

Board of Selectmen –January 10, 2011
Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs
Also present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: #28 in the amount of \$4,577,311.79 & #27 in the amount of \$4,490,048.35
Citizen speak: none
Minutes approved: none
Business:

2. Executive Directors Update

On January 4th Hans Larsen and Owen Dugan attended the third meeting of a series of public hearings on the Cedar Street Bridge Project. Representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and residents were updated on further details and time frame of the plans for the replacement of the bridge. Work is scheduled to begin on the 4th of July weekend 2011. More information will be provided on the Town's website as the time gets nearer to the beginning of the project.

3. Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Annual Meeting

A. Resolution Calling for Health Insurance Plan Design Authority for Cities and Towns

The Executive Director discussed the plan design and explained the referendum. The purpose behind the change to give local government the same authority that the state has regarding health insurance plan design is to reduce costs and save municipal services and municipal jobs. Without this change, cities and towns will have no other alternative than to effect dramatic service cuts and jobs.

Move to direct the Chairman to vote in favor of resolution calling for health insurance plan design authority for cities and towns Resolution A.

B. Resolution on Transportation Finance and Administration

After consideration of current local needs, based in part on an MMA road funding survey of cities and towns, MMA voted unanimously to seek an increase in the annual Chapter 90 amount needed to support local road infrastructure programs.

Move to direct the Chairman to vote in favor of the Resolution on Transportation Finance and Administration Resolution B.

4. 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Discussion

At the January 18th meeting the Board will vote on the 2011 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Larsen walked the Board through the various warrant articles.

Project and Updates

The Chairman recommended the following topics be removed from the Project and Updates portion of the weekly agenda: Wellesley Middle School, 27 Washington Street and the DCR Bridge.

Wellesley High School – none

Senior Center- Ms. Tsagaris and Searle, Town Counsel and Mr. Larsen met with the Council on Aging on whether they wanted to go forward with the campus vision at the Community Center. We are waiting for their decision.

Fuller Brook Path-Ms. Babson, the CPC and Advisory will hold a joint meeting on January 19th with the consultant to make a presentation. The DPW is preparing a RFP for the next planning phase in time for the spring ATM.

St. James Committee – Ms. Gibbs reported that the pool sub-committee met last week regarding several potential locations within town for the pool. The most optimal site is the St. James location. Traffic issues were also discussed at that meeting. They will be preparing a presentation for Advisory regarding the 10 year cash flow.

Public Transportation Study- Ms. Gibbs the CTPS analysis information will be presented at a later time. They have had over 1,000 responses from households, 865 responses from residents and 135 responses from non-residents/employees of town businesses.

Regional Matters – None

Old Business/New Business:

Old Business

Ms. Tsagaris provided marathon and number lottery information

New Business

The Chairman gave details regarding the Annual Martin Luther King Breakfast held at Sun Life

Chairs of the Selectmen and the Board of Health have been named ex-officio members of the Overseers of the Newton Wellesley Hospital Foundation.