 and 60 employees, which has been the basis for the Town Clerk's salary in years past. Mr. Larsen proposed that the Board consider raising the Town Clerk's salary to \$80,355.

The Board voted (5-0) to recommend under Article 5 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting that the Town Clerk's annual salary be fixed at a 2% increase effective July 1, 2013.

7. Town-Wide Financial Plan

Mr. Larsen made a presentation regarding the Town-Wide Financial Plan. He walked the Board through slides to further clarify any questions the Board might have. His remarks focused on information regarding: Pension funding increases, the current status of OPEB funding, Health Insurance cost growth, Collective Bargaining, which is ongoing and is not expected to be settled in time for the Advisory Book, the Five Year Capital Budget Program, Cash Capital, Debt Capital inside the levy and exclusions, facilities initiatives and projects including proposed scope of the school work, proposed scope of town work, potential costs of facilities work, exempt debt service impact of facilities work at 4% /15 years, median tax bill, the FY14 budget status, projected sources and uses, and potential debt exclusions FY14-FY18.

Projects and Other Updates

- Tolles-Parsons Center – The group met with an architect regarding changes they want to make and will be discussing these changes with review committee and architect. Steve Peretti, Community Center President, has written a proposal regarding the Senior center which includes offering to have Senior Center built next to Community Center, which would be owned and controlled by the Community Center. The proposal includes a bridge between the two buildings. Ms. Tsagaris will be meeting with Mr. Peretti to further discuss this proposal.
- Wellesley Square Initiative – A meeting scheduled with merchants for March 12, dealing with the start of the Washington Street Reconstruction and how it will affect them. Ms. Babson is working on the procurement of the brackets for light poles for banners in Town.
- Advisory Committee Update – Dave Murphy, Advisory Chair, joined the Board and went over the Advisory Committee schedule.

- Fuller Brook Park – Ms. Babson updated the Board on the FBPPC meeting and their plans to start the permitting process
- 900 Worcester Street- Mr. McCauley informed the Board that the committee will meet Thursday to consider budget motions for Town Meeting.
- Hills Branch Chimney– Ms. Gibbs announced that they are waiting for a report on preliminary cost estimates.
- WPS Strategic Planning Committee – Ms. Tsagaris informed on upcoming community forums that will feature specific questions on Schools.
- Cochituate Aqueduct – Ms. Babson updated the board that further work has been done with NRC and Trails Committee.

Ms. Tsagaris reviewed the Selectmen's February 25, 2013 agenda. There will be no meeting next week.

At 9:19pm the meeting was adjourned

Documents presented: Town Wide Financial Plan to Advisory Committee Presentation 2/6/13. Town-Wide Facilities Maintenance Capital Projects for 2013 Annual Town Meeting.