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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
12/3/12
7:00 PM – General Meeting
3rd Floor Meeting Room

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

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

Absent:

6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION

To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel.

Call to Order

Mr. Surface called the meeting to order at 7:03PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Minutes November 1 & 19, 2012

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of *November 1, 2012*. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion on the November 1, 2012 meeting and the removal of the “No Vote flyers” Mr. Fowler stated he did not know how the board knew that they could not have the flyers as it was not discussed. Mr. Farrell explained the ruling he had from counsel was that they could not have flyers. Mr. Trapani explained that the SBC asked to hand out flyers at the STM and were told no so when he saw the no note flyers he picked them up and brought them into our meeting and then when the moderator came in she said it was okay so he put them back on the lobby table. Mr. Fowler stated he is concerned over the question to him on why the flyers were there and that he is not a member of the no vote committee. Mr. Surface asked if Mr. Fowler felt something inappropriate was done. Mr. Fowler stated that he was uncomfortable.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of *November 19, 2012*. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Fire Chief Update

Fire Chief Al Beardsley and Jeff Manning were present.

Chief Beardsley gave a handout to the board on their budget for the ambulances. Mr. Egenberg asked how the ambulances were doing on the performance. Chief Beardsley stated that they have been doing well. Mr. Smith asked about expenses. Chief Beardsley stated that they have had some unexpected equipment issues. Chief Beardsley stated that they have \$99K and should have \$105K by the end of the year and they had expected \$75K by end of year so are doing well. Mr. Surface asked for a budget performance report. Mr. Manning stated that he could do that. Mr. Surface asked how much was to be put away to recapitalize for equipment. Mr. Manning stated 25%. Mr. Smith stated that this is great he asked the quality of service what are their findings. Chief Beardsley stated that they are getting out fast and on the road in less than 5 minutes. He stated that they are getting their quicker than the ALS. Mr. Manning explained the ALS intercept how they meet and come onto our vehicle with drugs and equipment and then transport. Chief Beardsley stated that the feedback has been good. Mr. Smith asked if they feel this has been positive. Chief Beardsley and Mr. Manning stated that they have had very good feedback. Mr. Trapani stated that they will meet the best performance. Mr. Manning stated that they have and goals are right on or above. Mr. Trapani asked if anything has come out positive or negative. Chief Beardsley stated that they have had some positive advancement they can now do a nebulizer treatment that they could not do before. He stated that he was told there would be an increase in the calls and they are seeing this. Mr. Surface asked about the charge delinquency. Chief Beardsley stated that they are at 38% over 120 days and have signed with a collection agency. Mr. Surface asked about the change over of ambulance companies. Chief Beardsley stated that has been done and they had a few radio issues and they have this resolved.

Fire Department revolving fund increase

Mr. Farrell stated at TM they approved at \$132K and are allowed to go up to \$149K. He explained how this number was set and now that the tax rate is set and DoR has certified the tax rate they could increase this number. He stated that DoR will not come down so hard on the town if they increase the number and that they should look at an Enterprise Fund for next year. Mr. Surface stated that this is volume revenue driven not increase in staff. Mr. Farrell explained that the FinCom must also vote to approve the change.

Mr. Smith moved to increase the amount that can be expended from the Fire Department, Ambulance Revolving Fund to \$149,000 for FY13. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion.

Discussion on the fund and how it was set up

Mr. Trapani asked if the account was set up wrong. Mr. Surface stated that it was not and that they wanted to see how the ambulance service worked before setting up an Enterprise Fund. He stated that the service has exceeded their expectations.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Camp Denison revolving fund increase

Bob Apprich, Camp Denison committee was present

Mr. Apprich gave some handouts on the Camp Denison accounts and explained the accounts. He stated that the committee needs an increase of what they can spend from the account. He stated that they are asking to increase to \$15K an increase of \$3,000. Mr. Surface stated that their cost shows they may need more than \$15K do they want to go a little higher to \$16K because of projected costs.

Mr. Smith moved to increase the amount that can be expended from the Conservation Commission Revolving Fund for Camp Denison to \$16,000 for FY13. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Egenberg asked why expenses are so much higher this year. Mr. Apprich stated one is the cost of heating oil and the tree work that has had to be done. He stated that they have a Friends Account which they use for tree work but are having so many issues they need to use more funds. Mr. Smith asked what doubled the revenue. Mr. Apprich explained that they increased fees and their numbers went down so they cut them and have had an increase in renters and numbers are now up again. He explained the role playing groups that have been renting the space. Mr. Farrell stated that the ConCom did vote to approve the request at \$15K. Mr. Fowler stated that this is the same as the last request and there is no cost to taxpayers. Mr. Surface stated that is correct and the change is volume driven.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

DECA proclamation

Mr. Trapani moved to proclaim November as DECA Month. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Winter Parking Ban-Reminder takes effect December 1 until April 1, 2013.

Mr. Surface read the letter on the winter parking ban.

Artificial Turf Building Committee-Board make-up recommendation from Park & Rec
Jim DiMento, Park and Recreation was present.

