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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
6/29/09
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Philip Trapani, Chairman; Evan O'Reilly; Gary Fowler; Stephen Smith, Clerk; C. David Surface

Others Present: Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Call to Order

Mr. Trapani called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. Trapani stated that there is a warrant to be signed and that they will hold the minutes until the next meeting.

Correspondence

Mr. Trapani read the correspondence:

- Received the FEMA Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map & Flood Insurance Study Report for Essex County. He stated that FEMA will come and talk with boards if requested.
- Resignation received from Rosemary Morse from the Council on Aging.
- Building Inspector letter regarding 38 Elm Street.
- Kopelman and Paige letter of assistance in the search for a Town Administrator.
- Letter from the State Lottery informing the board that there will be "Keno to Go" at Georgetown Mobil.
- ABCC decision on hearing regarding a violation at the Rock Pond Restaurant.
- Petition and letter to the Governors office to remove Ed Kiley from the Georgetown Housing Authority.
- Petition to leave Diane Jodoin as Housing Authority Director.
- Letter in favor of appointment of Kay Ogden to fill the open position on the Georgetown Housing Authority.

- Letter from Martha Robertson in favor of appointment of Kay Ogden to the Georgetown Housing Authority.
- Update from the Town Planner on the Stone Row proposed soccer fields. Mr. Trapani read a portion of the letter. He stated that the Town Bylaws need to be clarified before any decisions and an amendment is made at Town Meeting.

Old Business

Interim Town Administrator finalist selection

Mr. Trapani stated that the finalists are:

Anthony Troiano

Paul Bushnell

Michael Farrell

Mr. Trapani thanked all the candidates for being a part of the process. He explained that this is an interim position and a commitment until January 1, 2010.

Mr. Smith nominated Michael Farrell as the Interim Town Administrator. There were no other nominations. The board voted and approved the nomination with a unanimous vote.

New Business

Regional Public Safety Dispatch

Fire Chief Giovannaci, Topsfield & Georgetown Fire Chief Al Beardsley were present. Chief Giovannaci gave some background information on himself. He explained that 13-15 Fire Chiefs have met on a Regional Public Safety Dispatch and he stated they have done a lot of research. He stated that this is a very expensive venture, looked at grants, and talked to State Reps. He stated that there are fees from 911 services collected and these funds are now available for Towns to use. He stated that even more funds are available now. He stated Essex County received a grant for a Dispatch Center to be built at the Middleton Jail. He stated that they have received \$1.9 mil. He stated that it is totally voluntary for Georgetown to join. He stated he believes in this system. He stated that the center would be operational a year from July.

Mr. Smith asked what the current process is. Chief Beardsley stated that now our dispatcher takes all the calls and dispatches Police, Fire, Highway, and Light. He stated on Fire calls when the firefighters arrive at the station then when a firefighter handles the Fire Dept radio.

Mr. O'Reilly asked the financial commitment. Chief Giovannaci stated cost would be \$16.20 per resident per community per year.

Mr. Surface asked when the system would be online and how would it be budgeted. Chief Giovannaci stated that they would be online in 1 year and the Town would have to add to their budget. Chief Beardsley stated that the Georgetown Police Chief is not sure if he is in favor of the Regional System as of yet.

Mr. Trapani asked how this would be accepted by the Town. Chief Giovannaci stated that this would have to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Trapani stated that he knows that the Police Chief is not on board as of yet and he would like to talk with him more. Chief Giovannaci stated that if you go with the regional system the Police Station is empty at times and this is difficult for departments. He stated that in Topsfield they will hire someone to keep the station open in the evenings.

Selectman Lucy, Danvers gave out some handouts on this Regional Dispatch Plan. He stated that the salary per dispatcher is more under this plan than we pay now. He gave numbers on the new system. He stated that the idea is right and that Georgetown is doing the right thing by looking at this and researching before they make a decision. He stated keep an eye on \$16.20 per resident cost. He stated that this is a State run program and if funding is cut the cost could rise. He stated that he is about getting the most from our money. Mr. Trapani stated that they will keep this conversation open and take a holistic approach. He stated that they are looking to form a committee to review.

