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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

1/14/13

7:00 PM – General Meeting

3rd Floor Meeting Room

Selectmen Present: C. David Surface, Chairman; Gary Fowler; Stephen Smith;
Stuart M. Egenberg, Clerk

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Police Chief
Mulligan; Lt. Cudmore; Lt. Thompson; Fire Chief
Beardsley; School Superintendent Carol Jacobs; Highway
Surveyor Peter Durkee; Senator Bruce Tarr; Representative
Lenny Mirra

Absent: Philip Trapani; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

6:15PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION-2nd Floor Selectmen's Office

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.

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Condolences to the Skeirik family on the passing of Lou Skeirik a past Moderator and volunteer in town

Condolences to the Melideo family on the sudden passing of Bob Melideo a past FinCom member

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

No warrant this evening will be ready tomorrow.

Minutes for December 17, 2012 and January 4, 2013.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the Minutes of December 17, 2012. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the Minutes of January 4, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Police Chief Mulligan to present a "Certificate of Civic Achievement" to Josh Nunan
Chief Mulligan explained the Mr. Nunan assisted at the scene of an accident

Lt. Cudmore explained what happened and that a student at Georgetown Middle/High School helped at a car accident and have a Certificate of Civic Achievement to present to Mr. Nunan.

Request from the Police Chief to appoint Christopher S. Pelusi as a Reserve Police Officer

Chief Mulligan introduced Mr. Pelusi and read his resume to the board and gave some background information.

Mr. Egenberg moved to appoint Christopher S. Pelusi as a Reserve Police Officer term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Police Chief and School Superintendent to discuss funding to increase manpower for Police Department in line with security at the schools

Chief Mulligan stated that it was one month from the events in Newtown, CT and he read a prepared statement regarding the tragedy. He stated that he and the Superintendent are present tonight to let parents know that the Georgetown schools and students are safe. He stated that there are always things we can do and listed what they are doing. He stated that the safety committee meets once a month. He stated that he is requesting the board to fund and assign a School Liaison Officer to the Schools and gave his reasoning. He stated to fill this position to the end of the School year would be \$12,838. He stated that he is asking for their support. Mr. Surface asked what it would cost to fill this position for a whole year. Lt. Cudmore stated that funds would be double. Mr. Smith asked if the person would split times between the three Schools. Chief Mulligan stated the officer would go between the Schools randomly. Discussion on funding Mr. Egenberg asked the status of a Reserve Officer. Chief Mulligan explained that the Reserve Officers are like a regular Officer with the same training and standards. Mr. Egenberg asked if the officer would be paid from the Police or School budget or a combination. Chief Mulligan stated that he feels the officer is under the Police Department jurisdiction and should be out of the Police budget. Mr. Surface asked if the PD wants to fund next year out of their budget. Chief Mulligan stated that he wants to talk about this with their budget for FY14. Mr. Smith thanked the schools for the increase in security at the schools. He stated that this is a reasonable move to reassure the parents. Mr. Fowler asked how this will be dealt with in the FY14 budget. Lt. Cudmore stated that they will vet this item out in the budget meeting for FY14. Mr. Fowler explained that he feels the departments have to stay within their budget and that their budget has gone up and if they have an increase it will take from another department. He stated that they have applied for grants and that they should see if they receive any for FY14 to fund the position. Chief Mulligan stated that they have applied for a School Liaison Officer funding every year since they lost the position and funds have gone to less affluent communities. Mr. Surface stated that he supports this for the rest of this year and then see how effective it is.

Mr. Egenberg moved to support a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$12,838 to the Police Budget for a School Liaison Officer. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

Request from Police Chief Mulligan for the board to recommend their request to the FinCom for a transfer of \$1500 for a third crossing guard

Lt. Cudmore explained the Crossing Guard program and explained the funding and that they have enough for 2 positions and 1 position is filled by a volunteer. He stated he has a guard who has asked for a 44 day leave and they have found a guard to fill in and hope to keep on. He stated that they would also like to look into using the Work Off program to fill positions. He stated that in the past they had a larger budget and had 11 crossing guards and gave their posts. Mr. Surface asked the dollar amount and if they could find the funds within their budget. Lt. Cudmore stated that the Crossing Guard is a separate line item and that they are requesting \$1,115. Mr. Surface asked Superintendent Jacobs if with the override the Schools could not find \$1,115 to fund this guard position. Ms. Jacobs stated that this is part of the Police budget and that they do fund a position on the School grounds. Mr. Fowler stated that he is not in favor and again feels that this should go through the budget process. Chief Mulligan stated that they have a person interested in the position and would hate to lose him. He stated that they will also be going to the FinCom. Mr. Surface asked Ms. Jacobs if the school could fund. Ms. Jacobs stated that they do not have a line item for this and would have to look at School Choice. Mr. Smith stated that this is a small amount for the safety that they receive. Mr. Fowler stated that this should go through the budget process.

