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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
Third Floor Meeting Room
3/9/09
7:00 PM

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Clerk; Evan O'Reilly

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Nickolas Cracknell,
Town Planner; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent: Philip Trapani

Call to Order

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

Warrant & Minutes

Mr. Vincent stated there is a warrant to be signed.

Intern

Mr. Delaney introduced Rebecca Washburn who will be working with him as an intern. He gave background information on Ms. Washburn and stated that she is also a resident of Georgetown.

Board Business

ATM Warrant

Board reviewed the draft ATM warrant. Mr. Vincent asked about the election article. Mr. Delaney stated he discussed the article with council and that this does not have to be an article but they are required to give notice.

Discussion on moving Bailey Lane Bridge funds to the reserve fund if all funds are not needed to fix the bridge. Mr. Vincent asked if they have received a final figure from Peter Durkee on how much it will cost for the bridge. Mr. Vincent asked if the funds would then immediately be available. Mr. Delaney stated that he was not sure if the funds would have to be certified first. Mr. Vincent stated that another option is to move the funds in one article. Mr. O'Reilly stated that when Mr. Durkee comes in can they get a firm number on Snow & Ice.

Mr. Vincent asked if the FinCom was in favor of the Capital Fund and questioned where the funds would come from. Mr. Delaney stated that he did not think that the FinCom has started to review ATM Articles.

Mr. Vincent stated that they have received the CPC Articles.

Mr. Vincent stated that Nick Cracknell, Town Planner is with us this evening to discuss the Planning Board Articles. Mr. Cracknell stated that the Planning Board has six Zoning Articles and one Bylaw change.

43D Expedited Permitting District

Mr. Cracknell explained the process of 180 days for approval and that they need signed approval from owners of the property. He stated that he has met with the ZBA and ConCom and discussed 43D. He stated that the support was solid from all, there are still some concerns. He stated that along with the 43D they will also have a grant proposal for \$60,000 for full time staffing of the Planning office to implement the process.

Mr. Vincent asked if they have looked at using the State Wetland bylaw instead of the ConCom Bylaw which is less strict. Mr. Cracknel stated that all town regulations are more restrictive and they may want to look at all not just one department. He stated that he does not feel they should ask one board to take a waiver. He stated that the town should look at what they want and then look at all bylaws and regulations. Mr. Vincent stated that this is the one area in town where we have an industrial area. He stated why not look at this area and see were we can go. He stated he talked to Steve Przyjemski, ConCom Agent and he was on board to look at regulations for this area before a project is presented. He stated that Mr. Przyjemski did not want it to look as if they are giving special treatment to a certain proposal. Mr. Cracknell showed a map with the Mirra property on Carleton Drive showing a Commercial zone and an Industrial zone side by side.

Mr. Cracknell stated that Mr. Kennedy came before the Economic Development Committee and Planning Board regarding his property and going back to Town Meeting to again change the Zoning. He stated that studies have not shown if a big box retail would be good for Georgetown. He stated that they have talked about taking this land and changing zoning themselves but they do not want to make it for a box store until they are sure what the town wants. He stated that they have an article to describe Big-Box Retail. Mr. O'Reilly stated that it is hard for people to visualize what 50,000sq ft is. Mr. Cracknell stated that they are working to show this. He stated that some towns also break this down in their bylaws to different types of business. Mr. Vincent stated that the issue in the downtown is parking.

Mr. Vincent stated that they will vote and close the warrant next week.

The Board thanked Mr. Cracknell for all his work on these articles.

Mr. Vincent stated that Mr. Trapani asked to include a reduction of CPC amounts to the warrant and that they would discuss this next week.

Mr. O'Reilly asked for more information on the Fire Department request for funds for the Vaccine Program. Mr. Delaney stated that he would contact the Fire Chief for more information.

Appointments

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *John Q. Caldwell as Building Inspector* term to expire March 31, 2010. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Glen Clohecy and David F. Lovering, Alternate Building Inspectors* term to expire **March 31, 2010. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Stanley Kulacz, Alternate Gas/Plumbing Inspector* term to expire **March 31, 2010. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Mark Unger, Sr., Wire Inspector* term to expire **March 31, 2010. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly moved to appoint *Robert Brown and Charles Gansenberg, Alternate Wire Inspectors* term to expire **March 31, 2010. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

Mr. O'Reilly stated that the appointment of the Gas/Plumbing Inspector is done by the Building Inspector.

Finance Update

Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Delaney to update the board on the budget. Mr. Delaney stated that the board asked him to put together a menu of possible cuts. He stated that this week the FinCom will review budgets and possible cuts. He explained the menu that he put together showing the percentage of the total operating of the Schools and General Government. He stated the division would be Schools 53% and General Government 20% and the rest fixed costs. He stated that the FinCom hope to finish the budget by the first of April.

Executive Session

Mr. Vincent stated that the board would go into Executive Session to discuss on going litigation and only return to adjourn.

Mr. O'Reilly moved to go into Executive Session. Mr. Vincent seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Regular Session ended at 7:50PM
Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano

Executive Session adjourned at 8:05PM.

Minutes approved March 23, 2009.