

Monday, June 09, 2008

This regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held this evening in the Juliani Meeting Room, Town Hall. In attendance were: Owen H. Dugan, Chair, Gregory B. Mills, Vice Chair, Katherine L. Babson, Jr., Secretary, Harriet S. Warshaw and Barbara D. Searle. Also in attendance was Hans Larsen, Executive Director. Albert S. Robinson, Town Counsel and Terrance J. Connolly, Deputy Director were absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

The following warrant was executed #50 in the amount of \$7,706,473.41.

1. Citizen Speak

None.

2. Executive Director's Update

Mr. Larsen reviewed the Board's schedule for the next few weeks and proposed the following dates for the Board to meet during July and August: July 14th, August 4th and August 25th.

3. Change of Precinct G. Polling Location

Kathy Nagle joined the Board and reviewed the rationale for switching the polling location for Precinct G from Hunnewell School to the Library. She noted the benefits of eliminating this burden on the Hunnewell School and noted the Library Trustees and Director are supportive. The Board questioned various logistics related to use of the new location.

Babson moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to relocate the Precinct G polling place from Hunnewell School, 28 Cameron Street, to the Main Library, 530 Washington Street. This change will begin with the September 16, 2008 state primary election.

4. Common Victualler License Application Rosies 55 Central Street

Vladimir Bass and his wife appeared before the Board and gave a summary of his business background. Mr. Bass will be taking over the operation of Rosies and will maintain the existing menu but will add Italian gelato as a new offering.. He plans to operate from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays

Mr. Mills inquired about the delivery times and the trash removal. Mr. Bass said he plans on keeping the same delivery schedule.

Eliot Winograd the current owner joined the Board and explained the trash removal and the delivery schedule. Waste Management Systems picks up the trash between 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. in the front of the restaurant. He also clarified the delivery times. Deliveries are usually first thing in the morning after 7:00 a.m. Some are delivered later in the afternoon, but not after 6:00 p.m. All the trash for the stores is picked up at the same time in the morning in the front of each store. There is no egress to the back of the building as there is a fence so all deliveries and trash removal have to be made via the front of the building.

Babson moved, Searle seconded, and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Common Victualler License for Vladimir Bass d/b/a Rosies, 55 Central Street. This includes permitting outdoor seating in an area in front of the restaurant of approximately three feet for tables/chairs, leaving a minimum of five feet clear for pedestrians.

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5. Common Victualler License Application for Wellesley Hills House of Pizza

Mr. Kleton Tahiraj appeared before the Board and gave an overview of his association with the Wellesley Hills House of Pizza. He has been an employee of the past two owners and recently bought the business. He has no deliveries before 7:00 a.m. and is trying to reschedule deliveries for Saturday before 11:30 a.m. Trash is stored behind the building and is picked up by Zacarias Waste Removal between 8:30 and 9:00 a.m. two to three times a week. There are 10-12 parking spaces behind the restaurant.

Ms. Babson suggested there be a place on the Common Victualler application form to include information regarding where employees and owners will park.

Babson moved, Searle seconded, and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the Common Victualler License for Kleton Tahiraj d/b/a Wellesley Hills House of Pizza located at 19 Washington Street.

6. KeySpan Petition Fenmere Avenue

Mr. Dugan reopened the hearing on this matter and Harold Cooper, Permit Representative, KeySpan joined.

Babson moved, Searle seconded, and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the request from KeySpan to request permission to install and maintain approximately 140 feet, more or less of 4 inch gas main in Fenmere Avenue from the existing 3 inch gas main in Manor Avenue @Fenmere Avenue, northerly to house No. 7.

Babson moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to close the hearing

7. 987 Worcester Street PSI – Traffic & Pedestrian Safety

Dean Behrend, Behrend Construction, Jeff Freudberg, BETA Engineering and Jeff Dirk, Vanesse Associates appeared before the Board.

Mr. Larsen reviewed the revised configuration of the entrance and exit, and the proposed signage. He shared a letter from Dana Lee owner of Lee Volvo who does not have any problems with the proposed plan.

Mr. Freudberg expressed BETA's views and its suggestion of moving one handicapped space.

Babson moved, Searle seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to approve the 978 Worcester Street Redevelopment (PSI 08-01) traffic study as being professionally prepared and that it adequately addresses the traffic and pedestrian safety impacts. Further, to forward to the Planning Board all recommendations agreed to by BETA Group, Beals Associates, and Vanasse & Associates.

8. Board of Selectmen Reorganization

Babson moved, Warshaw seconded and the Board voted (5-0) to appoint Greg Mills as Chair, Barbara Searle as Vice Chair and Owen Dugan as Secretary for the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Warshaw thanked Mr. Dugan for his excellent leadership of the Board.

Mr. Larsen reviewed the draft FY09 Workplan and FY09 Liaison Assignments.

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Old Business

School Building Committee Update – Ms. Babson noted the informational meeting scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. concerning parking at the High School during the construction project. She further noted an anticipated meeting with the State Treasurer, which has not yet been scheduled, but which will hopefully happen shortly.

Sprague Fields Update – Mr. Mills noted the Sprague Field groundbreaking took place this morning and expressed thanks to a number of individuals who played critical roles in the development and approval of this project. The construction will be starting soon.

27 Washington Street Update – Mr. Larsen noted that the Planning Board has closed their PSI hearings and will leave the signal as the Board of Selectmen reviewed.

Senior Center Study Update – Mr. Larsen noted that the Study Committee has met and has toured several facilities. They have had discussions with these community groups on the process the communities went through in making the case for the construction of a new Senior Center. They will complete the other steps in their work plan by the fall.

Original Town Hall – Mr. Mills reported on the status of the work to develop a bid package for the deconstruction of the Original Town Hall. A contractor will be selected near the end of August and the construction will start in the fall.

Mr. Mills noted the Standard & Poor's and Moody's Investor Services have affirmed the Town's AAA long term bond rating.

9. HR Board – Search Process for Fire Chief

Susan Hurwitz and Susan Adler representing the Human Resources Board joined the Board to discuss the search process for the replacement for Fire Chief Kevin Rooney, who has advised the Board of his intention to retire at the end of September. Ms. Hurwitz summarized the steps to be undertaken and the timing of such, with particular focus on the process for the Board's determination of the objectives for this role in the future. Ms. Adler reviewed the workings of a professional assessment center process, as proposed for use in this recruitment effort.

The Board probed the proposed timetable and questioned whether it is realistic to complete the search and have a new chief onboard by October 1.

Ms. Hurwitz suggested it would be prudent to do some contingency planning and encouraged the Board to think through from whom we would like input.

Ms. Searle questioned the output from the Assessment Center process.

The Board agreed that Ms. Warshaw will take the lead on this assignment.

At 9:50 the Board was polled all aye to go into Executive Session for purposes of discussing strategy for collective bargaining.