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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
11/19/12
7:00 PM – General Meeting
3rd Floor Meeting Room

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

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano,
Administrative Assistant

Absent:

Call to Order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Surface welcomed home Barry Crawford and thanked him for his service.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Minutes

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of *November 1, 2012*. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion. Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked that there be a mention in the minutes on the discussion on the No Vote pamphlets that were at the STM. Minutes to be amended to reflect the discussion on the pamphlets.

The motion was not approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of *November 5, 2012*. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *Executive Session minutes of June 11, 2012*. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *Executive Session minutes of July 23, 2012*. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *Executive Session minutes of September 24, 2012*. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface stated that he talked to Chris Laut, a Library Trustee and asked him to come into a future meeting to discuss the flooding at the Library.

Board Business

Park & Recreation

Music industry fee from BMI

Jim DiMento, P & R chair was present

Mr. DiMento stated that his board discussed this fee and the board felt that they should not have to pay the fee. He stated that they have asked the Cultural Council to have in their contract for any participants in concerts at the park to not play any copyright material. Mr. Surface stated that the Town can be sued if the band does not have the correct contract. He stated that it would be cheaper to pay the fee than have a lawsuit. Mr. Surface asked if this fee would cover all town events. Mr. Farrell stated that it would cover all events. Mr. DiMento stated that he did not believe it covered special events. Mr. Farrell stated most towns pay this annual fee of \$300. Mr. Fowler asked if the School is already paying this. Mr. Farrell stated that he did not check with the School. Mr. Surface stated that he is familiar with this and most schools look into this and purchase their music properly. Mr. Surface asked if the Park & Rec has the funds to pay the fee. Mr. DiMento stated that they do have the funds. Mr. Surface asked if they could pay the fee from the Park & Rec account. Mr. DiMento stated that he could take this back to his board if the BoS asks as they did discuss and his board was not in favor of paying the fee. He stated that the board was concerned that more organizations may come after them. Mr. Egenberg stated that the ASCAP may also come after them for a fee.

Mr. Egenberg moved to request the Park & Recreation to reconsider their vote to pay the \$300 BMI fee. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion. Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked moving forward if the fee could be in the Town Budget. Mr. Surface stated that it could be.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Park & Recreation and GAA discussion on an Astro Turf Field at the M/H School

Jon Pingree, GAA was present

Mr. DiMento stated that with CPA and GAA funds there is a group effort to put in an astro turf field at the high school. He stated that this is a very complex project that involves town boards, Schools, ConCom, CPA, GAA, etc. He stated that they are asking for a subcommittee to be set up to review the proposal and that this would allow them to go for an NOI with the ConCom. He stated that he would see appointments from the School for 3 members, and from GAA 3 members.

Mr. Pingree stated that they tried before to do this and it did not move forward with using private funds to build on town land. He stated that now with the new CPA ruling the CPC recommended a committee be set up. He stated that the GAA has some funds and they would look for donations to fund the field. He stated that they hope not all funds would be from the GAA. He stated that this would be a multipurpose field and a 100% turf field. He stated that the rough numbers to put the field in is \$1.3 to \$1.5 M. He stated that they are looking for \$800K from CPA to prepare the field. Mr. DiMento

asked if the CPC could bond funds as they do not have the funds to pay the \$800K all at once. Mr. Pingree stated that he would like to get before the town for a vote at the next ATM. He stated that they have tried to band aid the fields and they feel the turf field would benefit the town. Mr. Pingree stated that they would like to build the school programs through the GAA program with these fields.

Mark Perry, GAA member stated that the GAA will fund the project. He stated that GAA would take care of cleaning and replacement of the field and they would be looking for a commitment to use the fields after 5:30PM for GAA events. He stated that the field will be for other sports besides football. He stated that there would be lights so the fields could be used in the evenings. Mr. Surface asked if they would pay for the lights. Discussion Mr. Perry stated that the town has paid for the lights and they now have lights at the Pennbrook field.

Mr. Surface asked Mr. DiMento for a letter of who should be on the committee as far as the makeup of the committee.

Mr. LaCortiglia stated if the turf project goes to the ATM and if it goes forward then they will need a grant agreement. He stated that to put an agreement together would be very cumbersome. He stated that the committee should be similar to the RecPath committee. Mr. Surface stated that the committee should have a variety of members with specific skills, such as an architect, a GAA, School, and CPC member.

