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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Second Floor Meeting Room
2/20/08
7:30 PM

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Lonnie Brennan; Philip Trapani, Clerk

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator

Absent: Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Call to Order

Mr. Vincent opened the meeting at 7:05PM.

Approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting

Fire Department letter. A letter was received from the fire department regarding their recommendations for the staffing structure of the Fire department. It was agreed to place the letter on the agenda for March 3rd, at which time Chief Anderson is expected to be present.

Project letter from Senator Tarr. It was agreed that Mr. Delaney will put together a draft response for the Senator.

Fire Chief Legislation. Mr. Vincent discussed a letter that the Town had received from counsel relative to comments received from the Inspector General, in which they had suggested minor changes to the existing proposed legislation. It is expected that this issue will be discussed in more detail at the meeting of February 25th, at which time the Selectmen hope to be able to vote to make the changes requested.

Mr. Vincent also mentioned that it may be wise to insert a placeholder on the warrant for an article that would allow the town to adopt the strong chief legislation from the Mass. General laws, in case the proposed legislation is not acted upon before town meeting.

Community Preservation warrant articles. Copies of the proposed articles were received and will be added to the proposed warrant.

Affordable Housing trust fund proposal. Mr. Vincent mentioned that there is a proposal from the Affordable Housing task Force to establish a trust fund. Mr. Nelson of the AHTF will be invited to an upcoming meeting to discuss the proposal with the Selectmen.

COA appointment. The Chair of the Council on Aging, Barbara Morehouse, has recommended that Rosemary Morse be appointed to the COA.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint Ms. Rosemary Morse to a regular member position on the COA, to fill an unexpired term, to end on June 30, 2010. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Budget discussion

Mr. Steve Przyjemski, Conservation Agent presented the budget for the Conservation Commission related activities. There was a general discussion relative to the ConCom budget. The Selectmen requested that they receive a report detailing the fees that have been received by the Conservation Commission over the past several years.

Mr. John Caldwell, Building Inspector, presented the code enforcement budget. There was a general discussion, with the same request for fee history. It was also requested that the Building Inspector offer more detail as to the impact of a possible 5% cut in the budget.

Mr. Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator presented the budget related to town hall operations, including the finance related functions.

Tri-Board Meeting. The Selectmen discussed the upcoming joint meeting of the School Committee, Finance Committee, and the Board of Selectmen, which is scheduled for Wednesday, March 5th. Mr. Vincent will work to develop the agenda for that meeting.

Town Meeting warrant. There was a brief discussion relative to the Town Meeting warrant. It was requested that the language be developed for each article by next week.

Bradford Loop property. It was requested that Mr. Caldwell be consulted as to whether or not some sort of maintenance plan is necessary for the property, and it was also requested that we determine whether or not there is insurance coverage in place for the property.

SOP for annual town meeting. Mr. Vincent circulated a draft of a proposed SOP related to the annual town meeting. It is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Inspection re-appointments. As the re-appointments for the inspections team is due in March, the Selectmen requested that we have confirmation from the various inspectors that they are indeed interested in being re-appointed.

Union Cemetery. It was requested that Mr. Durkee, Mr. Knapp, and Mr. DesJardins be invited to the next meeting to discuss the future maintenance needs of the cemetery.

Executive Session

Mr. Trapani moved, and it was unanimously voted by roll call vote, that the Selectmen move to an executive session for the purpose of discussing matters related

to litigation, and that they would return to open session only for the purpose of adjournment. The Selectmen ended the open session at 9:00 PM.

The Selectmen returned to open session at 9:35 PM, and unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

By,
Stephen L. Delaney
Town Administrator

Minutes approved March 3, 2008.