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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
10/2/06
7:00 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 7:05PM.

Minutes

Mr. Vincent moved approve the *minutes of September 11 and 18, 2006*. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Mr. Brennan read correspondence:

- Letter Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center requesting that October be recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Vincent stated that the Town has its on Domestic Crisis Group. Police Chief Mulligan stated that the group in Georgetown is the Rapid Response Team. He explained how this group works and he stated that the department liaison is Officer Neeley. He stated that this group is separate from the Police Department. Mr. Vincent asked how a resident would locate the team. Chief Mulligan stated that any resident can contact the team through the police department. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to delete paragraph 3, 6, and 7 that pertain to the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center and proclaim the month of October “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

Mr. Vincent moved to proclaim October as “Domestic Violence Awareness Month” deleting paragraphs 3, 6, 7. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Letter from the Chelmsford Board of Selectmen notify nearby communities of their vote to recommend rejection of the Wine in Food Store ballot question.

Government Study Discussion

Mr. Clough asked if we should have a discussion. Mr. Vincent stated that until a formal complaint is made and is passed to town council he does not feel the issue should be discussed. Mr. Clough stated that he agreed. Mr. Brennan stated Mr. Wood is here as

requested by the Board of Selectmen, and he came to the BoS stating that he had a problem with the Government Study Committee. He stated that some of Mr. Wood's criticisms were correct and some have not been addressed. He stated that he does not want to ignore any complaints. Mr. Vincent stated that this has gone too far and that some issues may be correct. He stated that he tried to talk with Mr. Wood to talk with the people involved but Mr. Wood is not interested. He stated that this issue is not right for this meeting. Mr. Brennan stated that he tried to hold this discussion in executive session. He stated that he feels some allegations by Mr. Wood were correct and not sure on others. He stated that they should take this behind close doors but that it is okay to put aside for this week. Mr. Vincent stated that it should not be held in this forum. Mr. Brennan stated that this issue has brought more communications between boards. Mr. Vincent stated that he agrees that we have learned some lessons over this issue and the School issue.

New Business

Rail Trail Update/Dick Paganelli

Mr. Paganelli explained that they have a full committee now and that they are all working well together. He stated that they are working with a Title Company and hope to hear from them soon. He stated that he is working with the Planning Board on an RFP and that they need to talk with National Grid. He stated that they have been working with a Rail Trails group and that this has gone well. He stated that he has a 58 page implementation plan that was done by MVPC. He stated that it is still up to the Town to get the easements for the trail. He stated November 23 they have a meeting planned with the neighbors. He stated that they have an email address that anyone can use to ask questions recpath@yahoo.com. Mr. Vincent stated that this would be a spine right down the center of Town. He stated one concern he has is an awful lot of projects coming to the Town and sees the need of expanding the Planning Office. Mr. Vincent asked whether they should negotiate now with National Grid. Mr. Paganelli stated that what has held up National Grid is that they do not have a full plan. Mr. Brennan asked how Danvers is doing with their plan. Mr. Paganelli stated that they are moving forward but have had some issues. Mr. Vincent asked if they could use CPC funds to help with some of their costs. Mr. Paganelli stated that they may ask for some funds but there are a lot of projects going to the CPC right now.

Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Vincent asked if they have numbers on free cash. Mr. Delaney stated that they will not have numbers until the end of October. Mr. Brennan stated that the Fire Truck would be an issue. Mr. Vincent stated that if the Fire Department chooses to do a lease do they still need a CIP meeting. Mr. Delaney stated that they would need to go before the CIP committee. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like for all parties to talk and see if they should proceed with a lease, a new truck, or a used truck. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to be involved in this process. Mr. Clough stated that the fire truck is driving the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Brennan asked what has happened to the old truck. Mr. Anderson stated that it is now stored behind the highway garage. He stated that they paid \$89,900 in 1998 for this used ladder truck and the truck was expected to last 10 to 15 years. Rusty Ricker stated that it cost the town \$28,700 to replace a fly on the ladder. He

explained that the truck has been in service for 6 ½ years out of 8 years because of the condition. Mr. Vincent asked if a new truck would be able to reach areas of the Mirra buildings. Mr. Anderson stated that they are looking at high duty straight ladder trucks. He stated for the time being Groveland is backing up Georgetown.

Mr. Vincent stated that he had a non related matter to discuss. He stated that Fire Chief Anderson is getting married on Sunday October 22, 2006 and he would like declare the day as “Michael and Kristina Anderson Day”.

