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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

2/29/16

6:00PM-Executive Session~2nd Floor Meeting Room

7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Philip Trapani, Chairman; C. David Surface; Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk

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

Absent: Gary C. Fowler

6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Anticipated 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.
- Anticipated executive session in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, sec. 21(a)(3), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with FSCME Council 93.

Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

WARRANT & MINUTES

Warrant to be signed

Executive Session Minutes February 17, 2016 (6:30PM & 6:40PM); Minutes November 30, 2015; January 25, 2016

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the Executive Session minutes of February 17, 2016 6:30PM and 6:40PM. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 2-1 vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the minutes of November 30, 2015. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the minutes of January 25, 2016. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Update from Northeast MA Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District

Mr. Trapani stated that this is an update from MA Mosquito Control and Wetlands Management District

Notice of resignation of Lillabeth Wies from the Conservation Commission

Mr. Trapani stated that they received a resignation from Lillabeth Wies from the ConCom and he thanked her for her service to the town.

Rauseo/Settelmeyer dog incident correspondence:

- Letter from Kay Lee Ogden regarding dog hearing
- Letter from Megan Rauseo regarding dog hearing
- Letter from Gina Rauseo regarding dog hearing
- Rauseo veterinary emergency visit report and bill

Mr. Trapani stated that they received letters and bills on the dog hearing. Mr. Farrell stated that the letters cannot be part of hearing unless given at the hearing and the person was sworn in.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Development Committee-Update

Wayne Snow and Jim Lacey were present.

Mr. Lacey stated that the board has been active and meeting each month and has met with Healthy Farms, met about an ice rink which may go away, and with a solar company. He stated that the triangle at East Main Street and Carleton Drive they discussed moving to make a T stop. Mr. Lacey stated the triangle is part of Georgetown Rowley State Park. He stated that they have had a discussion to swap land with the State. Mr. Trapani asked if they have contacted the State. Mr. Lacey stated that he has talked to Lenny Mirra and should talk with Steve Przyjemski and see if a road could go through this area. Mr. Przyjemski stated he could mark a plan up for them. Mr. Trapani stated that Mr. Lacey has been doing this for a while and when he started market was better. He asked if 40D helped with the State. He stated that he is getting lots of calls to get economic development going. Mr. Lacey stated that they have 3 active members and would like the public to attend. Mr. Snow stated that the Town Planner attended their meetings and that has been helpful. He stated that the next meeting is the 3rd Tuesday in March. Mr. Trapani stated that they have most businesses full. He asked if any interest in 40D. Mr. Lacey stated that the same as discussed and they have no budget. He stated that they do not have a lot experience and do not know how to go out and find businesses. Mr. Surface stated the State may be able to help. Mr. Lacey stated that we have the interchange at RT95. Steve Przyjemski stated that he can attend the EDC meetings until the Planner is hired. Mr. Trapani asked to move to Mr. Farrell's discussion

Community Development Department Discussion

Mr. Farrell stated he discussed his background on ED with the board and that he is certified as an ED in NH and was a realtor, and in previous post was active with boards on getting business in to town. He stated with the planner leaving he would like to discuss a community development manager. He explained the 14 different hiring authorities that we have. He stated no one is in charge. He explained his concept of a Director of Community Development and showed how this would be structured. He stated that all land use departments under the director. He stated that Parcel F is an example of the confusion. He stated that he sat and talked with all 5 departments and discussed options and without a charter the boards would have to give up control and this is how most towns work. He stated to get this started there would be budget

implications. He stated that this is the model that North Andover uses. He stated position would have to be \$80K. He stated right now the boards have the statutory right to hire and do budgets. They would have to give up the right and other positions would have to have hours increased and this would cost \$90K to implement.

Mr. Trapani stated that we get a lot of change on boards and issue is future revenue. He stated he would like to work with him on this. He asked how we transition to this and that it is a long term investment.

Mr. Surface stated that the affordable housing trust is also paying the Planner for 10 hours.

