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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

Memorial Town Hall

Joint meeting with the School Committee

3rd Floor Meeting Room-7:00PM

General meeting/Executive session

2nd Floor Meeting Room-7:30PM

10/9/08

Selectmen Present: Matthew Vincent, Chairman; Philip Trapani; Evan J. O'Reilly, Clerk

School Committee Present: George Moker, Chairman, Anne Donohue, David Bjork, Anne Blythe, Eric Zadina

Others Present: Stephen Delaney, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant; Carol Jacobs, Superintendent; Terry Wiggins, School Business Manager

Call to Order

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

Mr. Vincent stated that this joint meeting is to review and approve the Statement of Interest for the Penn Brook School. He asked the School Department to give an update on the SOI.

Ms. Jacobs described changes to this SOI, and stated that this plan calls for moving the first grade from Perley to Penn Brook and the sixth grade from the middle school to Penn Brook to make room at each school and at Penn Brook a new facility. She stated that this would make the Penn Brook School a grade 1-6th. She stated that the SOI form must be returned the Mass State Building Authority by November 15, 2008. She stated that the form must be approved by the School Committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Trapani stated that the Penn Brook School is 38 years old with a 50 year life span. He stated that systems are starting to fail. He stated that the State will tell us if we are eligible for funds and then the Town will have the opportunity to vote for a new school.

The School Committee motioned and approved the Statement of interest for the Penn Brook School.

Mr. O'Reilly moved that having convened in an open meeting on October 9, 2008, the Board of Selectmen of Georgetown, MA, in accordance with its charter, bylaws and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the *Statement of Interest Form* dated October 8, 2008 for the *Penn Brook Elementary School* located at 68 Elm Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority categories for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future such deficiencies as noted in the attached hereto and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other

funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town or Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Vincent stated that as the School Committee goes into negotiations with the Teachers Union they need to review how to handle the involvement of the Selectmen. He stated that either the BoS Chair or Town Administrator would attend negotiations. Mr. Moker stated that the first meeting is scheduled for November 4th.

Selectmen recessed to move their meeting to the second floor meeting room.

Correspondence

Mr. Vincent stated that a complaint letter was received by Ted Smolen, Forest Street. Mr. Delaney stated that he would respond to Mr. Smolen.

Discussion on a comment form for the web site that would go to the Selectmen.

Request from the Assessors to hold the Tax Classification hearing. Mr. Delaney explained why this is held and the process. The Board discussed dates after the STM to hold the hearing. Mr. Vincent stated to post Monday, November 27, 2008 at 7:00PM for the hearing.

Board Business

Special Town Meeting

Mr. Delaney stated that they have received a letter from the Assessors on appropriations for the STM and a request for transfer of funds. He stated that he would like to have a draft warrant for October 16. Mr. Delaney went over the list of items to be included on the warrant.

- Budget adjustments:
 - Snow & Ice from FY08
 - Debt Service adjustment
 - Police: Salary, fuel/gasoline, utilities, decrease cruiser replacement line
 - Town Clerk, elections
 - Veterans ?
 - Non-Union raises
 - Assessors

- Unpaid Bills-L. W. Bills
- DPW Feasibility Study
- Planning Board-four articles
 - Housing Balance Bylaw Amendment
 - Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw
 - Acceptance of the second last paragraph of MGL. Chapter 41, s.81U
 - Street Acceptance-Pillsbury Village Subdivision
 - Pillsbury Lane
 - Ilene Circle
 - Bernay Way
 - Pillsbury Pond Subdivision/Acceptance of Easements

- Conservation Commission
 - Rosemarie Lane/land transfer from General Municipal to ConCom
 - Searle Street/Bussing
- Requests from Mr. L'Hommidieu-Hold
 - Public Safety Building-roof
 - Highway Garage-roof
 - Highway Surveyor-truck

Mr. Delaney stated that the Planning Board needs a vote of the Selectmen to

Mr. Trapani moved to authorize the Planning Board to hold hearings for two articles for the STM, *Housing Balance Bylaw Amendment* and *Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw*. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Town Administrator Mid-year evaluation

Mr. Vincent stated that he would like have a mid-year evaluation and give Mr. Delaney a list of expectations that Selectmen have for the next 6 months.

Contract Negotiations for the Police Chief

Mr. Vincent asked Mr. Delaney to set up a time to start negotiations with the Police Chief.

8:25PM

Mr. Trapani moved to go into Executive Session to discuss a grievance and Fire Chief Contract Negotiations and to return to regular session for adjournment only. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Mr. Trapani moved to adjourn Executive Session and Regular Session. Mr. O'Reilly seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Trapani-yes

Mr. O'Reilly-yes

Mr. Vincent-yes

Meeting adjourned at 8:47PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved December 1, 2008.