

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Membership

On March 4, 2008, Barbara D. Searle was elected to serve a three-year term on the Board of Selectmen. From July 1, 2007 to June 9, 2008 the Board was organized as follows: Owen H. Dugan, Chairman, Gregory B. Mills, Vice President, Katherine Babson, Jr., Secretary. On June 9, 2008 the Board was reorganized as follows: Gregory B. Mills, Chairman, Barbara D. Searle, Vice Chairman, Owen H. Dugan, Secretary.

November 6, 2007 Special Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made a motion that was approved under Article 13 to acquire the properties at 53, 55, and 57 Seaver Street, for the purpose of expanding the high school grounds.

2008 Annual Town Meeting

The 2008 Annual Town Meeting was convened on March 31, 2008 to act on the FY2009 budget and other Town business. The Board of Selectmen sponsored and made motions on the following articles which were approved:

- Article 3 Establish/Amend Fees.
- Article 7 FY08 Appropriation Adjustments.
- Article 8 Omnibus Budget and Capital.
- Article 9 Fix salary & compensation of all elected officials.
- Article 10 Appropriation – Stabilization Fund.
- Article 14 Establish Revolving Fund.
- Article 15 Appropriation- Linden Street/Weston Road Intersection.
- Article 18 Establish School Facility Maintenance Trust.
- Article 23 Abandon and discontinue portion of Bethel Road Easement.
- Article 25 Acquire ownership of parcels on high school land.
- Article 26 Naming Rights Policy.
- Article 27 Appropriation – Funds for Senior Center Feasibility Study.
- Article 28 Appoint Green Ribbon Study Committee.
- Article 34 Rescind unused loans.
- Article 39 Appoint Fire Engineer.

Although not the sponsor, members of the Board of Selectmen gave presentations on the following articles.

- Article 2 Town-Wide Financial Plan
- Article 17 Appropriation – High School Building.
- Article 20 Sprague Field Renovation.
- Article 21 Original Town Hall Building.

FY 2008 Accomplishments

- Town meeting approval to proceed with new high school.
- Senior Center study funds approved by Town Meeting.
- Sprague Field project approved by Town Meeting.
- Newspaper Kiosk licensing process implemented.
- Green Ribbon Study Committee sanctioned by Town Meeting.
- The Board reviewed and made recommendations to the Planning Board on traffic and pedestrian safety impacts on the following Projects of Significant Impact: Temple Beth Elohim, 978 Worcester Street, and 27 Washington Street.
- A centralized facilities maintenance proposal was approved at the 2008 Annual Town Meeting.

SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen has announced that for the 2009 academic year, it was able to give 35 students financial assistance through scholarship funds administered by the Board.

Seventeen students attending various colleges received scholarship awards totaling \$14,000 from the War Memorial Scholarship Fund. The award winners were Moira Lix, Dakota Ryan, Eric Campbell, Nicole Gobiell, Emmy Thelander, Catherine Crowther, Kristina Hatzipetrou, Alexandra Holness, Ian Tamura, Katie Fields, Catherine Claus, John McDermott, Despina Hatzpietrou, Stephanie Ma, Marlena Iannicelli, Elizabeth Hughes and the Named Award Winner, Anthony Iannicelli.

Persons wishing to contribute to the War Memorial Scholarship Fund may send a check payable to War Memorial Fund, Selectmen's Office, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482.

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 2008/2009 academic year are Stephanie White, Claire Davis, Prachee M. Gujarathi, Adriana Kosmo, Diane C. Seol, Lauren & Jessica Tom, Ivelyna Gishin, Stepheny Ziang and Samantha Finn.

Town Scholars to Babson College are also chosen by the Board of Selectmen. This year Sarah Hughes, Patricia Pytlik, Zann Ali, and Juan Restrepo have been granted awards toward tuition.

Aninna M. DeLeo, Timothy Archibald and Trevor Rhodes were chosen to receive the Seldon and Nellie Brown Scholarship for Wesleyan University.

Applications for next year's scholarships will be available in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall for a February 1st deadline.