Housing Authority Joint Appointment

Martha Robinson, Betty Davidson, Bertha Foster, Ed Kiley, Housing Authority members were present and called their meeting to order.

Mr. Trapani invited Kay Ogden up to discuss her request to be appointed to the Housing Authority. She gave some background and explained some volunteer efforts she has undertaken at Trestle Way. She stated she has attended a lot of Housing Authority meetings and she does not like how the members interact and she would like to bring balance. She stated that the board is at a stalemate and she feels she can help with this.

Mr. Trapani invited Jeff Ricker up to discuss his request to be appointed to the Housing Authority. He stated that he is the grandson of Bertha Foster a Housing Authority member. He stated that he has attended some meetings as a firefighter with the past Fire Chief, with the CoA, and would like to work with the seniors and has given some safety talks to the seniors. He stated that he has gone to some meetings and watched them on TV and when the position became available he felt that he could add to the board and he is not a resident of Trestle Way.

Ms. Robertson stated that she is in favor of the appointment of Kay Ogden.

Ms. Davidson stated that she does have a concern with Mr. Ricker being related to a board member.

Ms. Foster stated that she checked with the ethics commission and they stated that this is not a problem.

Mr. Kiley stated that they are excited about getting Jeff Ricker on the board with his background as a firefighter.

Mr. Trapani opened that meeting up to comments from the audience.

Cynthia Troudt, 11 Trestle Way, stated that she supports Kay Ogden for the position.

Ralph Turgeon, 29 Trestle Way, stated that he does not feel a relative should be on the committee.

Joyce Spinelli, 6 Laurel Lane, stated that she has lived at Trestle Way for 2 years and is amazed that the office and committee are so willing to help the residents.

Lorraine Hill, 27 Trestle Way stated that everyone has done a good job but would not want a relative on the board. She stated one member from Trestle Way is enough.

Irene Wladkowski, 3 Hemlock Lane, stated need someone like Kay Ogden on board and she has done a lot for seniors in Town.

Pat Kustra, 27 Trestle Way, stated that Kay Ogden would do a good job and she feels it would be a conflict of interest to have a relative on the board.

Mr. Trapani stated that this is a State Agency and they try to keep out of their business but this is a joint appointment and you are residents of the town.

Mr. O'Reilly stated that they are residents and they can help to improve the quality of life at Trestle Way.

Mr. Fowler nominated *Kay Ogden* to fill the open position on the *Housing Authority* until the Annual Election in May 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and a vote was taken.

All five Selectmen voted in favor of the nomination.

Ms. Davidson nominated *Kay Ogden* to fill the open position on the *Housing Authority* until the Annual Election in May 2010. Ms. Robertson seconded the motion and a vote was taken.

There was a two to two vote on the nomination.

Majority of the vote was for Kay Ogden to fill the open position on the Housing Authority.

Mr. Trapani thanked Jeff Ricker and hoped he would continue to support the seniors and the board. He congratulated Ms. Ogden on her nomination.

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission Regional Services

Dennis DiZoglio, MVPC and Tillie Evangelista, Town Representative to MVPC were present.

Mr. Trapani stated he invited Mr. DiZoglio to attend tonight's meeting to discuss Regional Services and how MVPC is researching this.

Mr. DiZoglio gave a packet to the board and stated that they have been doing a lot of planning on services. He listed items they are working on:

Energy Management

DPW procurement

Public Safety Concerns-Procurement

Coastal Communities Procurement

Health District-combined Board of Health three communities have combined and Inspectional services are looking at this.

He stated that they can provide the administrative help and they are a resource.

Mr. Trapani thanked them for joining them this evening.

Mr. Smith asked about joint procurement with the School Department. Mr. DiZoglio stated that they have not looked into this but that Lawrence has a Collaborative and this could be looked into.

