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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

5/21/12

7:00 PM – General Meeting

3rd Floor Meeting Room

Selectmen Present: C. David Surface, Chairman; Gary Fowler; Stephen Smith;
Stuart M. Egenberg, Clerk

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

Absent: Philip Trapani

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of the Board

Mr. Fowler nominated Mr. Egenberg as Clerk for the board. Mr. Smith seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg accepted the nomination as Clerk.

Mr. Fowler nominated Mr. Surface as Chairman for the board. Mr. Smith seconded the nomination and the nomination was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface accepted the nomination as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Minutes April 9 & 23, May 7, 2012.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the minutes of *April 9, 2012*. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the minutes of *April 23, 2012*. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the minutes of *May 7, 2012*. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Smith abstained.

Board Business

Recreational Path Endorsement letter

Dick Paganelli, RecPath Committee explained that they have a letter for the board to approve regarding funding for the RecPath through MVPC. He stated that the Town Planner has gone to a M meeting and there are funds available to towns and the RecPath is looking for \$3.6mil to finish from Andover St to Newbury Center. He explained the letter that they are asking the board sign. Discussion on design and at what stage they are at. Mr. Paganelli stated that they would be at 25% design in the fall. He stated National Grid is ready to sign a lease and that this is a big step. Mr. Surface asked when we would be shovel ready. Mr. Paganelli stated at the end of 2013 best case or 2014 and that is if we receive the funds. Mr. Fowler stated that he has heard that in Newbury not all members of the Selectmen are on board with the project. He asked about liability of bridges and who will pay when they need repair. Mr. Paganelli stated that Newbury has been on board but there are some board members now with some concerns. He stated that he could go over the study with him if he would like. Mr. Surface stated that there is some concern on the maintenance after it is built and the following years. Discussion on cost and what has been done and what is left to do. Mr. Fowler stated he will attend the meeting on Thursday at MVPC to represent the Selectmen. Mr. Egenberg stated that he has heard some concern from hunters and people at the gun club. Mr. Paganelli stated that they have not heard anything from anyone at the gun club.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the letter and for the Chair to sign the letter of endorsement of the Rail Trail Project to Merrimack Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program to be presented at their meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2012. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Memorial Day Parade

Mr. Surface stated that the parade will be on Monday, May 28 at 10:00AM a new time and at 8:00AM Veterans will meet at Park & Ride to visit cemeteries.

MSA Leadership Conference for Selectmen

Mr. Surface stated that if any members were interested in attending to let Mr. Farrell know.

Declaration of Surplus Property from Police Department

Mr. Surface stated that they received a letter from the Police Department to declare miscellaneous property surplus so that they can dispose of the property.

Mr. Egenberg moved to accept the Police Department list of property and to declare the property surplus. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

ESCO Update

Mr. Farrell updated the board on the ESCO he stated that it has been a year since approval. He gave a handout to the members with the energy measures that will be done totaling \$2.3Mil. He stated that we have been ready to go since February. He stated that

we hired an owner's technical agent and the project has been fine tuned and we now have a good project. He stated in February the State DOER came out with a grant for funding and Georgetown was one of two to apply. If we receive the funding it will allow us to fund more projects. He stated that we were to have an answer in 6 weeks then in an additional 3 weeks and now the end of May. He stated that the grant would lower our interest rate and the bond would save about a half Mil on the project and allow us to do an additional project. He stated that they would like to replace the boiler at the M/H School and he explained how this would be done. Discussion on how the ESCO works. He stated that the ESCO Company needs to be in the School the day after school gets out to get all the work done before School starts in the fall. Mr. Farrell stated that he is asking the board to vote to allow the chair to sign the contract if it comes in before the next meeting.

Mr. Egenberg moved to authorize the Selectmen Chair to sign the ESCO agreement when finalized. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board stated that they voted at a previous meeting for Mr. Farrell to sign the ESCO agreement and that either could sign if needed.

DOER

Owner's Agent Technical Assistance Grant

Mr. Farrell stated that they received a \$10K Grant from DOER on Thursday. He stated that he submitted that grant on Thursday afternoon and 6 hours they had an approval. He stated that this will help with the technical grant.

Senator Tarr letter on Grants

Mr. Farrell stated that he forwarded to the letter to the Economic Development Committee and Peter Durkee.

Line Item Transfer

Mr. Farrell stated that he has a request for a line item transfer for an insurance liability deductible. Mr. Egenberg asked for which department the insurance case was for. Mr. Farrell stated that it was for a School Department case.

Mr. Egenberg moved to authorize the transfer of \$3,000 from the Workmen Comp Insurance line to the Vehicle, Property & Liability Line. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Farrell stated that the Senate approved their budget and we have a small increase in our budget.

Appointments

Historical Commission

Mr. Egenberg moved to reappoint *George Perkins to the Historical Commission* term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to reappoint *Edward Desjardins to the Historical Commission as an Associate Member* term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to appoint *Louis Dispenza to the Historical Commission* term to expire June 30, 2014. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to reappoint *Joseph Knapp to the Historical Commission as an Associate Member* term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to appoint *Philip Trapani to the Historical Commission as an Associate Member* term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to appoint *Derek Richards to the Historical Commission* term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Town Accountant

Mr. Egenberg moved to reappoint *Mary McMenemy as the Town Accountant* term to expire May 31, 2015. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Next meeting June 11, 2012.