Mr. Trapani stated that he likes the idea and asked if they see this as a revenue source. Mr. Pingree stated that they have talked about it but have not considered it an option as of now. He asked if the field would be built on the existing football field. Mr. Pingree stated it would be. Mr. Trapani asked about the top fields. Mr. Pingree stated that this has been looked at but it would cost a million dollars to just get the access to the top field. He stated that they do not want to go to the town for an override. He explained the fields up top with two levels and the cost to clear and level the field. Mr. Trapani stated that he always saw a parking lot where the field is and this project up top behind the School. Mr. DiMento stated they town needs a track but to do that you need to have \$5M. Mr. Pingree stated that they have an engineered plan and have already done test pits. Mr. Trapani asked if they looked at the Pennbrook fields. Mr. Perry stated that Carol Jacobs looked at this but the fields have to be at the High School. Mr. Trapani stated that he supports the project but wants to see a plan.

Mr. DiMento stated that this proposal could have a quick turnaround just a year and a half and the dollar amount is doable for the town.

Mr. Farrell stated that a member of the School Committee should be on the committee as the town owns the land but the School Committee is responsible for the land. Mr. LaCortiglia asked if this committee would be the committee that would do the bills, etc. Mr. Farrell stated it would be the School Committee. Mr. Surface stated that this is an exploratory venture now. Mr. Fowler stated he has seen this project and feels it is a good project and will clean up some issues at the fields. He suggested a ConCom member on

the committee. Mr. Egenberg asked if this could fit in with the fields behind the Church on East Main St. Mr. Pingree stated that they would want the fields at the school so the students get to use the fields and they have the indoor facilities. Mr. DiMento stated that the benefit of waiting is that the turf field is now a better material then it was in the past.

Mr. LaCortiglia stated that CPA cannot use funds for the turf field material or the maintenance but they can for the preparation, drainage, etc. He stated that they can not pay for a Stadium either. Mr. Trapani asked if they could see if another town has gone through this type of project and how they went about it.

Police Department Surplus Property-1998 Ford Ranger

Mr. Farrell stated that the PD has talked to the School and let them know that the vehicle is not in good condition and not worth saving.

Mr. Egenberg moved to declare the Police Department 1998 Ford Ranger as surplus property. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Eric Loehle, November 24, 2012

Mr. Trapani stated that he would plan to attend the event.

Project Management Services Contract

Mr. Farrell stated that this is the contract to go to the next phase for the school.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the Project management Services Contract for the Pennbrook School. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion. Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked why these funds were for just a set amount. Mr. Farrell stated that these funds are just for a portion of the project \$1.3Mil. Discussion

The motion was approved by 3-1 vote.

Mr. Surface read the notice from the Highway department on the Parking Ban that is in effect December 1, 2012 to April 1, 2013.

Town Administrator's Report

Holiday Schedule

Mr. Farrell stated Christmas and New Years are on a Tuesday and employees receive a floating holiday for the Friday after Thanksgiving that they have to use in 60 days. He stated that the Town Hall usually closes for a ½ day on Christmas Eve and asked if the board wanted to close on the 24th with employees using the floater. Discussion

Mr. Trapani moved to close town hall at noon on Christmas Eve. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a 1-3 vote.

Mr. Surface stated that the board would like the Town Hall open until noon on the 24th.

ESCO update

Mr. Farrell stated that the boiler is in at town hall and that they are working on the lighting. He stated that they are mostly done at the Schools and the town hall air conditioning is set to be in by Dec 1st and they will notice the area to the back of the rear parking lot where the unit will go.

Budget vs. Actual update

Mr. Farrell stated that everything is on target and went over the expenditures and revenue sheets.

Appointments & Approvals

License Renewal-Pratt Hobbys, Second Hand Shop

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the *Second Hand Shop* license for *Pratt Hobbys* to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Affordable Housing Trust Appointment

Mr. Surface stated that Charles Keilty an attorney has requested appointment to the AHT. **Mr. Trapani moved to approve the appointment of *Charles Keilty* to the Affordable Housing Trust term to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.**

School Building Committee Appointments

Mr. Surface asked to hold any appointments until a future meeting. He stated that because of the extended scope at the Middle/High School they may have to make additional appointments.

Mr. Fowler stated that he wanted to make a statement. He stated that is unfortunate that the town is divided and he would like to work to come up with projects that the whole town can get behind.

Mr. Surface sent a Happy Thanksgiving to all residents from the board.

Next Meeting

Monday, December 3, 2012 at 7:00PM, Town Hall, 3rd Floor meeting room.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.