

Board of Selectmen meeting April 15, 2014  
Present: Tsagaris, Searle, McCauley, Murphy (Gibbs absent)  
Also Present: Larsen, Connolly  
Minutes Approved: April 28, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

1. **Citizen Speak**

None

2. **Call Special Town Election**

Mr. Larsen reported the Town Clerk had certified the necessary number of signatures to require the Selectmen to call a Special Election to consider the matter of Town Meeting's appropriation of funds to acquire the property at 494 Washington Street. Mr. Larsen explained that, based on the advice of the Town Clerk and Town Counsel, staff are proposing that two separate election warrants be prepared for the override ballot question and the referendum ballot question. Once the two warrants are approved, the Selectmen are free to request the Town Clerk put the two ballot questions forth on a single ballot.

*1<sup>st</sup> Motion*

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Searle and seconded by Mr. Murphy, the Board voted (4-0) to call a Special Election for May 20, 2014 and that the language for said Special Election be as follows:**

**Question**

**Shall the town vote to approve the action of the representative Town meeting whereby it was voted to acquire the property at 494 Washington Street?**

*2<sup>nd</sup> Motion*

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Searle and seconded by Mr. McCauley, the Board voted (4-0) to call a Special Election for May 20, 2014 and that the language for said Special Election be as follows:**

**Question**

**Shall the Town of Wellesley be allowed to assess an additional \$3,345,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding public education and general government, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014?**

*3<sup>rd</sup> Motion*

**Upon a motion made by Ms. Searle and seconded by Mr. McCauley, the Board voted (4-0) to request the Town Clerk to put the two questions forth on a single ballot.**

3. **275 Walnut Street – Approve plan for correction of encroachment on Town land**

Mr. Larsen reported that a plan for correcting the encroachment on Town property at the rear of 275 Washington Street has been developed. The plan calls for the property owner to remove the

encroaching retaining wall and restore the area to its original condition. The plan is acceptable to the Town Engineer and Town Counsel.

The Board deferred further action on this matter, as it was previously posted as an agenda item for the following night (April 16<sup>th</sup>).

#### **4. Collective bargaining – Approve Memorandums of Agreement**

Susan Adler joined the Board and Mr. Larsen explained that the Town has reached agreement with the School Custodians, DPW Production Unit and Library Staff Association, as summarized in 3 memorandums of agreement. The terms of the settlements with the School Custodians and DPW Production Unit have previously been reviewed with the Board in executive session. These two units ratified their respective agreement within the past week.

Mr. Larsen reported that he, Susan Adler, Marla Robinson (Library Trustee) and Jim Pender (Labor Counsel) participated in a mediation session with the Library Staff Association on Monday at the Division of Labor Relations in Boston. During that session, an agreement was reached. Mr. Larsen reviewed the terms of the agreement and the related financial impact. Earlier today, the bargaining unit ratified the agreement.

Tomorrow night, before the resumption of the Annual Town Meeting Mr. Larsen will meet with Advisory to review the terms of all 3 agreements. The Selectmen will also be asked to approve the 3 agreements.

At 7:25 the meeting was adjourned.

#### Documents presented

- Certificate of Referendum Petition 2014 from Town Clerk dated April 15, 2014
- Memorandum of Agreement with Library Staff Association dated April 15, 2014
- Mr. Larsen's draft presentation for Annual Town Meeting, Article 5 – Motions 8,9,10