Light Department Street Light Reduction

Mr. O'Reilly stated that he talked with Mr. Snow and he sent list of street lights to the Police Department to review and recommend lists to be turned off. He stated that they would want to be sure that none are over hydrants, etc.

CPC/Park & Recreation Land Purchase

Mr. Trapani stated that funds were appropriated at Town Meeting for the land purchases and asked for an update.

Mr. DiMento stated that for Park & Rec there are two purchases one for active recreation and one for parking. He stated that there was land approved to go to the Conservation Commission. He stated that the closing is on July 9, 2009. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that this is part of the southern end of the Greenway that he has been talking about. Mr. Surface asked if fields would go in. Mr. DiMento stated that they plan to put in soccer fields. Discussion of having an authorized signer for the closing on July 9, 2009. Mr. Trapani stated that he will be on vacation. Mr. Fowler stated that he would be available.

Mr. Surface moved to authorize Selectman Gary Fowler to sign the closing documents for the CPC land purchase on July 9, 2009 at 10:00AM. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Hot Dog Cart at Veterans Park

Gerry & Sandy Mottola were present

Mr. Trapani asked for some background information. Mr. Mottola explained that he has all required permits and has a cart in Haverhill but there are 8 others in Haverhill and has always like Georgetown and would like to expand his business here. Mr. Trapani stated that this is new territory for Georgetown. Mr. Mottola explained that they would be open 9AM-9PM 7 days a week. Mr. Surface asked to see a picture of his cart and asked about spillage and trash. Mr. Mottola explained that there is no spillage all is contained in the cart and he supplies a trash receptacle. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he talked with the Historical Commission about the Hot Dog cart at the park every day and they were not in

favor of everyday but were okay for special events. He asked about competition to downtown businesses that pay property taxes and rents. Mr. Trapani stated that this is a Veterans Park and he sees some issues with parking. He stated that he does want to see more people downtown. He stated that the board would make a decision at the next meeting and he asked Mr. Mottola to talk with the Health Inspector to be sure she had all she needs. He stated that they would consider his application. Mr. Mottola explained where he would like to put the cart near the park and stated if that is not an option they could put the cart near the Georgetown Savings Bank.

Gary Fowler stated that the Farmers Market will be starting on Saturday mornings and they plan to have community groups sell food. Mr. Mottola stated that on Saturdays they could work in Haverhill if that would work. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he would be the point person and work on talking with the downtown businesses.

Mr. Trapani asked if one board member could contact the Police Chief about the Ice Cream truck in town and see if it is the Melidio's and track down if they have a permit and if Cori checks are needed. Mr. O'Reilly stated that he would check into this also.

Wizard of Dogs

Roger Griffiths and Brad Shores, GAA

Mr. Griffiths stated that he would like to sell during soccer games, water, coffee, breakfast burrito and that he would also make a donation to GAA. Mr. Trapani stated that with a snack bar at American Legion Park and nothing at West Street this would be a good idea. Mr. Surface stated that they would need to check on Insurance and this is on Water Department land. Mr. O'Reilly stated that a donation to GAA would be good community service. Mr. Shores stated the GAA is in favor of the cart and possibly moving to other fields during events. Mr. O'Reilly asked about employees having a background check. Mr. Shore stated that Officer Rodden does Cori checks for then and they could have it done. Mr. Griffiths stated that he had no problem doing this. Mr. Trapani asked to put this on the next agenda for a decision.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Trapani read a Budget update from Mr. Delaney and stated that the shortage is very small. He read the report and said when the interim Town Administrator starts they will have him work with the School Department.

