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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
2/23/15
6:30 PM – General Meeting, 3rd floor meeting room

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

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

Absent: Philip Trapani

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Declaration of Support or No Support of Mosquito Control Funding for FY 2016

Deb Rogers, Health Agent was present. Mr. Egenberg stated that the support document is for spraying for mosquitos. Mr. Surface asked why there are so many mosquitos at American Legion Park if they spray there. Ms. Rogers stated that we can ask them to spray the park more often. She stated residents can request to not be sprayed by sending a certified letter to the town clerk. Mr. Fowler asked if she goes to the annual meeting that they hold on the budget. Ms. Rogers stated that they do not go to the budget meeting but they do go to the trainings or meetings if there are any changes. Mr. Fowler asked about some payroll numbers and if they were high. Mr. Farrell stated that the numbers are within the normal range. Ms. Rogers stated that they are excellent to work with and will come out if needed to discuss and that they will spray target areas if requested.

Mr. Fowler moved to Support the Mosquito Control Funding for FY 2016. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Mr. Smith abstained.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Minutes February 11, 2015

Mr. Surface had a word change on page 2 should be statute instead of stature.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2015 as corrected. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote. Mr. Smith abstained

Correspondence

Retirement Notice – Police Department of Lt. David Thomson

Mr. Egenberg read the retirement notice from the Police Chief. He thanked Lt. Thomson for his 34 years of service to the Town of Georgetown.

Mr. Egenberg stated that last weekend there was a celebration for Kenneth Tidd's 100th Birthday and they had the presentation of the Boston Post Cane. He stated that Mr. Tidd was recognized as the oldest citizen in Georgetown.

Old Business

Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015 and the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015

Mr. Farrell stated that there is an additional article for a donation of land that was a condition of a Planning Board decision and also a ConCom condition for the Turning Leaf Subdivision. Mr. Farrell explained that Planning wants control to go to Park & Rec and ConCom wants control of the land. Mr. Fowler stated that the decision says that 1.8 acres are outside of jurisdiction of ConCom and DEP. Mr. Farrell stated that this document comes from the recorded decision of the Planning Board. He stated that the ConCom in their discussions stated their intent to accept the land and to care or to control the property but never added this to the decision. He stated that the Planning Board did include in their decision. Mr. Fowler stated that he is not in favor of ConCom taking over more land as nothing has been done with the land they have already. Mr. Farrell stated that both the Planning Board and ConCom want the land. He stated that the Planning Board wants the land to go to the Park & Recreation Department. Mr. Farrell stated that the Planning Board recommends the acceptance of the land but they cannot accept land and the ConCom can accept land. He stated that this is a last minute article and the details have to be worked out. He stated that there is a dispute between the Planning Board and ConCom. Mr. Fowler stated that he does not want to slow down the process. He stated that the developer may want the land to go to ConCom so the land is not developed for recreation or fields. He stated if Planning Board has as open space that may be the way to go. Mr. Egenberg asked if any of the land could be used for fields. Mr. Farrell stated he was not sure.

Mr. Smith moved to CLOSE the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked if the warrants are complete. Mr. Farrell stated that they are except there is still work on the articles for revolving accounts. Mr. Fowler stated that every year we close the warrant and then have to open it again. Mr. Farrell stated that if the warrant is not closed we could receive citizen petitions and there would not be enough time for hearings. He stated that the FinCom has not reviewed the warrant and there may be some CIP articles that come off if the funds are needed for Snow and Ice. Mr. Farrell stated that right now the Snow and Ice account is \$200K in deficit and that will leave \$150K.

Discussion on CoA and if they will need funds to set up the Senior Center. Mr. Farrell stated that there is money in the budget \$11K and the Schools stated that they will do some of the work. He stated that they need to have a MOA with the Schools. Mr. Surface stated that the selectmen are 150% in support of the Senior Center. He stated that if we will need funds then we should add an article. Mr. Smith stated that they should add a placeholder and remove if we do not need the funds.

Mr. Smith moved to appropriate or transfer from available funds for the establishment of a new Senior Center. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.

Discussion on amount of funds to not exceed \$100K. Mr. Surface stated that they have put funds in other buildings and now it is time to put funds into a senior center.

Mr. Surface amended the motion to add for an amount to not exceed \$100K. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion and amendment were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Farrell stated that this article will be ATM16-35.

Discussion and Vote on articles

Mr. Surface stated still have some articles that need work and should we wait to vote when cleaned up. He stated that the board may want to wait until FinCom votes. Mr. Fowler asked about CATV article being removed and the effect on the revolving account. Mr. Farrell stated that the funds will have to be in the budget. He stated that this is not a general fund account. Mr. Egenberg stated that he is reading the contracts but needs more time. He stated that he remembers a schedule of funds to the town. Discussion on funds and General Fund Revenue. Mr. Fowler stated that they need more information on the funds and how they can be used. Mr. Farrell stated that the Franchise fee is General Fund Revenue. Mr. Fowler asked if the CATV is fully funded from the funds received from the cable companies. Mr. Farrell stated yes 100 percent.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Town Administrator's Report

Budget update

Mr. Farrell stated that the FinCom has not meet with the departments and they do not have anything from the State.

Mr. Farrell stated that there will be an Executive Session with the School Committee at 6PM at the next meeting March 9th.

Mr. Farrell stated that he and Mr. Egenberg will also be meeting with the Schools on Labor negotiations on March18, 2015.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2015 at 6:30PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano

Minutes approved March 23, 2015