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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Middle/High School
11 Winter Street/1st Floor Class Room
10/27/14
6:00 PM – General Meeting & Special Town Meeting

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

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

Absent:

Meeting called to order 6:08PM

Warrant & Minutes

Warrant to be signed

Board Business

CPA Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust-for approval

Mr. Surface moved to approve the CPA Grant Agreement with the Georgetown Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Trapani seconded the motion. Discussion

Mr. Surface explained that this agreement is for funds from the CPC to the AHT approved at the Annual Town Meeting. He stated that the Trust is looking at properties to further the affordable housing in town in conjunction with the Housing Production Plan. Mr. Fowler asked how much was in the fund. Mr. Surface stated with these funds about \$500K. He stated that the funds are not all from CPC but from Planning Board projects, Little's Hill, Home, etc. Mr. Fowler asked if the down the road do they see it being costly to the town to manage properties that they may purchase. Mr. Surface stated that the projects have to be self-sufficient and they would like the Housing Authority to be able to help manage properties. Mr. Fowler stated that there was a lot of information tonight that he would like to see discussed at a regular meeting that is televised.

Selectmen's Report

Special Town Meeting

Mr. Farrell updated the board on the warrant articles.

ARTICLE 1: Adjustments to the Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget (STM14-01)

Mr. Farrell stated that this article will stay as presented.

ARTICLE 2: School Artificial Turf Field Lease (STM14-02)

Mr. Farrell stated that this article will be passed over as the GAA have agreed to sign a License Agreement.

ARTICLE 3: Fire Department, Rehabilitation of Ambulance 11 (STM14-03)

Mr. Farrell explained that there was the issue from the ATM of borrowing \$92K for the ambulance rehab from the Stab Fund and returning this fall. He stated legal stated that funds from the Ambulance Retained Earnings cannot be used for anything other than operations. He stated that the amount would change to \$172K and at this time the Fire Department has only spent \$1,600. He stated that legal has said this article can be amended to include this amount. He stated that legal and Sandy Gerraughty, FinCom Chair have talked to Beverly Enos, Town Moderator about the amendment. He stated that Ms. Enos had an issue with allowing the amount to increase and changing the scope. He stated that it is her decision to allow the amendment. He stated that Town Meeting can override her decision if necessary. He stated that at the ATM in May town meeting can rescind the previous article. Discussion if this will affect the town's bond rating. Mr. Farrell stated that it should not and the funds are still in the Stab Fund.

Ms. Enos entered the meeting. She stated that she is on her way to talk to FinCom about this article. She said as long as the amendment says it is for both ambulances and they rescind the previous article in May it could be allowed.

ARTICLE 4: Middle/High School Roof Units (STM14-08)

Mr. Farrell stated that this article has been moved up as they plan to do the roof sooner than anticipated and the Schools want to have done at the same time so as not to damage the roof. Mr. Fowler stated that he talked to Mike Anderson, School Maintenance and he explained why they are doing this now. Mr. Trapani stated that the MSBA did not allow this to be a part of the School project.

ARTICLE 5: Artificial Turf Field (STM 14-09)

Mr. Farrell stated that this article will be passed over. He stated that this was a placeholder as the Schools did not know if they would need additional funds. He stated that the project has a \$30K credit from the removal of dirt and this helped them out.

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

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:35PM

Next Meeting

Monday, November 3, 2014 at 6:30PM, 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.