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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
8/10/09
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Evan O'Reilly; Gary Fowler; Stephen Smith, Clerk; C. David Surface

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Interim Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Philip Trapani, Chairman

Call to Order

Mr. O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. O'Reilly stated that there is a warrant to be signed.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the *Executive Session minutes of June 29 and July 2, 2009*. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Mr. O'Reilly stated that they have received an update on the stimulus program from the Mass Office for Administration & Finance. Mr. Farrell stated that the Police Department has applied for the Byrne Grant.

Old Business

Glen Smith, Water Superintendent; George Comiskey, Parker River Clean Water Commission; Paul Lauenstein, Water Commission in Sharon.

Mr. Comiskey explained the Grant and that they were looking for a support letter from the Selectmen. He stated that the grant would allow them to hire a temporary Water Conservation Coordinator. Mr. S. Smith stated that conservation and leak protection would increase revenue and asked if they know the leak amount. Mr. G. Smith stated a couple of years ago they had a grant and found about 12 leaks and some surfaced for them. He stated that this grant will find smaller leaks and DEP is requiring a decrease of water use and this would help to reach their goal. Mr. S Smith stated that the 25% match would be taken out of the Water Budget. Mr. Glenn Smith explained that the 25% match would come from the Water budget and with the conservation efforts would offset the match. Mr. Lauenstein explained that cost to the Town may go down because of conservation. Glenn Smith stated that an area where water is not being used correctly is lawn irrigation. He stated Mr. Lauenstein has a great lawn and does not water it. Mr. Lauenstein explained options with new grasses and that this information can be passed on

to residents. Mr. S. Smith offered his assistance as he works with water conservation. Mr. Surface asked if we do not get the grant do we continue with conservation. Mr. G. Smith stated yes they will and explained the efforts. Mr. Lauenstein stated they would like to set up a Water Advisory Board. G. Smith stated that a volunteer board could work on efforts such as a water barrel program and other programs. Mr. Lauenstein stated that they have also talked with the Public Schools and that this is another area the grant will assist the town.

Mr. S. Smith moved to support the Water Conservation Grant. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly read the support letter to the audience and the board signed the letter.

Highway Materials Bid

Mr. Farrell explained that the Dura Patch was left off the list of accepted bids at the last meeting and that Brox Industries, Inc. was the low bidder.

Mr. Surface moved to award the *Dura Patch or equivalent at Plant per ton to Brox Industries, Inc.* Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Mr. O'Reilly abstained.

43D Update and Funding Options

Nick Cracknell, Town Planner & Economic Development member and Tillie Evangelista, Planning Board member & Economic Development member; Hugh Carter, Planning Board Chairman were present.

Mr. Cracknell gave an update on the 43D process and that the grant was submitted and that the State will not be funding the grant this year. He stated that he asked the State if they could still go forward with the 43D program and district. He stated that the State would provide an approval and the BoS would have the opportunity to sign the approval and district. He stated that the technical assistance grant was also being applied for but that is the part that will not be funded. He stated that they have filed and this gives the board the opportunity to work together to come up with the funding or at least come up with the district. Mr. Smith asked why sign up if they do not have funding. Mr. Cracknell stated that the Planning Board and EDC (Economic Development Committee) want to see the area set up. Mr. Smith asked why sign up with the State if there is no funding and why not do their own permitting. Mr. Cracknell stated that there are a lot of grants for communities that have 43D and these communities receive priority consideration. Ms. Evangelista stated that the appeals process is a good feature for the applicants. Mr. Cracknell stated that there is assistance from MVPC for 43D and they have funding for the program. Mr. Cracknell stated that he and Mr. Trapani will go Wednesday to present the plan to the State. He stated that he would like to get guidance from the board on his memo on the program. He stated that the EDC is working to find options on alternative funding for the program. Mr. O'Reilly asked if the PB has looked at the alternative funding options. Mr. Carter stated that they have not looked too far. Mr. Fowler stated that this passed at Town Meeting and if funding has changed would they have to go back to TM. Mr. Cracknell read the motion from the ATM. Mr. Smith

stated that one thing he has wanted was improved communication from boards and that it is great that we are having this discussion. He asked that if the town gets the approval does that obligate us to the costs. Mr. Cracknell stated that a Town Employee will have to be the point of contact and put together the checklist, etc. Ms. Evangelista stated that this is a lot of work for a part time Planner. Mr. O'Reilly stated that with the limited time frame looking for funding has to be done in a careful way. He stated that looking for funding has to be done so that there are no ethical issues. Mr. Cracknell stated that he and the PB are working together on looking at options. Mr. Surface stated that he would have liked the Planning Board to review the memo first and then come to the Selectmen. Mr. Cracknell stated that with the timeframe they are on short notice. Mr. Smith stated that this is information sharing and he is glad they are present.

Appointments

Mr. Surface moved to reappoint *Pamela McKay, Deborah Mulligan, and Kenneth Woodbury* to the *Scholarship Committee* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Mr. Surface asked if he could send the AHTF Trust to Town Counsel for review. He explained that the AHTF and Planning Board have reviewed the document.

Mr. Smith moved to allow Mr. Surface to send the Affordable Housing Task Force Trust to Town counsel for review. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to adjourn. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 14, 2009.