

**Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833**  
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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**  
**Memorial Town Hall**  
**3/23/15**  
**7:00 PM – General Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room**

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**Selectmen Present:** C. David Surface, Acting Chair; Philip Trapani; Gary Fowler, Clerk

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

**Absent:** Stuart M. Egenberg, Chairman; Stephen Smith,

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6:00PM-Executive Session ~2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

**6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION with School Negotiations Subcommittee**

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 ...;**

7:00PM-General Meeting ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room

Pledge of Allegiance

**Warrant & Minutes**

Warrant to be signed

*Minutes February 23, 2015*

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2015. Discussion** Mr. Trapani was not present on February 23<sup>rd</sup> and needs to be removed from Present list in the minutes. **Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved with the adjustment by a unanimous vote.**

**Board Business**

*CPC Recommended Articles*

Mr. LaCortiglia, Chair of the CPC was present

Mr. LaCortiglia went over the Articles the CPC is requesting be put on the warrant. He listed the Reservations of Funds, Bond costs and projects: Affordable Housing Trust Grant, Housing Authority Storm doors, Digitization of Historic Documents, Town Hall Shrub Fence, Rehabilitation of American Legion Park Restoration (Phase 3), East St. Soccer fields Rehabilitation (Phase 1), East Main St. Active Recreational Land Access and Development (Phase 1 Completion costs), Active Recreational Land Purchase.

Mr. Surface asked when the East Main Street Park would be done. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that it will be done in stages and will take a while. Mr. Fowler stated a part of the park has gone out to bid. Mr. LaCortiglia explained the phases. Mr. Farrell stated went out to bid and all came in to high so they have to take some items out and rebid.

Discussion on expansion of opening and parking area of the West Street Fields. Mr. Fowler stated he did some follow up on this with the Water Department and there is no push to get the soccer fields off the water department property.

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

*Request from Alan Aulson for a submission to the ATM Warrant.*

Mr. Alan Aulson was present.

Mr. Surface asked if it is too late for Citizen Petition. Mr. Farrell stated that the board closed the warrant for Citizen Petitions on February 23, 2015. Mr. Aulson explained his request to remove footnotes from the Intensity of Use Schedule 1, 8, & 9. Mr. Surface asked what his intention with the property is. Mr. Aulson stated that he is working with his architect and maybe five two bedroom units. He stated the change he is proposing would allow the ZBA to grant more units. Mr. Farrell explained he talked to the Building Inspector and now they have to go to the ZBA for a variance and then the project would go to the Planning Board. He stated if the footnotes are removed it would remove the variance but the applicant would still have to get a special permit and then go to the Planning Board. He stated that the ZBA's policy is to not allow a variance if not allowed in the bylaws. Mr. Aulson stated that this a handicap to a lot of residents. Mr. Fowler stated that he checked with Mr. Farrell on the timing for the warrant and is tight but can be done. He stated that he does not want this board to hold up the process. Mr. Farrell stated that he would recommend the BoS accept and adopt as a BoS article to not set a precedent on receiving a Citizen Petition after the warrant closes. He stated if the board opens the warrant and adds the article it then goes to the Planning Board and the board must advertise twice 14 days before hearing and then give a report to the BoS. He stated that the Planning Board will be meeting on Wednesday. He stated that this timeline is required by the Attorney General's office. Mr. Trapani stated that this was discussed at the Historical Commission demolition hearing on the historic building and he supports the amendment.

**Mr. Trapani moved to *Open* the Warrant for ATM May 4, 2015. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

**Mr. Trapani moved to add an article to the Annual Town Meeting warrant for May 4, 2015 "To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by amending Chapter §165-II – Intensity of Use Schedule, specifically to remove footnotes 1, 8, and 9."**

Mr. Fowler stated that he would rather leave as a Citizen Petition. Mr. Trapani stated that this bylaw is outdated and the change is not targeted zoning and he does not want to set a precedent with accepting a Citizen Petition after warrant is closed.

**Mr. Fowler seconded the motion.**

Discussion

**The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. Aulson stated that he would officially withdraw the Citizen Petition.

**Mr. Fowler moved to *Close* the Warrant for the ATM May 4, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

*Discussion and Vote on articles for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015 and the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015*

Mr. Surface stated the board would vote on articles at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Municipal Priority Reporting Form for FY 2016 State Budget from Senator Tarr*

Mr. Surface asked for top items from board members.

Discussion

- Local aid #1
- Modifying prevailing wages
- Pond Street Fence
- Unfunded mandates
- Veterans' funds
- PILOT for State lands
- Fully Fund Circuit breaker

### **APPOINTMENTS & APPROVALS**

*Request from the American Diabetes Assoc. for the North Shore Tour de Cure to ride through Georgetown on Sunday May 17, 2015.*

**Mr. Trapani moved to approve the American Diabetes Assoc. North Shore Tour de Cure to ride through Georgetown Sunday, May 17, 2015. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 2-0 vote. Mr. Fowler abstained.**

### **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

*Review spring/summer meeting dates: May 4<sup>th</sup> ATM 6PM; May 18; June 8, 22; July 13<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>; August 10<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>, 31; September 21<sup>st</sup>; all at 6:30PM.*

### **NEXT MEETING**

Monday, April 6, 2015 at 6:30PM, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor meeting room, Town Hall

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Trapani moved to return to Executive Session and to adjourn the General meeting.**

**Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a roll call vote.**

**Mr. Fowler-yes**

**Mr. Trapani-yes**

**Mr. Surface-yes**

General Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.