

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Membership and Organization

During the 2013 fiscal year, the Board was chaired by Terri Tsagaris with Ellen F. Gibbs as vice-chair and Barbara D. Searle serving as secretary. On June 17, 2013, the Board voted to elect Katherine L. Babson, Jr. as chair, Barbara Searle as Vice Chair, and Ellen Gibbs as Secretary of the Wellesley Board of Selectmen.

On March 5, 2013, the Annual Town Election was held. Incumbent Ellen F. Gibbs was elected to a three year term.

Town Meeting Articles and Actions

2013 Annual Town Meeting

The 2013 Annual Town Meeting was convened on April 1, 2013, to act on the FY2014 budget and other Town business. The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made motions on the following articles, which were approved:

Article 2	Town-Wide Financial Plan
Article 5	Set Salary of Town Clerk
Article 7	FY13 Appropriation Adjustments
Article 8	Omnibus Budget and Capital
Article 13	Authorize/Reauthorize Revolving Funds
Article 17	Town-wide Facilities Projects
Article 18	Tolles-Parsons Center
Article 22	Acquisition of Aqueduct Parcel
Article 25	Accept Gifts of Land (11R, 17R, 21R Seaver Street)
Article 26	Linden Square Lease Extension – VW Dealership
Article 29	Amend Zoning Map – Wellesley Square Commercial District <i>(Co-sponsored with Planning Board)</i>
Article 30	Amend Density – Wellesley Square Commercial District <i>(Co-sponsored with Planning Board)</i>
Article 32	Restrict Marijuana Dispensaries
Article 33	Prohibit Public Consumption of Marijuana
Article 34	Amend Application Fees/Fines
Article 35	PBC Threshold for Projects <i>(Co-sponsored with Permanent Building Committee)</i>
Article 45	Appoint Fire Engineers

Selected FY2013 Accomplishments

Major Projects

- Tolles-Parsons Center – Further appropriation (\$165,300) approved at 2013 Annual Town Meeting
- Facilities Maintenance Department - The department was fully staffed, a work order system was implemented, expanded capital and school facilities renovation plans were developed.

- 900 Worcester Street - A plan to complete remaining diligence was negotiated with the Archdiocese, progress was made on all 3 components of the recreation plan, alternative uses for the site were evaluated and closed.
- Wellesley community development – Recurring meetings with merchants and property owners
- Town-wide Financial Plan – Budget balanced without override
- All appropriation requests approved at Annual Town Meeting

Policy Issues

- Public Transportation – Grant funding obtained
- Reserve Policy – Drafted and approved
- Mobile Food Vendor Regulations – Drafted and approved

Other Issues

- Hills Branch Library – Appropriation (\$252,250) for repair approved by Town Meeting
- Aqueduct encroachment enforcement – enforcement actions in progress
- Wellesley Inn – Amendment to MOA negotiated and related zoning changes approved at Annual Town Meeting
- Cochituate Aqueduct acquisition – Request for special legislation authorized at Town Meeting

Scholarships Granted by the Board

The Board of Selectmen has announced that for the 2013-2014 academic year, it was able to give 16 students financial assistance through scholarship funds administered by the Board.

Three students attending various colleges received scholarship awards totaling \$2,500 from the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The award winners were Daniel Calderone and Leah Serunjogi and the Named Award Winner, George Docktor.

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 2013/2014 academic year are Madeline Buckley, Soomi Kim, Marisa Mahlenkamp, Soojin Kim, Lisa Hsieh and Zahra Pirani.

Town Scholars to Babson College are also chosen by the Board of Selectmen. This year Adam Farina and Eirik Sommerville have been granted awards toward tuition.

Taylor Steel, Claire Bradach, William Hein, Jamila Simon, and Andrew Gartley were chosen to receive the Seldon and Nellie Brown Scholarship for Wesleyan University.