

Board of Selectmen Meeting: April 28, 2014
Present: Tsagaris, Searle, Gibbs, McCauley, Murphy
Also Present: Larsen, Connolly, Robinson
Minutes Approved: May 5, 2014

1. Call to Order

2. Executive Session to discuss acquisition of real property

The Board voted (5-0) to go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of 156 Weston Road also known as the North 40.

See attached executive session minutes

Ms. Tsagaris reviewed the details of an upcoming event that will be hosted by the Wellesley Volunteers Organization. Ms. Tsagaris thanked the Police, Fire and DPW for their hard work on Marathon Monday.

3. Citizen Speak

None

4. Executive Director's Report

Minutes

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 and April 16, 2014 Board of Selectmen's Meetings.

Eagle Scout Proclamations

Mr. Larsen reviewed the names of the recipients of the Eagle Scout Proclamations, as well as the projects each of the recipients participated in order to advance their rank. Mr. Larsen reviewed the details of the upcoming Eagle Court of Honor.

Arbor Day Proclamation

Mr. Larsen reviewed the Arbor Day Proclamation, and noted that May 3, 2014 would be proclaimed as Arbor Day.

Appoint Crossing Guard

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Everett W. Knowles Jr. as School Crossing Guard, as requested in a memo from Deputy Chief Pilecki dated April 3, 2014.

Appoint Special Police Officer

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle, the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Babson College Police Officer Javier Valdivieso as a Wellesley Special Police Officer, as requested in a memo from Chief Cunningham dated March 26, 2014.

Designate Executive Director to hear a Fire Department grievance

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle, the Board voted (5-0) to designate the Executive Director to hear a Fire Department grievance.

Babson College - One Day License

Upon a motion made by Ms. Gibbs and seconded by Ms. Searle, the Board voted (5-0) to approve the request from Babson College for a One-Day Special License for an event to be held on April 30, 2014.

Projects and Other Updates

Tolles-Parsons Center – Ms. Tsagaris noted that last Thursday, she and Dick Thuma, Project Manager, interviewed three candidates for the architect position. No decisions have been made as of yet.

Regional Matters/Transportation – Ms. Gibbs reviewed new technology being utilized with regards to the MWRTA bus service, specifically a Google maps app.

Sustainability – Ms. Gibbs updated the Board on the More Power to Choose program and noted that they are gaining good traction on the number of applicants, particularly for solar installations.

School Facilities Task Force – Ms. Searle noted that the task force met to review preliminary scenarios prepared by SMMA for improving several of the elementary schools. Ms. Searle noted each lot was evaluated with regards to sizing the buildings on the individual lots.

Old Business/ New Business

Mr. Murphy updated the Board on a meeting with regards to the restoration of the basketball court at the High School. He noted the next meeting will be on May 12.

Ms. Tsagaris noted that Wellesley College is considering the sale of several of their properties including the parcel referred to as the North 40 and another parcel located on Route 16 between Cottage and Leighton Road. She noted that the Town will discuss this matter further with various town boards and departments on how to proceed. Ms. Tsagaris stated the Board will look at visioning and potential uses and that an update will be provided when information becomes available.

Ms. Tsagaris noted that the Board would issue a joint letter with the School Committee in support of the override and referendum, and questioned whether the Board was comfortable with the initiatives. The Board all noted their support of these initiatives. Ms. Tsagaris further noted that the Board stands firmly behind the purchase of 494 Washington Street even with the potential availability of the North 40 parcels.