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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
9/25/06
6:00 PM

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

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator

Absent: Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

Government Study Committee

Mr. Lacey and Mr. Wood were present from the Government Study Committee. Former member Ted Smolen was also present.

There was general discussion regarding a recent email sent from Mr. Wood to the Selectmen regarding the operation of the Government Study Committee, with particular concerns expressed relative to the development and retention of the minutes of the committee.

Mr. Cough indicated that somehow the effort of the Government Study Committee has gotten off track, and that the composition of the membership of the committee was not ideal. Mr. Clough added that he believed that the best course at this point would be to disband the Government Study Committee. Mr. Brennan expressed concern that the lack of such a committee would hamper the commitment that was given to examine the function of the Highway Department as related to the possible establishment of a Public Works Department. Mr. Vincent suggested that if the committee was disbanded that the selectmen reconsider the establishment of a committee, but perhaps with a different structure of participating members.

Mr. Vincent moved to disband the Government Study Committee. Mr. Brennan seconded the motion.

There was general discussion on the motion, including the concerns raised by Mr. Wood.

The motion to disband the Government Study Committee was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brennan suggested that the Selectmen distribute a meeting template, and guidance as to how to take and maintain minutes, to all boards and committees.

Mr. Brennan moved that a template and related guidance regarding the taking and retention of minutes be distributed to all boards and committees. The motion also included the notation that copies of all minutes from said boards and committees are to be forwarded in both electronic and hard copy versions to the office of the Selectmen. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Brennan suggested that Mr. Clough meet with Mr. Delaney to set up an executive session. Upon discussion, Mr. Brennan indicated that the executive session would deal with allegations made by Mr. Wood regarding Mr. Delaney. Mr. Delaney stated that there was no need for an executive session, that he was exercising his right to hold the discussion in open session. It was agreed that this discussion would be held at the next meeting of the Selectmen on October 2, 2006.

Joint Meeting with the Finance and Advisory Committee, School Committee, and Capital Improvement Committee

Present: Beverly Enos, Town Moderator; FinCom members Reggie Tardif, Sandy Gerraughty, Jonathan Ayres, Tim Ruh and Robin O'Malley; School Committee members Anne Donahue, Don Cudmore, George Moker; Board of Selectmen Richie Clough, Lonnie Brennan and Matt Vincent.

There was a general discussion regarding the upcoming budget process for FY 08, which begins on July 1, 2007. Timetables, possible revenue projections, and other related issues were discussed. There was general consensus that the closing of the warrant for the annual town meeting in May should occur earlier, possibly by February 1, 2007.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

By,
Stephen L. Delaney
Town Administrator

Minutes approved October 16, 2006.