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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

11/5/12

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

7:00PM-PUBLIC HEARING

Classification Hearing FY 2013-Assessors to be present

Thom Berube Assessor and Jay Ferreira, Assistant Assessor was present and explained the tax options to the board. Mr. Berube explained that they have four votes.

1. Open Space Discount

Mr. Berube stated that the town does not have open space and explained this to the board and audience. He recommended a no vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to set an Open Space Assessment. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a unanimous vote.

2. Residential Exemption

Mr. Berube explained this exemption he stated in a community with a lot of rentals or summer properties this allows you to shift some of the burden to these properties. He recommended a no vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to establish a Residential Exemption. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a unanimous vote.

3. Small Commercial Exemption

Mr. Berube explained that this would shift from small businesses to large businesses and stated that we do not have enough businesses to do this. He recommended a no vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to accept the Small Commercial Exemption. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by a unanimous vote.

4. Classification

Mr. Berube recommended a Tax Classification factor of one.

Mr. Smith moved to recommend a Tax Classification factor of one. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Smith moved to close the Tax Classification Public Hearing. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Board Business

Police Department declaration of Surplus Property

Mr. Surface stated that the School Department has requested the used vehicle be transferred to them. Mr. Farrell stated that this vehicle is a piece of junk and should be sold for scrap it will just cost the town money for upkeep. He stated that if they do transfer to the School you would not declare the vehicle surplus. Lt. Cudmore stated that he discussed this vehicle with Mr. Farrell and would do what the board requests. Mr. Surface stated to table for tonight.

Chief Mulligan stated that he wanted to thank all the staff on a job well done during the storm. He stated that all departments worked together and he thanked all who worked to keep the town up and running.

Police Chief Mulligan request for appointment of four Reserve Officers

Chief Mulligan stated that he would introduce each officer and then ask that they vote for all at the end. Heather Lefebvre, Jonathan Henriquez, Matthew Carapellucci, and Daniel Leyden.

Mr. Fowler asked if they start as dispatchers. Chief Mulligan stated that in the past that was policy but that this has changed. Mr. Surface stated that some have done a part time academy do they have to do a full time academy. Chief Mulligan stated that they do have to do a full time academy. Mr. Trapani welcomed the officers and stated that they are set to keep the residents safe.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Heather Lefebvre* as Reserve Officers terms to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Jonathan Henriquez* as Reserve Officers terms to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Matthew Carapellucci* as Reserve Officers terms to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint *Daniel Leyden* as Reserve Officers terms to expire June 30, 2013. Mr. Egenberg seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface welcomed the reserve officers.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Board Business

Minutes October 15, 2012 and emergency meeting minutes October 28, 2012.

Mr. Egenberg moved to approve the minutes of October 15, 2012 and the emergency meeting “Sandy” minutes of October 28, 2012. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Recognition of Eagle Scout Eric Loehle

Mr. Surface congratulated Eric Loehle and asked for a member to attend the Court of Honor on Saturday, November 24, 2012.

Correspondence

Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School-Annual Operational Report

Mr. Surface stated that they have received the Whittier Regional Voc annual report.

Resignation of Charles Waters from the Affordable Housing Trust

Mr. Surface stated Mr. Waters moved out of town and will be missed and explained some of the projects that he worked on for the Trust.

Veteran’s Day Observance notice-November 11 at 11AM at Harry Murch Park

Mr. Surface stated that the public is invited to the ceremony on November 11th.

Comcast Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedure

Mr. Surface stated that they received the emergency reporting procedure from Comcast.

Board Business

STM-October 29, 2012-update

Mr. Farrell stated that all articles passed at the STM and the Pennbrook School question would be decided on the ballot tomorrow.

Town Administrator’s Report

ESCO update

Mr. Farrell stated that boiler in town hall is in and the controls would to be put in shortly.

He stated that the lighting needs to be finished in some of the buildings and they are finishing up at the Schools. He stated they have until January 15, 2013 to finish. He explained that the cooling tower for this building is very large and would have taken a HP parking spot and would have blocked the BoH window so it will be put at the back of the rear parking lot. He stated and the MA Historical Society would not have liked to have the tower next to the building.

Selectmen's Report

Discussion on public meeting notification laws and procedures

Mr. Surface stated that to move the STM they had to meet in the Storm at the School and take a vote and in this day and age this should not have had to happen. He stated Sen. Tarr is willing to work with the Town to change legislation. He asked the board how they felt about this. Mr. Trapani stated that he supports the change and Mr. Surface in sponsoring this. Mr. Surface asked Mr. Farrell to see if MMA has other communities that would be willing to help with this. Mr. Farrell stated that he already sent MMA a copy of the picture with an explanation and there is a story on the MMA home page. Mr. Smith stated that they should not underestimate the process to take this on. All board members support the project.

Mr. Fowler stated that Mr. Dickson brought up the square footage cost on the Schools and he stated that he has looked at some other towns and they have a lower cost per sq. footage. Mr. Surface stated there is a lot of site work. Mr. Farrell stated that it \$295 per sq. foot when you take out the site work.

Mr. Surface reminded all the State Election is tomorrow and polls are open from 7AM – 8PM.

Next Meeting

Monday, November 19, 2012 at 7:00PM, Town Hall, 3rd Floor meeting room.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.