

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**3/3/14**  
**7:00PM-General Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room**

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**Selectmen Present:** Stuart M. Egenberg, Clerk (Acting Chair); Gary Fowler; Philip Trapani

**Others Present:** Michael Farrell, Town Administrator

**Absent:** Stephen Smith, Chairman; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

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Pledge of Allegiance

**Appointments & Approvals**

*Request for the appointment of Henry Olshefsky as a Reserve Police Officer term to expire June 30, 2014*

Police Chief Cudmore introduced Mr. Olshefsky and gave his background information to the board. He stated he already has training. Mr. Trapani welcomed him to town. Mr. Fowler stated that it is good he has the paramedic training.

**Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Henry Olshefsky* as a *Reserve Police Officer* term to expire **June 30, 2014**. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a **unanimous vote**.**

*Request for the appointment of Nick Feitz to the ConCom term to expire June 30, 2016*

*Request for the appointment of Thomas Moore to the ConCom term to expire June 30, 2016*

Mr. Egenberg invited Mr. Feitz and Mr. Moore to come forward. He stated that the board has been working hard to fill the boards. Mr. Fowler stated that Georgetown has very strict wetland bylaws how do you feel about working with the people. He said Georgetown has a lot of wetlands the town has been described as a swamp with several hills.

Nick Feitz stated that the wetlands are good to have and been here over 30 years and want to maintain that for future generations. He stated a fine line between what should be or shouldn't and understands some gray areas and have to work with that.

Mr. Moore stated that he has been here for 14 years and can confirm that this town is swamp and has 3 homes in Georgetown. He stated that most recent home is in contention with home at 97 Elm Street and worked with the ConCom. He stated have to pay attention to needs of the town and the people. He stated it is a sensitive issue and background is a contractor and an outdoorsman.

Mr. Trapani stated that there has to be a balance and he hopes on the side of residents that they support the residents and town and a fair balance. He stated request that they look at things

fairly. Mr. Egenberg stated a tough board and a lot of a factors that come into play and that they look at each fairly. Mr. Fowler stated that things coming to the town recently is a lot of conservation land being donated to the town and trail maps being put together, etc. He stated that how do we go forward with these properties. Mr. Egenberg stated that there will be things coming at them with the Schools, RecPath, and Park on East Main Street.

**Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Nick Feitz* to the *Conservation Commission* term to expire **June 30, 2016**. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Thomas Moore* to the *Conservation Commission* term to expire **June 30, 2016**. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **Warrant & Minutes**

Warrant to be signed

*Minutes February 10, 2014*

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the executive session minutes of February 10, 2014. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the general session minutes of February 10, 2014. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **New Business**

Understanding warrant process for Invoices

Hold

### **Correspondence**

*Request from GAA Baseball Board to hold the annual baseball/softball parade on April 27, 2014 at noon.*

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the GAA Baseball/Softball parade on April 27, 2014 at noon. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Resignation of Michael Birmingham from the Conservation Commission*

Mr. Egenberg thanked Mr. Birmingham for his service on the commission.

### **Old Business**

*Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 5, 2014*

- Vote to refer the Citizen Petition-Amend Zone Designations of Map 10B, Lot 34 aka 5 Elm Street to the Planning Board

Mr. Fowler asked if they can have who forwarded the articles and which are new articles. Mr. Egenberg asked if this is the final wording. Mr. Farrell stated for the most part the warrant still will be reviewed by counsel. He stated that the biggest change is Question #1 which goes with Article 2 for the bonding for the renovations to the Middle/High School. He stated that as it is a debt exclusion it has to be on the warrant and on the ballot at the election the following week.

Mr. Fowler stated that we talked briefly on the funding and did the School Building Committee put this forward. Mr. Farrell stated that the SBC has asked for a placeholder and will be in the \$7Mil amount. He stated the rest are the same except on page 4 are placeholders from CIP. Discussion on the request from the School Department for Heat Pump replacements at the Middle/High School for \$200K and how to fund. Mr. Farrell stated next was the Town Hall fence at \$50K. Discussion on what type of fence and price. Mr. Farrell stated the next was the Fire Chief replacement car, Exhaust system expansion at the Fire Station, One-ton Dump for Highway, School second for stairs at the M/H School to the small parking lot, and police radar units. He stated that the Local Option Meals tax is new and the easement for 104 Elm Street for the easement for the emergency access to the new Penn Brook School. He stated also is the addition of Personnel Bylaw change and the Planning Board withdrawn one of their articles for wind power. Discussion on the CPC articles.

*Vote to refer the Citizen Petition-Amend Zone Designations of Map 10B, Lot 34 aka 5 Elm Street to the Planning Board*

**Mr. Trapani moved to refer the Citizen Petition to Amend Zone Designations of Map 10B, Lot 34 aka 5 Elm Street to the Planning Board. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Trapani moved to close the annual town meeting warrant for Monday, May 5, 2014. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion.**

Mr. Fowler stated that he heard we are looking for a new polling place and asked if we have any information. Mr. Farrell stated that the Town Clerk is looking at alternative locations and ultimately it is the Selectmen's decision. He stated that there is a process and the State must come in and approve the location. He stated it started when the Town Clerk notified the Schools regarding the upcoming election at the Penn Brook School and the Superintendent requested other locations be considered because of the construction at the School. He stated that the parking is very limited. Mr. Farrell stated that the Town Clerk has notified three Churches in town and the State will come out and look and review. He stated another issue is security at the Schools. He stated that the new school will have a separate entrance and can be cut off. Mr. Fowler asked if we have a cost for moving the voting booths. Mr. Farrell stated that the Schools have stated that they would move the voting booths. Mr. Fowler stated that he would like to discuss with the schools the issue.

**The motion was approved by a 2-1 vote.**

*Close the Special Town Meeting Warrant for May 5, 2014*

**Mr. Trapani moved to close the special town meeting warrant for Monday, May 5, 2014. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

### **Selectmen's Report**

*Financial Management Review from DoR for discussion*

Mr. Egenberg stated that they have the priority list on this. Mr. Farrell stated that he talked with Mr. Smith and have scheduled Mike Ward from the Collins Center to come to a meeting to discuss the process of a Charter.

**Executive Session**

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body **and the Chair so declares ...;**

**Mr. Trapani moved to go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body and the Chair so declares and will not be returning to regular session. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.**

**Mr. Trapani-yes**

**Mr. Fowler-yes**

**Mr. Egenberg-yes**

**Next Meeting**

Monday, March 10, 2014 at 7:00PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room, Town Hall

General Session ended at 8:00PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.