

Board of Selectmen – October 6, 2009

Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen and Robinson

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

Warrant approved: None

Citizen Speak: None

Minutes approved: September 29, 2009

Business:

A. Executive Director's Update

- Mr. Ketchen updated the Board on the pending installation of steel plates to reinforce the Central Street Fire Station apparatus floor.
- Approved the installation of truck access route signs in accordance with the orthophoto submitted to the Board by Roger Gurney, Owner's Project Manager for the Wellesley High School project, on October 2, 2009. These routes are in accordance with the permit.
- Concurred with Mr. Larsen's and Police Chief Cunningham's suggestion to extend (until further notice) the temporary lifting of the a.m. parking ban on the eastbound side of Washington St., between State Street and Rice Street.
- Mr. Larsen reported that the proposed easement on the north side of the Rockland Street bridge has been rejected by the property owner.

B. Procedure for Moving Buildings

Ms. Searle provided context for the draft Procedure, summarized the provisions of such, and invited public comment.

- Nancy Stakun, 32 Rice Street, expressed her views regarding the inadequacy of the process culminating with the recent trimming of trees on Rice Street and the moving of the house from Seaver Street to Rice Street.
- Marlene Allen, 29 Rice Street, provided feedback regarding the draft Procedure and asked for the Town's help in dealing with the trees on Rice Street impacted by the recent trimming.
- Marc Schechtman, 41 Rice Street, suggested the policy should address the use of the right of eminent domain to cut trees on private property. Mr. Robinson indicated that the right of eminent domain is not involved.

The Board committed to try to address the issues raised and will prepare another draft of the Procedure.

C. Special Town Meeting Warrant

Reviewed the draft warrant Articles for the Special Town Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2009.

D. Board of Health – Flu Update

Shep Cohen, Marcia Testa, Lloyd Tarlin and Mary Suresh, representing the Board of Health, updated the Selectmen on plans for dealing with H1N1 and seasonal flu.

E. Housing Development Corporation

Bob Kenny, Bob Goldkamp and Dona Kemp, representing the Housing Development Corporation joined the Board. The two boards briefly discussed the need to update the Town's affordable housing policy.

Old/New Business

- Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson noted the recent distribution of a High School Building Newsletter.
- 27 Washington Street – N/A.
- Senior Center – N/A.
- DCR Bridge – N/A.
- Advisory Committee Update – Peter Cory noted Advisory will be holding their public hearing related to the upcoming Special Town Meeting on October 15th at 7:00 p.m, and Advisory's FY11 budget guidelines are available on the Town's website.

At 9:00 the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session to discuss the potential acquisition of real property.