

Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
1/26/15
6:30 PM – General Meeting, 3rd floor meeting room

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

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

Absent: Stephen Smith

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Cudmore gave an update on the pending storm and the closures. He stated residents are requested to shelter in place and that the shelter at the Middle/High School will open if needed. He stated Police and Fire have added staff for the event. He stated they ask for residents to stay home and be prepared for power outages. Mr. Egenberg asked about if the School is prepared for roof snow removal. Chief Cudmore stated that he talked to Mike Anderson and there is no snow now on the roofs and that they will monitor the roofs. Mr. Trapani asked if we lose electricity how you notify residents of the shelter being open. Chief Cudmore explained the resources that they use including door to door if needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Friends of the Library for a Charity Wine License

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Charity Wine License* for the Georgetown Friends of the Library for *Saturday, March 21, 2015 from 6:30PM to 9:00PM* event to be held at the Georgetown Peabody Library, 2 Maple Street. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice from the Town Clerk of the resignation of Thomas Moore from the Conservation Commission

Mr. Egenberg thanked Mr. Moore for his service.

Request from Rachel Bancroft for appointment to the Conservation Commission term to expire June 30, 2017

Mr. Egenberg welcomed Ms. Bancroft to the meeting. Ms. Bancroft explained that she is new to town and wants to give back to the town. Mr. Fowler stated that they are looking for diversity on the board. He stated that she will be hearing different projects and how does she feel she will work with the board and residents. She stated she hopes to look at ways to not impact the

wetlands. Mr. Fowler stated that members have to allow wiggle room as are laws are very strict. He stated members have to have an open mind and he asked how she got involved. She stated she got involved because of some trees taken down and concern on the historic value of trees. Mr. Fowler stated he was not aware of the resignation of Mr. Moore. Mr. Trapani stated he feels she would not want to get on the board if she was not passionate about wetlands. He stated members have to look at the issues as we do not have a lot of good land left. Ms. Bancroft stated that she grew up in Rehoboth, MA and saw growth in the community. Mr. Trapani stated he liked her background and that she has not worked in conservation. Mr. Surface stated that they are asking her to be reasonable and look at both sides.

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint Rachel Bancroft as a Member of the Conservation Commission term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Surface seconded the motion.

Mr. Fowler stated that the board has to use caution if our ConCom Agent is picking our members. He stated he is not in favor of this appointment

The motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

Mr. Egenberg thanked her and stated you will not be making friends but feels there will be a good balance on the board. He stated MA has stringent laws and Georgetown has even more stringent laws and asked her to look at each project.

Mr. Surface stated that he does not see how we can recruit if the staff does not help out. Mr. Farrell stated that when residents call we send them to the department head to learn more about the position.

APPOINTMENTS & APPROVALS

Police appointments:

Chief Cudmore stated that he was before the board on a process on recruitment and he has worked with Mr. Farrell. He stated that they have some retirements and one that he was not expecting. He stated in 2013 he reduced a Lieutenant position and with the current Lieutenant retiring he is filling that position. He explained the appointments that he is requesting. He stated that the Reserve Dispatcher to be appointed is out of town but he will present his information.

Chief Cudmore gave background information on Sgt. Hatch. The Chief explained the appointments and how staggered.

- *Sgt. Hatch to Acting Lieutenant 1/27/2015 to 3/31/2015*

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Sgt. Scott Hatch as Acting Lieutenant from January 27, 2015 to March 31, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- *Acting Lieutenant Hatch to Lieutenant 4/1/2015 to 6/30/2015*

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Sgt. Scott Hatch as Lieutenant from April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Elaine Hatch Scott's Mom was present to pin his Badge.

Chief Cudmore gave background information on Det. Rodden.

- Det. Rodden to Acting Patrol Sergeant 1/27/2015 to 3/31/2015

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Det. James Rodden as Acting Patrol Sergeant from January 27, 2015 to March 31, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

- Acting Patrol Sergeant Rodden to Patrol Sergeant 4/1/2015 to 6/30/2015

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Det. James Rodden as Patrol Sergeant from April 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

His daughter was present to pin his badge

Chief Cudmore gave background on Officer Joanne Ballard.