Appointments

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Christopher Rich* to the *Board of Health* term to expire **June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was **approved** by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Stuart Egenberg, Stephen Melofsky, and Charles Davis* to the *Cable Access TV Committee* term to expire **June 30, 2010. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was **approved** by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *John Bell* and *Carl Shreder* to the *Conservation Commission* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Vote 4-No and 1-Abstained Discussion to talk with Mr. Bell and Mr. Shreder before reappointment.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Barbara Miller* and *Barbara Morehouse* to the *Council on Aging* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Cynthia Tardif* and *Esther Palardy* as *Alternate Members* of the *Council on Aging* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Susan Madigan* to the *Cultural Council* term to expire December 1, 2009. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Katherine Hanlon* and *Lou Ann Graffam* to the *Cultural Council* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *James Mulligan, Police Chief* as the *Emergency Management Director* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Albert Beardsley, Fire Chief* and *Thomas Dejoy* as *Assistant Directors of Emergency Management* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor; Deborah Rogers, Health Agent; and Alfred DePietro* as *Team Members of Emergency Management* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Albert Beardsley, Fire Chief* as *Assistant Director of FEMA* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Thomas Dejoy* as a *Team Member of FEMA* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Derek Olsen, Tillie Evangelista, and Paul Pagliarullo* to the *Economic Development Committee* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to reappoint *Reginald Tardif, Wayne Snow, Terry Wiggins, and Evan O'Reilly* to the *Energy Committee* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Albert Beardsley, Fire Chief* as the *Forest Warden* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Andrew Herendeen* as the *Hazardous Materials Coordinator* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *George Perkins, Thomas Mahlstedt, and Edward Desjardins* to the *Historical Commission* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Deborah Rogers, Health Agent* as the *North East Mosquito Control Coordinator (Mosquito Larviciding & Spraying)* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Richard Aberman, James DiMento, Elizabeth Wade, Peter Durkee, Steve Ziolkowski, and Sean Curtin* to the *Park & Recreation Commission* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *David Thomson and Donald Cudmore* as *Lieutenant's* to the *Police Department* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *David Armstrong and Kevin DeFeo* as *Sergeant's* to the *Police Department* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Thomas Dejoy* as *Detective Supervisor* and *James Rodden* as *Detective* to the *Police Department* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Michael Goddu and Scott Hatch* as *Master Patrolmen* and *Dennis Sullivan and Derek Jones* as *Patrolman* to the *Police Department* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Keith Deguio* as *Animal Control Officer* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Reed Wilson as Assistant Animal Control Officer* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *James Mulligan, Police Chief as a Constable* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *John Bell, Rock Pond and Carl Shreder, Pentucket Pond Harbormasters* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Ellen L. Thornton, Kenneth Woodbury, and Charlotte Battle as Crossing Guards* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *James Mulligan, Police Chief; Albert Beardsley, Fire Chief; and Thomas Dejoy to SATURN (Statewide Anti-Terrorism Unified Response Network)* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Virginia Adams as a Republican, Registrar of Voters* term to expire June 30, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Robert Rose as the Sealer of Weights & Measures* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Deborah Rogers, Health Agent; Steven Przyjemski, ConCom Agent; Nick Cracknell, Town Planner; and Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor to the Stormwater Management Committee* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor; Deborah Mulligan, Sharon Freeman, Michael Caron, Sgt. Kevin Defeo, and William Spears to the Traffic Review Committee* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to reappoint *Philip Trapani, Selectman as the Veterans' District Representative* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Scott MacDonald, Jeffrey Moore, and Paul Taraszuk as Alternate Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals* term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Paul Shilhan* as a *Member of the Zoning Board of Appeals* term to expire **June 30, 2014. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Discussion on Appointees and when they get sworn in. Mr. Trapani stated that he would like to see all appointees sworn in within 6 weeks or their appointment.

Board Business

Mr. Trapani asked to set up an Executive Session on Thursday July 2, 2009 at 8:00AM to discuss the Interim Town Administrator contract.

Mr. Fowler asked when the Conservation Commission and Town Counsel be coming in.

Mr. Trapani stated that he would contact the ConCom.

Mr. Surface stated that he has been working the AHTF on the Trust.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 14, 2009.