

Board of Selectmen – June 1, 2009

Present: Mills, Searle, Dugan, Babson, Tsagaris

Also present: Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

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

Warrant: Approved #2009-50 (\$959,730.04) and #2009-49 (\$3,905,977.17)

Citizen Speak: None.

Minutes: Approved minutes of the May 18, 2009 meeting.

Business:

A. Chairman's Announcements

- Mr. Mills commended Roy Switzler and the Celebrations Committee for the previous weekend's fireworks and festivities.
- Mr. Mills announced that the Town had retained its AAA bond rating from both Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services. Mr. Mills congratulated Executive Director Hans Larsen, Finance Director Sheryl Strother and Treasurer Marc Waldman for their work to secure the Town's credit rating.

B. Deputy Directors Update:

- Mr. Ketchen reported that he, Mr. Mills and Mr. Dugan along with members of the WMLP and Green Ribbon Study Committee will be attending a DOER meeting on June 5, 2009 to discuss the process for applying for grants related to energy efficiency and conservation.

C. Ambulance Contract:

- Mr. Ketchen and Chief DeLorie updated the Board on negotiations to secure an Ambulance contract. The Town currently uses American Medical Response (AMR). AMR has been providing this service to Wellesley for 17 years.
- The Town also met with Cataldo Ambulance Service, Inc. and Fallon Ambulance Service. The staff recommendation was to renew the contract with AMR for two years. AMR has significant resources and presence in our area and is based in Natick.
- Mr. Ketchen pointed out that the FY09 subsidy for AMR is \$122,000 while the FY10 subsidy will be \$80,000. AMR profit in excess of 10% will result in a reciprocal reduction in the amount of the subsidy.
- The Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to sign a contract with American Medical Response of Massachusetts, Inc. for the term beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2011 in a form consistent with that presented to the Board by the Fire Chief.

D. Surplus Property Disposition – 57 Seaver Street:

- Mr. Ketchen described the process undertaken to dispose of this property following an Invitation for Bids (IFB) process.

- Town Meeting authorized the Selectmen to dispose of this property at the 2009 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Ketchen described the various steps that were involved in complying with the Town's bylaw regarding surplus property.
- Several Board members expressed their pleasure with the outcome of the process.
- The Board voted to award the surplus property located at 57 Seaver Street to Bob and Martha Collins in accordance with their bid submitted on May 22, 2009, subject to the execution of a contract with the Town and receipt of insurance, payment and other documentation specified in the Town's Invitation For Bids.

E. Old/New Business:

Wellesley High School Building Committee – Ms. Babson briefed the Board members on the upcoming Zoning Board of Appeals process and progress related to issues articulated by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

27 Washington Street – No update.

DCR Bridge – Ms. Searle reported that there will be a meeting this week with representatives from Wellesley, Newton and the state DCR to discuss design plans and the approach to the bridge.

Senior Center Study – Ms. Tsagaris reported that Town has a contract signed with the architect, Bill Sterling, and the project manager, KVA. She also indicated that the traffic study had begun. A meeting to begin review of design plans and timelines was scheduled for Tuesday.

State Street Study – Ms. Tsagaris discussed the outcome and feedback received from a recent public forum on the study. She also encouraged the public to take the online survey available through the Planning Board's website. A copy of the survey was sent to all Town Meeting members.

At 7:35 p.m., the Board was polled all "yes" to enter Executive Session.