Mr. Surface stated that he had a discussion with the School Committee chair and they came up with this suggested make up of the turf committee. He stated 1 Finance and Advisory member, 1 School Committee member, 2 Georgetown Athletic Association members, 1 Park & Recreation member, 4 Board of Selectmen appointments 2 voting members and 2 non-voting members. He asked if the board is okay with this make up of the committee and do they want to make appointments tonight or solicit members. Mr. Smith asked what the goal of the committee is. Mr. DiMento stated that they want to use CPA funds for a part of the project and they need to know how to proceed and if this is a viable option for the town. He stated if we do go forward they want to know what the costs are. He stated if they have a committee they can go to ConCom for an NOI so they will know if the plan is viable. He stated GAA can not go to ConCom to build on town land. Mr. Smith asked if they should have a CPC member on the committee. Mr. Surface stated that this is a feasibility group. Mr. DiMento stated that this was brought to the Park & Rec by the GAA for their help. Mr. Surface stated that this committee would be an advisory committee of the BoS. Mr. DiMento stated that the CPC just puts forth viable projects for a vote at Town Meeting. Mr. Fowler asked if this is too large a

committee and would there be quorum issues. Mr. Farrell stated that there would be 7 voting members and would need 4 voting members for a quorum the 2 non-voting do not count in the quorum.

Mr. Trapani moved to create a Synthetic Turf Advisory Committee, set up as 1 Finance and Advisory member, 1 School Committee member, 2 Georgetown Athletic Association members, 1 Park & Recreation member, and 4 Selectmen appointments 2 voting members and 2 non-voting members with the current terms to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked if the FinCom could have an appointment instead of a member. Mr. Surface stated that he would contact the FinCom and see how they feel about the position and they could make that change if requested.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface asked if they want to solicit members or vote tonight. Mr. DiMento stated that he knows Mark Perry of Tiger Row, Jon Pingree of Pleasant Street GAA members would like to be on the committee and he would be the Park and Rec member. Mr. Fowler stated that they should give time for residents to apply. Mr. Smith stated he would volunteer to be on the committee if needed. Mr. Surface asked for residents to respond by the December 17th meeting to the Town Administrator. Mr. Fowler asked if it would be a conflict to have a ConCom member on the committee. Mr. Surface stated he feels it may be a conflict.

Mr. Smith moved to appoint *Jim DiMento, Park & Recreation* to the Synthetic Turf Advisory Committee term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to appoint Jon Pingree, GAA member to the Synthetic Turf Advisory Committee term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to appoint Mark Perry, GAA member to the Synthetic Turf Advisory Committee term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Selectmen's Report

Winter/Spring Meeting Schedule-January 14, 28; February 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22; May 6 ATM, 20, 2013

Town Administrator's Report

ESCO update

Mr. Farrell stated that we are coming to the end of the project. He stated that they are starting the Public Safety building lighting on Thursday and then the Highway department. He stated the only loose end is the cooling tower because of when it will arrive and will still have to be commissioned in the spring. He stated that they will hold funds until it is operating. Mr. Trapani asked how Wayne Snow, Light department feels

about the energy savings. Mr. Farrell stated that Wayne was on the Energy committee and is in favor of the savings for the town.

Appointments & Approvals

License Renewal's to expire December 31, 2013

- Alcohol Licenses:

- *Off Premise All Alcohol:* C.J. Liquors, Inc dba The Liquor Barn;
Georgetown Liquors, Inc

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Off Premise All Alcohol* licenses for C. J. Liquors, Inc. dba as *The Liquor Barn* and *Georgetown Liquors, Inc.* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- *Off Premise Wine & Malt:* Crosby's Markets, Inc dba Crosby's Marketplace

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Off Premise Wine & Malt* licenses for Crosby's Markets, Inc. dba *Crosby's Marketplace* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- *On Premise All Alcohol:* Georgetown Post #7608 VFW of US, Inc.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *On Premise All Alcohol* licenses for *Georgetown Post #7608 VFW of US, Inc.* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- *On Premise Wine & Malt:* Pizza Factory

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *On Premise Wine & Malt* licenses for *Pizza Factory* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Business Licenses

- Common Victualler-The Liquor Barn, Crosby's Marketplace, VFW, Charles C. Dame Lodge, Georgetown Bowling Lanes, Richdale, Theo's

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Common Victualler* licenses for *The Liquor Barn, Crosby's Marketplace, VFW, Charles C. Dame Lodge, Georgetown Bowling Lanes, Richdale, Theo's* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Surface and Mr. Trapani abstained.

- Class II Used Car Sales-B & B Auto Clinic, Inc.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Class II Used Car Sales* license for *B & B Auto Clinic* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Bowling-Georgetown Bowling Lanes

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Bowling* license for *Georgetown Bowling Lanes* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Trap Shooting-Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the *Trap Shooting* license for *Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.* to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Egenberg abstained.

Affordable Housing Task Force Appointment of Paul Nelson term to expire June 30, 2015

Mr. Smith moved to appointment Paul Nelson to the *Affordable Housing Task Force* term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler asked about when the Library would be coming in to a meeting to discuss the flooding issues. Mr. Surface stated that he had talked to Chris Laut but had not heard back. Ms. Pantano stated he contacted the office and is scheduled to come in to the next meeting.

Mr. Surface stated that Beacon Hill is slow now they may have time now to amend the rules for postponement of a Town Meeting.

Next Meeting

Monday, December 17, 2012 at 7:00PM, Town Hall, 3rd Floor meeting room

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.