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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
3/9/15
6:30 PM – General Meeting, 3rd floor meeting room

Selectmen Present: Stuart M. Egenberg, Chairman; Gary Fowler, Clerk; Philip Trapani

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

Absent: C. David Surface; Stephen Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Board Business

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

Howard Snyder, Town Planner was present and explained the 5 Zoning and Bylaw amendment articles the Planning Board has for the ATM Warrant. He stated that 4 are from the Planning Board and 1 is from the Affordable Housing Task Force.

1. Definitions and Word Usage: Subtractions from
2. Definitions and Word Usage: Additions to
3. Use regulations and Intensity of use Schedule: modifications
4. Article XVIII Solar Energy Facilities: New Bylaw Article
5. Article XI Accessory Affordable Housing: New Bylaw

Mr. Trapani moved to include the five amendments to the ATM Warrant for May 4, 2015.

Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Discussion

Mr. Fowler stated that number 5 Accessory Affordable Housing needs more work. Mr. Snyder stated that any project must meet the DHCD Guidelines.

Motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

Request for a One-Day Beer License from the GAA for a Beer Tasting at Camp Denison on May 9, 2015

Joe Molis, GAA member was present and explained the event and that they will provide liability insurance, will have limited ticket sales, and will have a Police detail. He stated everyone was carded and wrist bracelets were given to those of age. He stated that last year they raised \$7,000.

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Mr. Trapani moved to approve the GAA for a *One-Day Liquor License Wine & Malt* only for Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Camp Denison. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Request from the Mike Donohoe Race Committee to hold the annual event on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 12:00PM

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the request to hold the *Mike Donohoe Race on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at 12:00PM*. Mr. Fowler 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 Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015

Mr. Farrell updated the board on the Saturday Budget workshop. He stated on page 4 is the CoA Senior Center article and that the amount of money will be in the motion. He stated that these funds would be to modify and equip the center at the Perley School. He stated at the Saturday session there was a discussion on articles and FinCom told departments that there would not be any staff increases. Also that CIP items most likely will not be funded as Free Cash will be needed for Snow and Ice. He stated that the Police article for the Police Academy was moved to the STM warrant. He stated that if there are any Reserve Funds left they can be used for the Police Academy. He stated that the board will have to vote to move the article. Mr. Egenberg asked if he wants the board to vote tonight or wait. Mr. Fowler asked if they should wait for FinCom to vote on articles and then vote. Mr. Fowler asked if the tree removal at the Public Safety was coming off the warrant. Mr. Farrell stated that they will come off the warrant as the Police Chief offered to wait as the worse trees were removed last fall. Mr. Egenberg asked if CPC will have votes. Mr. Fowler stated that the CPC will vote next week and are looking to vote earlier next year. Mr. Egenberg asked when FinCom would be voting on Articles. Mr. Farrell stated FinCom will be looking at the warrant over the next few meetings. Mr. Trapani asked for an update on meetings they need to attend.

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

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

Mr. Trapani moved to move the ATM 15-33 article for the Police Academy Expenses from the ATM Warrant to the STM Warrant. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to close the ATM and STM Warrants for May 4, 2015. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Budget Update

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Mr. Farrell updated the board on the FY16 Budget process. He stated that the Local Aid Cherry Sheet was released and estimated revenues have increased by \$97K. He stated that at the legislative breakfast this increase came with a warning. The breakfast was held here last week and was well attended with 40 people attended. He stated that Senator L'Italien stated that this figure may not stay the same. Mr. Fowler asked about the decrease in Veterans benefits. Mr. Farrell stated that he will check on this. Discussion on MBTA funds and services.

Snow & Ice Update

Mr. Farrell stated that we have run through all our Free Cash for Snow & Ice. He gave the numbers to the board. He stated that our deficit is in deficit. He explained that the Division of Local Services is saying that they will give out a supplement budget with a way for towns to amortize Snow & Ice over a two year period. He stated FinCom was concerned if we have another bad winter next year. He stated that we will have the FEMA funds coming back from one storm about \$60K and if they do combine all the storms together the town could get \$135K. Mr. Fowler stated that if we held back \$135K we would be able to use some Free Cash funds for Capital Improvements. Mr. Farrell stated we can take some funds from the STAB Fund and we do have \$65K in the Capital Fund. Mr. Fowler asked if we will have funds in the Reserve account. Mr. Farrell stated that this is in our budget. Mr. Fowler stated we were going to put funds in the OPEB, do we have funds for this. Mr. Farrell stated that he does not. He stated that the School budget is up 2.46% and we need \$230K to balance the budget. He stated that the FinCom will be reviewing the School Budget next Wednesday. Mr. Farrell stated that there are a number of new positions in the School Budget. He stated that part of the increase is from the Tech School and Whittier fees. Mr. Fowler asked about insurance costs. Mr. Farrell stated he added for 3 new school staff members at \$60K and 3% for MIIA as an increase but this could be more. He stated that he added 3-4% increase in other insurances and if they do not increase will be okay.

Next Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2015 at 6:00PM, ES and 7PM meeting 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.