- Reserve Officer Ballard to Full Time Patrol Officer effective 3/9/2015 to 6/30/2015

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Reserve Officer Joanne Ballard as Full Time Patrol Officer from March 9, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Her husband was present to pin her badge

Chief Cudmore stated Reserve Dispatcher Rosquete is out of the country on a vacation and gave his background.

- Reserve Dispatcher David Rosquete to Reserve Officer 1/27/2015 to 6/30/2015

Mr. Surface moved to appoint Reserve Dispatcher David Rosquete as a Reserve Officer from January 27, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

5-Minute recess

Request from the EDC to appoint two Associate Members Wayne Snow and Andrew Cliff terms to expire June 30, 2015

Mr. Trapani moved to appoint Wayne Snow and Andrew Cliff as Associate Members of the Economic Development Committee term to expire June 30, 2015. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

License Renewal to expire December 31, 2015:

- *Common Victualler: Village Sub & Pizza*

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the Common Victualler license for Village Sub & Pizza to expire December 31, 2015. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Request from the Ruth Eifert to declare various computer equipment surplus property

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the Declaration of Surplus Property from the Georgetown Peabody Library as presented. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Minutes January 5, 2015

Mr. Trapani moved to approve the minutes of January 5, 2015. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Surface abstained

Mr. Egenberg expressed condolences to the Spaulding Family on the passing of Bud Spaulding who served on the Fire Department as a past Fire Chief.

OLD BUSINESS

Acceptance of funds from the GAA for the Artificial Turf Field

Mr. Egenberg stated that they have received funds from the GAA for two lights for the Turf Field.

Mr. Trapani moved to accept \$44K from the Georgetown Athletic Association for the Artificial Turf Field at the Middle/High School. Mr. Surface seconded the motion.

Mr. Surface asked where the funds would go. Mr. Farrell stated to general fund and then earmarked to pay for the Turf Field lights.

Mr. Surface moved to amend the motion to include that the funds are for the two final lights at the Artificial Turf Field. Mr. Trapani second the amendment and the amendment and the original motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant for Monday, May 4, 2015

- *Draft CPC placeholders*

Mr. Farrell stated right now they have the everyday articles and went over the articles. He stated that this year will be the last payment on the ladder truck but may soon have a need for a new truck.

Discussion on the CPC placeholders.

Mr. Farrell stated that FinCom has canceled their meeting on Wednesday because of the storm and rescheduled until next Wednesday February 4, 2015. Mr. Fowler asked about revolving accounts and DoR recommendations. Mr. Farrell stated that he will work with Ms. Pantano on these articles.

Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday May 4, 2015

Mr. Trapani moved to *Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant for Monday May 4, 2015.* Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Egenberg stated that a few years ago we had to postpone a Town Meeting because of weather. He stated that Staff had to go to the School in the storm to officially postpone the meeting. He stated that the law has been changed due to Georgetown proposing a change with our local legislators. He stated now with the change the moderator can so declare.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Financial Management Review from DoR for discussion

- *Define the Purpose of the Spring Annual and Fall Town Meetings*

Mr. Farrell stated that he gave a chart and guideline on what can go on a warrant and he has made suggestions whether for ATM or STM or both. He stated by law can have any and this would be a policy decision. Mr. Farrell stated in some towns they want to only have major items at ATM as this is when most attend. He stated in Georgetown we have issues on a quorum at both.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Budget update

Mr. Farrell gave the board the Budget Binders for the FY16 budget. He stated for a general look open to tab 3 for the general budget. He stated that Mr. Lacey tied all the sheets together. He gave an overview of the budget. He explained the CoA budget is increased for the move to Perley School. He stated another increase is the Police Department salaries with a baby Quinn adjustment that added \$20K overall and a request for an additional position of a School Resource Officer. He stated School process is slower than ours and he plugged in some numbers from last year. Mr. Egenberg asked if it is State law that the Schools do not carry health insurance. Mr. Farrell stated that is correct. Mr. Surface had a question on bonds and Mr. Farrell explained. Mr. Fowler asked about the ESCO and gas prices. Mr. Farrell explained how this is figured out and that we have a consultant who looks the bills over.

Mr. Farrell stated that the new Governor has released Chapter 90 funds. He stated that Georgetown's funds came in at \$456,795 for FY16 and this is up \$100K over last year.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:30PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved February 11, 2015.