Mr. Smith moved to support a Reserve Fund Transfer of \$1,115 for a third School Crossing Guard. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a 1-3 vote.

Request from the Police Chief to appoint Lawrence Mintz as a Crossing Guard term to expire June 30, 2013

Mr. Egenberg moved to appoint Lawrence Mintz as a Crossing Guard term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Representative Mirra to present Firefighters Chris Conway and Scott Silva with Certificates for completing the Firefighter Recruit Fire Training

Chris Conway was not present

Mr. Surface welcomed Senator Tarr and Representative Mirra who were present to give out the certificates to the two firefighters. Recognition was given to the firefighters by Senator Tarr and Representative Mirra.

5-Minute Recess

Skid Steer Loader lease- requires approval for Chair to sign

Mr. Durkee was present

Mr. Surface stated that this was already approved at Town Meeting.

Mr. Smith moved to authorize the chair to sign the Skid Steer Loader lease for the Highway Department. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Public Works Construction contract-requires approval for Chair to sign

Open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 6, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Middle/High School

Mr. Smith moved to approve the DNR Paving Contract of \$271,800 for the Highway Department. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 6, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Middle/High School

Mr. Egenberg moved to Open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 6, 2013 at 7:00PM at the Middle/High School. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

Thank you letter from the Mike Donohoe Memorial Race Committee

Mr. Surface stated that this was the first time he attended the event and they did a great job.

Board Business

MMA Annual Business Meeting Credential Voting Form

Mr. Smith moved to approve Mr. Farrell as the Town's Credentialed voting member. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Drummey, Rosane, Anderson, Inc. contract for Pennbrook School for \$3,345,602- requires approval for Chair to sign

Mr. Surface explained the process that they went through to review the contract.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Chairman to sign the Drummey, Rosane, Anderson, Inc contract and Amendment #2. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

Mr. Farrell stated that he had a meeting to day with Carol Jacobs and his finance team and this project is going to overload our staff which there is only one the Town Accountant who would be entering the bills, etc. for this project. He stated that he talked with other towns and others with more employees have had to hire additional help. He stated that the town auditor also stated that this would be too much work. He stated that they also still need a backup person able to work on the propay program. He stated an extra 10-12 hours a month doing propay would be all they need. He stated that the position can be funded out of the contingency part of the project. He stated that he still needs to talk to the SBC as they would have to approve. Mr. Surface asked for a report on what is needed and then they will bring to the SBC.

Town Administrator Report

ESCO update

Mr. Farrell stated he included a report and a vast majority of the project is finished. He stated that the largest item not finished is the cooling unit at town hall.

Appointments & Renewals

Request from the Cultural Council to appoint Emilee Ann Hopkins to the committee term to expire June 30, 2015

Mr. Smith moved to approve the appointment of Emilee Ann Hopkins to the Cultural Council term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Request from Joan Liporto to be appointed to the Synthetic Turf Advisory Committee as a non-voting member

Mr. Surface stated that he would like to pass for tonight.

License Renewal's

- *Common Victualler-Jimmy K'S Restaurant; R. Bouley, Inc dba Sal's Pizza; Village Sub and Pizza*

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Jimmy K's Restaurant to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Common Victualler License for R. Bouley, Inc dba Sal's Pizza to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to approve the Common Victualler License for Village Sub & Pizza to expire December 31, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface asked about the lock down at town hall. Mr. Farrell stated that they have a meeting set up with the alarm company.

Mr. Surface asked Mr. Smith if he had heard from the owners of the Seabrook plant. Mr. Smith stated that he had sent an email and had received an voicemail and will contact again.

Next Meeting

Monday, January 28, 2012 at 7:00PM, Town Hall, 3rd Floor meeting room

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

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.