Mr. Vincent moved to declare Sunday October 22, 2006 as “*Michael and Kristina Anderson Day*”. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Discussion on a date for the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Delaney stated that November 13 is the date that would work best for all departments.

Mr. Clough stated that he does not feel that they should have Zoning changes at the Fall Town Meeting.

Mr. Brennan moved to open the Town Meeting Warrant for November 13, 2006 and that the Selectmen will close the Town Meeting Warrant at 6:30PM on Tuesday October 10, 2006. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Kennedy ask to withdraw his Zoning change request for National Ave.

Mr. Delaney stated that he would put a packet together for next meeting. Mr. Vincent asked about Chapter 90 funds for the Highway Department. Mr. Delaney stated that this could be taken care on the warrant. Discussion that any warrant articles turned into the office would be taken in and then the Selectmen can discuss the articles at their next meeting. Mr. Moultrie stated that street acceptances should be done at the spring town meeting. Mr. Vincent asked about the need of a highway vehicle. Mr. Moultrie stated that the BoS have more important issues. Mr. Delaney stated that he would talk with Mr. Moultrie and come up with a solution.

Selectmen’s Report

Mr. Brennan stated that the resident on Milton’s Way is waiting for a response from Kopelman & Paige. He asked if Mr. Moultrie would still be able to plow the road with the speed bump that was put in. Mr. Moultrie stated that he drove down the street and did not see a speed bump. He stated that the Town has a right of way to pass here and on Pentucket Ave. He stated that he does not see a need to do anything as other roads in town are in the same shape. He stated that this is a private street and that he has some paperwork regarding private streets that he could go over with the BoS.

Town Administrators Report

Minutes

Mr. Delaney stated that he had the minute's information that the board requested at the last meeting and also some paperwork from Kopelman & Paige that relates to minutes and Executive Session. Mr. Brennan stated that boards take minutes in different ways. He stated that he does not want to insult anyone who has been taking minutes for a long time. Mr. Clough stated that some boards do not know the right way and this is just information so that all boards are keeping minutes.

Training

Mr. Delaney stated that he is working with Kopelman & Paige to come in for an open meeting law training next week. Mr. Vincent asked if the session could be taped so that anyone who could not attend could watch the tape. Mr. Delaney stated that he thought this could be done. He stated that he is also doing a workshop next Wednesday morning at the department head meeting on "Tips and Tricks for Clearing the Clutter".

Appointments

Cable TV

Mr. Clough asked Nora Cannon and John Salvaggio who were present for appointment to the CATV to come forward. Ms. Cannon stated that she would be representing the Schools on the committee and that this ties in with her department. Mr. Clough stated that Mr. Salvaggio met with the board last week.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint Nora Cannon and John Salvaggio to the CATV committee term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Capital Improvements Committee

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Tollman is a neighbor and explained that he had put in a request for appointment to the FinCom and as the position was filled Robin O'Malley of the FinCom had suggested the CIP as a starting point for Mr. Tollman. Mr. Tollman gave some background information on himself. He stated that he has talked to Robin O'Malley about what the committee does and the time commitment. He stated that he feels that he can give the time to this committee.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint J. Dan Tollman to the Capital Improvement Committee term to expire June 30, 2009. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Historical Commission

Mr. Clough asked Mr. Detwiller to come forward and give some background information and why he is interested in the Historical Commission. Mr. Detwiller stated that he is new to Town and explained his background and interest in the Historical Commission.

Mr. Vincent moved to appoint *Frederic Detwiller to Historical Commission* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Mr. Brennan moved to appointment *Matthew Lewis to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Associate Member* term to expire June 30, 2007. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

New Business

Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to set up a Task Force to look at commercial development for the Town. He stated that he is looking for a Life Science business to come to Georgetown. Mr. Brennan asked if the Planning Board Office is fully staffed. Mr. Delaney stated that it is not right now. Mr. Clough stated that they did have a committee a long time ago that looked at commercial development. Mr. Moultrie stated that it was in the past and that he would like to see a group put together. Mr. Delaney stated that during the Strategic Plan Mr. Lacey took the lead for the downtown alliance and this may be a starting point.

Mr. Clough stated that for those who do not know Bob Rudolph, a local attorney in town passed away a week ago Thursday. He asked that they take a minute in his remembrance.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved October 16, 2006.