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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
3rd Floor Meeting Room
6/16/08
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani; Evan J. O'Reilly, Clerk

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

Absent:

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

FY07 Audit Report

Rene Davis, Powers & Sullivan

Mr. Delaney stated that this is the annual report for FY07 and she will do an overview. He stated that he would come back in a month on how to impose any suggested improvements.

Ms. Davis explained the reports that they are providing to the Selectmen.

- Federal Grants all used correctly.
- Management letter shows areas that could be improved. She stated that six comments were resolved and three are continued and she explained.
- Risk, minutes, GASB 45.
- Accounting and water enterprise fund

Mr. Vincent asked about the water department and how this is being addressed. Mr. Delaney explained that he is working with the department.

Financial Statements

- Opinion is the first letter
- Highlights-budget statement in back she reviewed, GAP Funds, CPC Funds, GASB 34 fixed assets, capital assets.

Mr. Trapani asked about trends and if they do trend analyzes. Ms. Davis stated that they do trend analyzes and can provide these to the Town.

Police Department

Police Chief Mulligan and Sergeant Cudmore were present

Chief Mulligan stated that on Thursday he found out about additional cuts to the Police department that they were not aware of. He stated that the shortfall is now \$73,443. He

stated that they provided the budgets that the FinCom had requested. He explained the budget. Mr. Vincent stated to clarify the cuts are on the salary line and do not cover the contractual obligations. Sgt. Cudmore explained the budget process that the Police department went through and how they feel an error to the Police Budget was made. Mr. Vincent reviewed the information that was presented.

Mr. Vincent invited the FinCom members that were present to come forward. Sandy Gerraughty, Jim Lacey, and David Surface were present. Ms. Gerraughty explained that at the April 1 meeting she explained the cuts and she stated that the cuts to their budget are correct. She invited the Police to come to the FinCom meeting and discuss with all members. Sgt. Cudmore explained again the cuts to the Police department. Mr. Vincent stated that they should discuss with the FinCom. Ms. Gerraughty explained the cuts. Mr. Vincent stated that the cuts have to be redlined so the department heads can see the cuts. Ms. Gerraughty stated that they did say that in the fall they would look at departments that had cuts. Sgt. Cudmore stated that they were the only department cut and they were not aware of the size of the cut. Mr. Vincent stated that he met with the Chief last week and discussed ticket fines and funds going to the department for signs and possibly for other issues.

Bill Dudley-Public Health Issues at Pentucket Pond

Mr. Dudley stated that he wanted to make the board aware of issues at Pentucket Pond. He stated that he is representing the Pentucket Pond Committee. He read a prepared letter on his findings at the Pond. He stated that his results of testing were from a list of departments. He stated that the source of high counts is from run off at the Town Beach. He explained the counts and the testing and ecoli. He stated that the highest counts are at the beach. He stated drain system overflows and counts are the highest. He stated goose eggs were addled and that geese can be picked up by the Federal Government if we request. He explained area that the ConCom is working on. He asked for \$20,000 to be appropriated for management of these issues. He read a letter detailing Georgetown Housing Authority, Trestle Way going in and issues with their septic and the pond. Mr. Vincent asked if there is an issue at Trestle Way now. Mr. Dudley stated no they have fixed their system. Mr. Paganelli stated that there are two discharge areas out to the side of the park. He stated that the discharge is not treated. He stated under current rules now the discharges must be treated. Mr. Vincent thanked Mr. Dudley for the information. He stated that he can not take funds now that it would have to be done at Town Meeting. Mr. Vincent stated at the earliest funds could be allocated would be fall Town Meeting but most likely next spring. He asked that they take same day measurements with the Board of Health. Mr. Dudley stated that the center of the beach is the most logical place of the contamination. Mr. Vincent stated that on the Town side they do not have the funds. Mr. Dudley stated that this is a Public Health issue. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that there is a stormwater permit that must be renewed to ponds. He stated that the permit is driven by the BoS to the ConCom. Mr. Dudley stated that the public must be made aware of this issue. Mr. DiMento explained the Park & Rec involvement to rectify the issue. He stated that an emergency issue would help to move forward. Mr. Vincent stated that a plan has to be done before anything can be done. Mr. Trapani stated that for the long term they need a plan. Paul Nelson stated that a berm at the parking lot done by the Highway Department would be a big help. Mr. Trapani stated that the DEP permit is

an issue and should be done and he wants to see a plan. Barbara Hart stated her children took swimming lessons at the pond and she has seen many changes. Jim DiMento stated that they need someone who takes responsibility for the geese at the pond. Mr. Dudley stated that the federal government is responsible for the overseeing the geese.

