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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
3rd Floor Meeting Room
9/22/08
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

Warrant in the office to be signed.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of *September 15, 2008*. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Georgetown Days-Update-Sandy Gerraughty, Chair & Deb Jackson, Vice-Chair

Ms. Gerraughty explained how the committee came together. She stated that the event will be held the weekend of October Oct 24 -26, 2008. She explained the events scheduled and those that they are still putting together.

Mr. Trapani asked how advertisement would be done. Ms. Gerraughty explained the different papers, email, web pages being used. She stated information could be found at www.georgetownfun.org and anyone could email at georgetowndays@yahoo.com for more information.

Bob Morehouse stated that Camp Denison would like to sponsor a Haunted House. Ms. Gerraughty stated Scott Jones and Boy Scouts are planning a Haunted House and asked for him to connect with them. Ms. Jackson stated that a hayride is being planned by Erie 4. Mr. Vincent stated that he would like to sponsor a fun run motorcycle ride on Sunday morning. Ms. Gerraughty stated that they will be meeting Monday, September 29 at 7:00PM here at Town Hall if anyone would like to attend and help out.

UN Day Proclamation

Mr. Vincent stated that the UN Proclamation was carried from last week and he printed a new version. Mr. Trapani stated that he believes in the mission of the UN. He stated that

he supports the proclamation. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he could not sign the proclamation.

Mr. Vincent and Mr. Trapani to sign a proclamation for UN Day October 24, 2008.

Selectmen's Report

Economic Development

Mr. Trapani stated that four residents have submitted requests for appointment and there are three residents that he has asked to submit a letter of interest. He stated at the next meeting he would have a list. Mr. Vincent asked how long a term would be. Mr. Trapani stated that he would look at the previous bylaw.

Tri-Board meeting, Thursday, September 25, 2008

Mr. Vincent stated that he plans for the Tri-Board meeting to last about 30-minutes. He stated that Mr. Delaney would give a financial update, an update from Carol Jacobs on the Schools, coordination on budget and changes, school bond revenue update, and a schedule for town meeting. Mr. Vincent stated that he would send out an agenda.

Town Report

Mr. Vincent gave out a draft BoS report for the Annual Town Report. He asked for any additions or deletions. Mr. Delaney stated that the Town Report would be done at the end of the month.

Media Advisory

Mr. O'Reilly stated that the request for volunteers for the Media Advisory Committee was in paper this week.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Vincent thanked Mr. Delaney for his memo for each meeting, that they were very helpful.

Fire Chief Finalist

Mr. Vincent asked for update of the process. Mr. Delaney stated that all three candidates could be made public tonight. He explained the process, reviewed job description; advertised-newspaper, web, 16 applicants, 9 finalists, 4 interviewed and three are coming to the BoS by a unanimous vote. He stated that each member of committee had a copy of resumes and then they met and came up with an interview list. He stated that it was a unanimous vote for the three candidates. He listed the Fire Chief Search Committee members. Mr. Trapani asked if they were satisfied with the number and quality of candidates. Mr. Delaney stated that the committee was comfortable with the candidates. Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Trapani and Mr. O'Reilly how they want to proceed and whether they want the public to participate in asking questions or to get a list ahead of time. Mr. Trapani stated that he would look into this and see how other towns have done this. Mr. O'Reilly stated that there should be some public comment time. Date for interviews September 29, 2008.

Candidates:

Michael Anderson

Alfred Beardsley

Michael Carrier

Mr. Vincent thanked the committee for all their work.

Highway/DPW

Mr. Delaney gave an update on the Highway/DPW study estimates. He stated that the estimates came in at \$25,000 to \$30,000 for a full study. Mr. Trapani stated that he would like to work with Mr. Delaney to put something together for the study.

Special Municipal Employees

Mr. Delaney stated that there are three positions in the Inspectional Department that have been designated Special Municipal Employees. He stated that they are the Electrical Inspector, Plumbing & Gas Inspector, and the Building Inspector. Mr. Trapani asked if the Alternate Inspectors would also need to be so designated. Mr. Vincent asked for a copy of the Town Counsel information on Special Municipal Employees to be sent to Mr. Trapani.

Fall Town Meeting

Mr. Delaney stated that he has asked departments for possible articles for the STM. He stated Snow & Ice is the first item, Debt service on School Bonds, budget items will be on a spread sheet for smaller items. He stated that if the board spends all our free cash then we will have issues in the spring. He stated that they have some prior year unpaid bills for a company that did work with the Fire Department that must go to town meeting. He stated that the Planning Board will have some zoning bylaw changes, an Affordable Housing bylaw, two ConCom land issues, Searle street gift of land, and Rosemary Lane. He stated that he has not heard anything from the School Department.

Mr. Delaney stated that November 3rd would be the drop dead date to submit articles. He stated that he would like to post the warrant on October 29, or 30. He stated that he would hope to have a draft warrant by October 6. Mr. Delaney stated that on Monday October 27 the Selectmen could reopen and close the warrant if needed.

Mr. Trapani moved hold a Special Town Meeting, November 17, 2008, at 7:00PM at the Georgetown Middle/High School. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved October 6, 2008.

