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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
3rd Floor Meeting Room
10/6/08
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.

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. Vincent stated that the warrant was signed.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to accept the *minutes of September 22, 2008*. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Mr. Vincent stated that there is a letter from the Municipal Light Department stating that they will be reducing their In Lieu of Tax Payment to the Town for FY09 by \$6,519.18 representing the unpaid balance from electric charges at 66 Bradford Loop. Mr. Vincent stated that as with any other bill this amount would have been dismissed when the property went to tax title. The Board agreed with Mr. Vincent. Mr. Vincent stated that he and Mr. Delaney would talk with the Light Department. Mr. Trapani stated that this is a cost of doing business. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he would like to know how the bill got to \$6,500.

Letter from Country Gardeners regarding the maple trees being put in at the Harry Murch Park and the Asian Long-horned Beetle. Mr. Vincent stated that the trees have already been planted.

Letter from Giusti, Hingston and Co. regarding the audit of the Light Department. Mr. Vincent asked that a copy be sent to the FinCom. Mr. Delaney stated no action is needed by the board.

Board Business

Fire Chief Appointment

Mr. Vincent stated that two candidates are in the audience this evening, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Beardsley. He stated that the board has ranked their choices and will present

them this evening. He stated that the board has received letters and comments from residents on the candidates and they have reached out to area Chiefs.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that his first ranked candidate is Mike Anderson, second -Al Beardsley, and third-Mike Carrier and he explained his reasoning. He stated that he has not received any letters of recommendation on Mr. Beardsley. He stated that Mr. Anderson has received many letters of recommendation.

Mr. Trapani stated that he was looking for certain traits and listed them. He stated that they have three candidates one with no ties to the community, one with ties, and one with some ties. He stated that he is looking excellence and a mentor. He stated that he talked to fire fighters in town and out of town and his ranking is based on experience. He stated that his first ranked candidate is Mr. Beardsley, second Mr. Anderson, and third Mr. Carrier. He stated that this has been a difficult decision with all the effort that Mr. Anderson has put into this position and would like to see him continue with the department. He stated that Mike Carrier is qualified but he is his last selection.

Mr. Vincent stated that as a friend it would be Mr. Anderson, but if looking at experience it would be Mr. Beardsley. He stated that Mr. Anderson had quite a few letters from members of the community. He stated that he had heard from Boxford past Fire Chief Perkins recommending Mr. Beardsley. He stated that there has been a lot of tension in the Fire Department and it has been said that it will take someone from out of Town to dispel the tension. Mr. Vincent stated that his first candidate is Mr. Beardsley, second Mr. Anderson, and third Mr. Carrier.

Mr. O'Reilly asked how they can expect someone to dispel tension in the department when they have an expiration to their position. He asked how do you discuss leadership rules if you are not settled. Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Anderson has done a fine job.

Discussion on candidates by the board. Mr. Vincent stated that it has been a divided department. Mr. O'Reilly stated that there has been a petition with 65 signatures in favor of Mr. Anderson. Mr. Vincent stated that the petition/signatures were before the interviews and were not based on the candidates.

Mr. L'Hommidieu asked to speak. Mr. Vincent stated that last week was the opportunity to speak

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Al Beardsley as the Georgetown Fire Chief* subject to a background check and contract negotiations. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. O'Reilly-no

Mr. Vincent-yes

Mr. Delaney stated vote passed

Town Administrator's Report

STM-November 17, 2008

Mr. Delaney stated that for their meeting on October 20 he will have a warrant and spreadsheet of budget items. Mr. Vincent stated meet after the meeting on Thursday, Oct 9, 2008 the board could review warrant items.

Mr. Delaney stated the Planning Board and ConCom have articles on the warrant.

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. L'Hommidieu sent a letter requesting some additional articles to be on the warrant. (Highway Garage roof, Public Safety Building roof, and a truck for the Highway Surveyor) Mr. Vincent asked Mr. O'Reilly if he has been working with the Historical Commission and CPC to declare the building Historical/Culturally significant. Mr. L'Hommidieu asked that the article be put on the warrant and to let the people decide. Mr. Vincent stated that he is not in favor of putting these on the fall STM, as they were voted down by the residents in the spring and the fall town meeting usually only has about a 100 registered voters present. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he feels that they should try to use CPC funds for the Public Safety Building. Mr. O'Reilly stated that if a truck for the Highway Dept is needed then they should go forward. Mr. Trapani stated that with the state of the country and stock market he is not comfortable spending all our free cash in the fall. Mr. Vincent stated that he does not feel at a meeting with only 100 people that they should make a decision on the funds that may be needed in the spring. Mr. Vincent stated that they will take the request under consideration.

Mr. Vincent asked for numbers on the cost to fund raises for non-union employees.

Selectman's Report

Economic Development Committee

Mr. Trapani stated that there were no bylaws adopted previously so they can develop their own. He stated that he would like to make the appointments to the committee this evening. He stated that he would like to have three Community members, three Town Hall members, and three Business leaders on the committee.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Derek Olsen to the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2009.*

Mr. Trapani gave background information on Mr. Olsen.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Ted Kottcamp to the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2010.*

Mr. Trapani gave background information on Mr. Kottcamp.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Mary Kavanaugh to the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2009.*

Mr. Trapani gave background information on Ms. Kavanaugh.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Jim Lacey to the Economic Development Committee* term to expire **June 30, 2010.**

Mr. Trapani stated that Lacey is active in Georgetown Alliance.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Tillie Evangelista to the Economic Development Committee* term to expire **June 30, 2009.**

Mr. Trapani stated that Ms. Evangelista has been working with him in setting up this committee.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Nick Cracknell, Town Planner to the Economic Development Committee* as a non-voting member term to expire **June 30, 2010.**

Mr. Trapani stated that Mr. Cracknell as the Town Planner and will be essential to the committee.

Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani asked to hold his appointment as he would like to be the liaison to the Selectmen.

Energy Committee

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Evan O'Reilly to Energy Committee* term to expire **June 30, 2008. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Board Business

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he put together a letter for the Historical Commission regarding the Public Safety Building designation for CPC and asked if they would endorse the letter. Mr. Vincent and Mr. Trapani stated that they would sign the letter.

Mr. Trapani stated that on Thursday they will vote on the Statement of Interest for the School Building Committee.

Mr. Trapani asked if Mr. O'Reilly heard anything on the Media Committee. Mr. O'Reilly stated he did not have an update.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that the Georgetown Days is coming along.

Special Municipal Employee Designation

Mr. Delaney stated that Town Counsel had asked that they designate the Electrical Inspector, Assistant Electrical Inspectors, Gas/Plumbing Inspector, and Assistant Gas/Plumbing Inspectors as Special Municipal Employees.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to designate the *Electrical Inspector, Assistant Electrical Inspectors, Gas/Plumbing Inspector, and Assistant Gas/Plumbing Inspectors as Special Municipal Employees*. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Delaney stated that the FY08Town Report is finished and posted on the town website.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved December 1, 2008.