License

Nikki's Roast Beef & Pizza-Common Victualler License

Janaq Bido stated that he is opening a new restaurant at 7 Central Street and hopes to open soon.

Mr. Trapani moved to accept the application for a Common Victualler license for Nikki's Roast Beef & Pizza to expire December 31, 2008. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

The Selectmen welcomed him to town and wished him luck with the new restaurant.

Bob Grasso-Railroad Ave Land Donation

Mr. Grasso explained that the Planning Board approved a plan for 4 single family lots at this site. He stated that they paved the road last week and they would like to donate a lot of land to the Town for a Senior Center. Mr. Vincent stated that they plan to donate the land to be used by the town as a Senior Center if the town wants to put a center at the site. Mr. Grasso stated that an easement for the Rec Path is also proposed. He stated that there is parking on the roadway for 32 cars, centrally located to the center of town. Mr. Vincent stated that one lot is under a P & S and on the other lot they propose 4 units 2 duplexes. Mr. Vincent stated that he is asking for help with fees waived and a speedy process through the ZBA & Planning Board. Mr. Vincent stated that the board could discuss with the ZBA on how they could proceed. Mr. Delaney stated that they do not know if this land is of value to the Town. Mr. Trapani asked how do we make this go through for you and that they need to go before the boards. He stated that he would like to meet with the ZBA and Planning Board together to go forward. Mr. Trapani recommended at meeting with the ZBA chair and the Planning Board chair. Mr. Grasso stated that he would like to have the backing of the Town. Mr. Vincent stated that he would have to hear back from boards. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that the plan before them tonight is different then what was presented to the Planning Board. Nick Cracknell, Town Planner stated that a Rec Path member should be present and he did not know if a ZBA member could be present as there may be a conflict as this is a special permit. First week in July would be the earliest to set a meeting up.

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. Vincent stated that there is a Warrant to be signed.

Minutes of June 2, 2008 reviewed.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2008. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Civil War Monument Landscaping

Mr. Ryan Atherton stated that he wanted to talk to the Board about the civil war monument and his sponsorship. He explained what has happened with the Garden Club and his right to take care of the monument. He stated that he set up the monument this year and that now someone has stolen his signs. Mr. Vincent stated that the adopt an island is under the Highway Department and he stated that he has heard complaints on how the monument looks. He stated that it looks good for Memorial Day and after that it does not look good. Mr. Vincent stated that it is under the Highway Department as town property and he must sit with Mr. Durkee and set up a game plan.

Alan Aulson stated that he was an “adopt an island” committee member when this started. He stated can sponsorship be taken away if you do not take care of your island. He stated that a lot of time and funds go into maintenance of the islands.

Correspondence

Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center Walk Against Violence in Newburyport

Mr. Vincent stated that he would have to decline their invitation as the walk is the same day as the Mike Donohoe Run in Georgetown.

Mass Highway letter regarding Rt. 97 project. Mr. Vincent asked that the letter be forwarded to Mr. Durkee.

Mr. Vincent stated that BoxQ Electronics is holding a Recycling Day for Georgetown residents on Saturday, June 21 from 10AM-3PM at 97 Tenney Street.

Mr. Vincent stated that they have received a request by the Georgetown Boosters to hold a carnival at the Middle/High School June 27th-29th.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the request to hold a carnival at the Georgetown M/H School on June 27-29, 2008. Mr. O’Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. Delaney stated that the Fire Chief Job description has been updated with changes and the ad is ready to go. Mr. Vincent gave the okay to post the ad.

Mr. Delaney stated that he is waiting to hear from 2 members of the Fire Chief Search committee about reappointment.

Mr. Delaney stated that the Auction of 66 Bradford Loop is set for June 25 at 11AM at Town Hall.

Selectmen’s Report

Mr. Vincent stated that he has received comments from Mr. Delaney on his review.

Upcoming BoS meetings are Friday, June 20, 2008 at 7:30AM and Monday, June 23, 2008 at 7:00PM.

Selectmen will meet on June 30th at 5:00PM for a business meeting and then the Economic Development meeting at 6:00PM.

Mr. Trapani moved to adjourn. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved June 30, 2008.