

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Membership and Organization

During the 2011 fiscal year, the Board was chaired by Katherine L. Babson, Jr. with Terri Tsagaris serving as vice-chair and Barbara D. Searle serving as secretary. On June 27, 2011, the Board was reorganized – electing Barbara D. Searle as chair, with Terri Tsagaris serving as vice-chair and Ellen F. Gibbs serving as secretary.

On March 1, 2011, the Annual Town Election was held. Incumbents Katherine L. Babson, Jr. and Barbara D. Searle were both re-elected to three year terms.

Articles and Actions Before Town Meeting

2011 Annual Town Meeting

The 2011 Annual Town Meeting was convened on March 28, 2011 to act on the FY2012 budget and other Town business. The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made motions on the following articles which were approved:

Article 3	Town-Wide Financial Plan
Article 7	FY11 Appropriation Adjustments.
Article 8	Omnibus Budget and Capital.
Article 9	Set Salary of Town Clerk
Article 14	Authorize/Reauthorize Revolving Funds
Article 23	Town Hall HVAC
Article 32	Grant Easement – 442 Washington Street (Whole Foods)
Article 33	Rezone Cochrane Aqueduct – 8 State Street (Whole Foods)
Article 39	Open Meeting Law
Article 41	Authorized/Unissued Loans and Unencumbered Transfers
Article 46	Appoint Board of Fire Engineers

FY2011 Work Plan Accomplishments

As of June 27, 2011, the following represents the status of the Major Projects and Strategic Issues on the Board of Selectmen's FY2011 Work Plan:

- 27 Washington Street – Negotiated terms of MOR Grant; Completed DCR bridge
- Facilities Maintenance – Redeployed staff and rejuvenated focus on Town buildings with emphasis on energy conservation
- St. James – Significant planning done in anticipation of sale by Archdiocese
- Senior Center – Resolved proposal to redevelop Community Center; New cleaning protocols
- School Budget – Recommendations developed and submitted to School Department
- Town Website – Complete make-over with additional content and user-friendly features
- Town Wide Financial Plan – Chartered independent assessment by former Advisory chairs; Added focus on overall process, with particular emphasis on projections and planning for roadway infrastructure
- Energy Conservation – Sustainable Energy Committee appointed; Stretch Energy Code adopted

Scholarships Awarded by the Board

The Board of Selectmen has announced that for the 2011-2012 academic year it was able to give 31 students financial assistance through scholarship funds administered by the Board.

Fifteen students attending various colleges received scholarship awards totaling \$13,000 from the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The award winners were Holly Kapinos, Lauren Madden, Matthew Mahoney, Victoria Smith, Claire Crowther, Sarah Forman, Cara Moran, Peimun Sharbatoghlie, Despina Hatzipetrou, Elizabeth Hughes, Anthony Iannicelli, Stephanie Ma, Victoria Gerald, Paul Vasko and Meghan Morris the Named Award Winner.

The Selectmen also have the responsibility and privilege of selecting the Town Scholars who attend Wellesley College and who will receive tuition grants. Town Scholars selected for the 2011/2012 academic year are Samantha Finn, Madeline Buckley, Barbara Jiang, Soojin Kim, Soomi Kim, Marisa Mahlenkamp, Meaghan Jain and Fanni Torok.

Town Scholars to Babson College are also chosen by the Board of Selectmen. This year Zann Ali, Juan Restrepo, Salina Chan and Adam Farina have been granted awards toward tuition.

Andrew Garcia, Taylor Steel, Claire Bradach and Trevor Rhodes were chosen to receive the Seldon and Nellie Brown Scholarship for Wesleyan University.