

- ❖ Board of Selectmen – February 22, 2010
- ❖ Present: Searle, Babson, Mills, Dugan, Tsagaris

Also present: Larsen, Ketchen, Connolly, Robinson

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

Warrants approved: #31 in the amount of \$ 3,216,464.62, #32 in the amount of \$12,000.00 and #33 in the amount of \$3,413,3812.98

Citizen speak: None.

Minutes approved: February 8, 2010

Business:

2. Executive Directors Update

- Move to approve the minutes of February 8, 2010 meeting of the Board of Selectmen.
- Move to recommend that the 2010 Annual Town Meeting set the salary of the Town Clerk at \$1,459.35 per week under Article 9 of the warrant for said Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Ketchen updated the Board on a meeting with the Dept. of Energy Resources where it was recommended the Town apply for a \$150,000 grant from the AARA (Economic Recovery Stimulus Project) to install solar panels at the MLP. We were encouraged to submit an application last December and were pleased that the Town was awarded the grant for the installation of the solar panels. He thanked Rep. Peisch, Dick Joyce, the Green Study Committee, Greg Mills and Owen Dugan for their help in the application process.

Mr. Larsen also noted that a Homeland Security Grant has been awarded the Fire Department in the amount of \$96,000 for replacement turn-out gear. The Town will contribute 10 % or approximately \$10,000 towards this purchase.

3. Transfer of Stock/New Officers & Directors The Kebob Group d/b/a Singh's Café, 312 Washington Street

Atty. William Goldberg and Harprett Singh, President & COO of The Kebob Group appeared before the Board and gave details of the stock transfer.

Move to approve the transfer of an All Alcohol Beverage License in accordance with the provisions of the transfer of stock as described in the application of The Kebob Group, Inc. to the Selectmen's Office.

4. FY11 Selectmen's Capital Budget Update

5. FY11 Town-Wide Budget Update

Mr. Larsen reviewed the items on the Capital Budget and the Town-Wide Budget that are under further discussion. He also reviewed the tax projections, 5 year debt Capital Plan and debt exclusions.

6. Acquisition of Real Property

Ms. Tsagaris gave an overview on the proposed acquisition of 494 Washington Street which is adjacent to the American Legion site. The reasons for the proposed purchase is for additional parking for the potential Senior Center. It would increase parking spaces from 34 to

approximately 70 at the Senior Center site. This acquisition is contingent upon approval at Special Town Meeting.

7. Union Contract Settlements

- **Police Patrolmen**
- **Superior Officers**

Mr. Larsen explained the new contract extension for Police Patrolmen and Superior Officers will be for 2 years through FY13. He described the current contract and current circumstances with the Civil Service and the Quinn Bill programs. He conveyed the objectives in the recent round of bargaining with both unions.

Old Business/New Business:

Wellesley High School – Ms. Babson received draft regulations from the SBA regarding the square foot allocation for students in new high schools.

27 Washington Street – N/A

Senior Center – N/A

Advisory Committee Update – N/A

DCR Bridge – N/A

Fuller Brook Path – Ms. Babson noted that there will be a meeting with Advisory on Wednesday regarding the request for a CPA appropriation of \$250,000 for Phase I. The MLP has reported that its renewable energy program now has 6% participation with a goal of 10% by year end. They also reported that Wellesley is in the top 10 communities in the nation for having its residents participating in a program seeking renewal energy resources.

Mr. Larsen informed the Board that we have received a revised site plan for the CVS at 978 Worcester Street. The revised plan addresses the issues at the site entrance. Additionally the Planning board requested the BOS's comments on the elimination of the cut through between the Behrend site and Kehoe property. The cut through is problematic for the neighborhood and the two-way traffic will conflict for the Dunkin Donuts with the drive thru. The ZBA is also opposed to the cut through. The Board is prepared to defer to the Planning Boards judgment.

Mr. Mills gave a preliminary review and summary of Affordable Housing Policy.

At 9:05 p.m., the Board was polled all "yes" to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for collective bargaining.