

Board of Selectmen – February 28, 2011
Present: Babson, Tsagaris, Searle, Dugan, Gibbs
Also present: Larsen, Ketchen

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.
Warrants approved: 2011-036 (\$7,595,814.41); 2011-035 (\$1,591,254.22)

Chair Announcements

The Chair made an announcement reminding the Town of the upcoming election.

1. Citizen Speak

Robert Edwards, new resident of 315B Weston Road came up to speak to the Board regarding the following issues:

- Concussion Bill
- Strengthening marriage laws to be less stringent on couples with mental health issues
- Bicycle helmet law for children

He also gave extensive background on himself.

2. Executive Director Update

The Board voted to approve the minutes of February 7, 2011 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

3. Driveway Apron and Curb Cut Policy

Town Engineer Steve Fader came before the Board to speak regarding the modified May 1973 Curb Cut Policy. Mr. Fader gave a brief summary on the current process for applying for a curb cut permit. He then gave a brief summary on the few changes to the modified policy, including fines, and cutting out the Selectmen's Office as the middle man in applying for a permit. If any large issues came about, the Board would be notified.

The Board voted to approve revisions to the Policy Governing Driveway Aprons and Curb Cuts as presented to the Board by the Town Engineer in his memorandum dated February 11, 2011.

4. Common Victualler (CV) License Application – JP Licks, 63 Central Street

Present were Kimberly Diaz, Director of Operations and Jason Provos, General Manger. They are requesting a CV license to sell ice-cream, coffee, and baked goods. A traffic study was submitted and approved by Kien Ho. They want the store to open from 7am-12am. The Board had an issue with the store staying open this late and whether or not the bylaw allowed for this. The Board decided to revisit the issue at the next Selectmen's meeting upon further research.

5. Special One-Day License – Bacon Free Library

Denise Wilson of the Bacon Free Library came up to speak. The Library is having a fundraiser at Wellesley College to raise money for the Library on March 26, 2011. They would like to have a cash bar with licensed bartenders.

The Board voted to approve the application of the Bacon Free Library for a One Day Special Licenses for an event on March 26, 2011 described in the February 24, 2011 memorandum from Executive Director Hans Larsen.

6. 2011 Annual Town Meeting

Article 34 – This article is still being worked on. It deals with the preservation of sizable trees. Work is being done to reduce the amount of work this would cause for the building inspector, and the setting of fees for a tree bank.

The Board voted to support adoption of the Tree Preservation Bylaw under Article 34 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 37 – This article deals with aqueduct property at the new Whole Foods site. Specifically, it establishes a special permit provision for temporary or outdoor sales of farm produce and natural products. Special permits could be revised periodically unlike earlier proposed rezoning.

The Board voted to support amending Single Resident A of the Zoning Bylaw under Article 37 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

Article 39 – Ms. Tsagaris spoke briefly regarding changes to the Open Meeting Law enacted July 1 containing new language that the Town must incorporate into the bylaws to be consistent the new statute.

Town Wide Financial Plan (TWFP) – The Board spoke with Mr. Larsen about the current draft of TWFP, acknowledging that the current plan is a work in progress. Mr. Larsen requested feedback to make necessary changes. He briefly spoke about the upcoming deficit in FY12 and the need to make operating changes in departments to deal with this. The Board agreed to vote at its meeting on Thursday.

Project and Other Updates

Senior Center – Working group will be meeting to make headway on a list of needs for a larger Senior Center.

Fuller Brook Path – Group is waiting for a reply from the NRC for a joint meeting.

Transportation Study - A report for the Advisory book has been completed and will be submitted.

Old Business/New Business

Ms. Searle brought up an issue that she would like to bring up at a later date. At some point she requested that the Board have a discussion about the number of food establishments in the Wellesley Square Area.