Mr. Lacey stated that 40R is another issue which would create more density downtown. He stated that they need to go for a grant to hire a consultant. He stated that next week that they will meet to go over the application with Howard. Mr. Surface stated that AH Trust has hours that they need for other projects. Mr. Farrell stated that the PB voted for the new town planner or planner to not work on 40R. Mr. Lacey stated that he will contact Mr. Hoover to find out why they do not want to get this moving. Discussion

Mr. Surface stated that AH Trust will have to meet to discuss funding.

Mr. Dawes asked if there was any more communication with United Foam. Mr. Lacey stated that they are still moving but has heard that the engineering will be staying in Georgetown.

OLD BUSINESS

MOU between ConCom, Planning Board, and Park & Rec regarding Parcel F

Mr. Trapani stated that the MOU has been signed by all three boards and looks like all got what they wanted.

Mr. Surface moved to authorize the chair to sign the MOU between the ConCom, Planning Board, and Park & Rec as presented. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Farrell stated that the deed still has to be signed. Mr. Przyjemski stated that the deed would be done soon.

Rescue truck Agreement with Haverhill-Fire Chief

Mr. Farrell stated that legal was all set with the agreement. Chief Mitchell stated that Mr. Ricker worked on this and they ran the numbers and it is a win-win for both departments. He stated if we ever needed the vehicle they can call for it under mutual aid. Mr. Surface stated if equipment is not delivered and price goes up are we responsible for the difference. Chief Mitchell stated that he has 2016 numbers. Discussion on a delay and if additional costs.

Mr. Surface moved to approve and sign the Agreement with Georgetown and Haverhill Fire Chief on the trade of Rescue Truck and the receiving of equipment as presented. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Presidential Primary, Tuesday, March 1, 2016.

Mr. Trapani stated that the polls would be open tomorrow from 7AM to 8PM

Nomination papers available and due back March 21st by 5:00PM.

Mr. Trapani stated that nomination papers are available and no one has pulled for Water, Light, and Assessor.

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

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Farrell stated that the third session is this Saturday, March 5, 2016 and he stated working now on goals and presenting at the public meeting before finalizing. He stated the strategic plan steering committee need to meet again before Saturday. Mr. Trapani asked if could meet Saturday at 7:30AM. Discussion Mr. Farrell stated that they had good attendance at the last steering committee meeting. Mr. Trapani stated that they are looking for babysitters for the Saturday meeting.

Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants for Monday, May 2, 2016

Mr. Trapani asked for any changes. Mr. Farrell stated that there are no changes and have not discussed capital improvements. He stated that Whittier Regional has asked all towns to add an article for a Stabilization Fund and he sent it to legal. He stated other item would be on the STM is that the Assessors settled some cases and need to cover a deficit.

APPOINTMENTS & APPROVALS

Request for the Alzheimer's Bike Ride to travel through town on Sat. June 11, 2016.

Mr. Trapani stated that they have a request from the Alzheimer's Assoc. to ride through town.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the Alzheimer's Bike Ride through Georgetown on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Elm Street ballot question discussion

Mr. Trapani asked if the FinCom has discussed this. Mr. Farrell stated that only briefly. He stated that they can now go to 20 years for debt service. Mr. Surface stated that there is some funds coming off about \$300K. Mr. Farrell stated that there is. Mr. Dawes stated that he does not know if this is a good year to do this as they have debt with the Schools this year. Mr. Surface stated that he agrees but do not know what will come up next year. He stated that this was wrapped up with the new school. Mr. Trapani stated not just up to this board it is up to the town. Mr. Dawes stated that they are charged to make decisions for town. Mr. Surface asked when they have to make a decision. Mr. Farrell explained that they have to vote to put on the ballot. Mr. Surface stated that the town's people have already voted to go forward. Mr. Dawes stated it is timing. Mr. Surface asked when they have to make a decision. Discussion on shelf life of engineering. Mr. Surface asked if we do not do this will the residents get a break. Mr. Farrell stated a very small amount a nickel each. Mr. Surface stated that interest rates may be going up.

Mr. Trapani asked Mr. Farrell to give them a proforma at next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Senior Community Center (GSCC) update

BoS Minutes
February 29, 2016

Mr. Farrell stated that the GC bids where last week had one bid and it was under budget and will meet tomorrow on the contract.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 14, 2016 at 7:00PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 12, 2016.

Documents used in this meeting:

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