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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Second Floor Meeting Room
2/20/07
4:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Richard Clough, Chairman; Lonnie Brennan, Clerk; Matthew Vincent

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Call to Order

Mr. Clough opened the meeting at 4:20PM.

Mr. Delaney stated Mr. Brennan had a list of items and he wanted guidance on how the board wanted to proceed with the list. Board stated that they would go over items on the list.

Tim Ryan/ZBA

Mr. Delaney stated that they received a letter stating that Attorney Epstein is not representing Mr. Ryan. Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. Ryan came to him and wants to talk to the board. Mr. Delaney explained the issue and that they had asked him to come in and give his side of the story to Mr. Delaney and that Mr. Ryan never responded to the Certified Mail. Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. Hopkins asked that Mr. Bonazoli be present when they talk to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Brennan suggested that they meet February 26, 2007 at 6:00 with Mr. Ryan. Mr. Delaney stated that he will send a letter with the required 48 hours notice.

Sharon Freeman/Traffic Light Tones

Mr. Delaney stated that he went out to the site and that there is one more tone that has to be adjusted. He stated that this may make a dramatic difference for the Freeman's. He stated that he has talked with the Office of disabilities and others and that there is no easy answer regarding turning off the tones.

Milton Way

Mr. Delaney stated that he had an email from Deb Eliason, Kopelman & Paige regarding their decision on Milton Way. He stated that Ms. Eliason stated that the decision could be released. He asked how they wanted to go forward. Board stated that it was okay to release the Kopelman & Paige decision on Milton Way.

Recruitment/Personnel

Mr. Delaney stated that they have the CoA Director and Cable TV Manager positions to fill and how do they want him to proceed. He stated that he was under impression that they wanted to see finalist for recruitment. Mr. Brennan stated he would like to see Liz Pettis stay. Mr. Delaney asked how they wanted him to handle the CoA position. Mr. Brennan stated copy all applicants for the board and then they can compare their lists and select finalists for interviews.

Mr. Delaney stated that the Cable Committee has suggested some changes to the current personnel set up. Mr. Clough stated that he would like to see two CATV Committees, one for the contract and funds and another for broadcasting. Mr. Vincent stated he would like to find someone who has the vision to go forward.

Mr. Delaney stated regarding the Conservation Assistant the board does not usually get involved with this level position. Mr. Brennan stated that there is a department head and the Town Administrator to deal with this position.

Agenda for Monday February 26, 2007

Mr. Delaney stated that he can bring in the Police, Fire and Highway to discuss their budgets. He stated that the Police have a change in their budget for a Dog Officer. He stated that he and Chief Mulligan will meet with the current Dog Officer this week to discuss the change.

Central Fire Department

Mr. Clough stated that Central Fire is taking a vote on Unionizing. Discussion on how a Fire Department Union would affect the town.

Mr. Delaney stated that the Board of Fire Engineer appointments are due in March. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to wait until after May to do reappointments to this board. He stated that he would like to wait until after Town Meeting before they change the BoFE. Mr. Delaney stated that these appointments are set by bylaw to be reappointed in March.

Longview

Discussion on Law suits and if any have been turned in. Mr. Delaney stated that nothing has been turned in. Mr. Vincent asked about the Town's liability and if there is a limit. Mr. Delaney stated that he would check into this.

Bailey Lane Bridge

Mr. Delaney stated that they have to give a 21 day notice for a Public Hearing for the changes. He stated that the Public Hearing could be scheduled for March 19th. Mr. Vincent stated that he talked to Chief Anderson and he would be okay with a gate. Mr. Delaney stated that Chief Anderson looked at the Engineering and is concerned about traffic eroding the footings and his trucks crossing the bridge. Mr. Delaney stated that the Fire Chief would rather see a gate then the bridge open.

Mr. Brennan moved to set a Public Hearing on Monday March 19, 2007 at 7:00PM for the Traffic changes for the Bailey Lane Bridge. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delaney stated that he would go to FinCom for a transfer before March 19 to request funds from the Reserve Fund. Mr. Brennan stated for Mr. Delaney to ask Chief Mulligan to go to FinCom for the transfer.

Warrant Articles

Discussion on a DPW Article on the Annual Town Warrant

Mr. Brennan moved to set up a gift account for a Senior Center and for a transfer from the Reserve Account of \$20,000 as seed money. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to have stipends for School Committee members to be added to the Warrant and for the stipends to not exceed \$500.

Board stated no meeting on March 5, 2007 as they will be attending the Erie 4 dinner.

Budget

Discussion on budgets and increases in departments. Mr. Vincent stated that if there is an increase in a department that they want an explanation with it.

DPW Article

Mr. Brennan stated that he would like to add a DPW article to the Warrant. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to talk with Topsfield on how they made a change and also hiring a consultant to look at the whole town, Water, Light, Schools, Highway. Mr. Brennan stated he wants to put it on the warrant. Mr. Vincent stated he wants to wait.
Discussion

Mr. Brennan moved to put a DPW Article on the warrant. Mr. Clough seconded the motion.

Mr. Vincent moved to table the motion for a DPW Article until Monday, February 26. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Brennan asked to add the DPW Article to old business on Monday's agenda.

Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.
Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.
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