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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Middle/High School
11 Winter Street
11/2/15
6:00PM-General Meeting~1st floor class room

Selectmen Present: Gary C. Fowler, C. David Surface, Douglas W. Dawes, Clerk

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant; Attorney Thomas McEnaney; Police Chief Cudmore

Absent: Philip Trapani, Chairman

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM by acting Chairman David Surface.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

OLD BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting

- *Review Warrant Articles*

Mr. Surface asked Attorney McEnaney to explain why they could not vote to appropriate \$350K for Article 4-Senior Center.

Mr. McEnaney explained the process and DoR regulations that you cannot supplant funds to be paid back later. He stated if they appropriate the \$350K they would not be able to apply for the CPC funds.

Mr. Surface stated that they have used broad language in articles before.

Mr. McEnaney stated that the article can be broad but the motion must be more specific. He stated that they could move to appropriate the full \$350K but must say the funding source.

Mr. Fowler asked if you can appropriate \$350K and they go to CPC for the funds and pay back the funds to the town if granted the CPC funds. Mr. McEnaney stated that you cannot supplant funds.

Mr. Surface stated that a member of the board should explain the phasing of the project so the audience knows what is happening and the process.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would read the article and Mr. Surface could explain the project phasing. He stated that he is fearful of the Fire Department negotiations and that they will not have the funds in the spring for this project.

Mr. Surface stated that they do not have to vote tonight for all \$350K they could still appropriate in the spring.

Mr. Fowler stated that he has not attended the last two CPC meetings but has heard that the votes are there for the Senior Center project. He asked Attorney McEnaney if the Senior Center project could go under Historical and Recreational under CPC. He stated that he would like to see the Selectmen get together on a Capital plan.

Mr. McEnaney stated that the Perley School is already designated a Historical building and he will have to check on the use of funds for Recreational.

Mr. Surface stated that they have a commitment from FinCom and plan to use CPC but have to keep in our minds that another \$175K may be needed. He stated that the plan is to start with the \$175K and then request \$175K in the spring from CPC for the Senior Center.

Mr. Fowler asked Mr. Surface and Mr. Dawes to commit to a better policy on a Capital Plan. Mr. Surface stated that this is a good topic for the visioning session on Saturday.

Discussion on the Capital Fund and the Bond that was taken out for capital projects.

Mr. Fowler asked if the town can loan itself funds from the Stab Fund and word an article to repay later.

Mr. McEnaney stated that they cannot in that way. He stated they could take the funds out and then at another town meeting vote to put funds in Stab Fund.

Beverly Enos, Town Moderator entered meeting.

Ms. Enos asked if they had anything for her.

Mr. Surface asked if she would announce the Veterans' Day events and the Visioning Session on Saturday. She stated that she would. Mr. Dawes asked to do an invocation before the meeting starts.

CORRESPONDENCE

Veteran's Day Observance-November 11th @ Harry Murch Park 11:00AM

Mr. Surface reminder members about the Veterans' Day observance.

Mr. Fowler asked about the phasing of the Senior Center project. Mr. Farrell explained that the Whittier students will start in December on the rooms and may do some demolition for the new door. He stated that they will start some HVAC, plumbing and the door with the \$175K.

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Mr. Surface stated that FinCom will read the motions for articles 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Fowler will read motion for article 4 and Lou Mammolette will read the motion for article 5.

Mr. Farrell stated that the November 9th meeting will start at 6:30PM with the Classification Hearing for the Assessor's and then at 7:00PM the State of the Town.

Police Chief Cudmore stated that a long term (28 year) employee Bonnie Silva was leaving. He stated that she was a full time dispatcher and that he has a part time employee that will be eligible to move into the vacated position. He stated that Office Ballard will be returning from the Academy.

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

NEXT MEETINGS

Visioning Session, Saturday, November 7, 2015, 9:30AM, Penn Brook School, 68 Elm Street
State of the Town, Monday, November 9, 2015, 6:30PM, 1 Library Street, 3rd floor
Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:00PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved November 16, 2015.

Documents used for the meeting:

- Veteran's Day Observance letter
- Special Town Meeting Warrant