

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 6, 2006

Present: Selectmen Kent Scott, James Galligan, Glenn Trindade, Joseph Dzikczek, and Raphaela Rozanski, Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Administrative Services Assistant, Celeste Hanson were present.

6:01 p.m. – Chairman Scott called the meeting to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

- Mr. Sal LaRiccia came forward as he had questions from the State of the Town address. Specifically, Mr. LaRiccia wanted to know if the proposed deficit financing option would raise town taxes and he also had a question relative to some of the slides that were presented by the Town Fiscal Advisor. Administrator Kennedy stated that deficit financing would result in taxes being raised. Administrator Kennedy also stated that there had been an error on one of the slides presented at the State of the Town Address and at present, the slide was corrected.
- At this point of Public comments, Chairman Scott announced that the board would temporarily suspend the public comment portion of the meeting in order to discuss and sign the Special Town Meeting warrant for serving by Constable Trufant prior to 7:00 p.m. deadline.

Approve/Authorization of Special Town Meeting Warrant:

- Administrator Kennedy stated that there was a slight revision to the Special Town Meeting Warrant that was included in the Selectmen's meeting packets. Administrator Kennedy explained that Article 1 of the original warrant was eliminated and the remaining warrant articles were renumbered. Administrator Kennedy also highlighted each warrant article and answered questions from the Board. There being no other questions relating to the warrant or articles; Selectmen Galligan moved that the Board move to accept the March 20th Special Town Meeting Warrant as recommended by the Town Administrator; seconded by Selectman Rozanski; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

(The Administrative Services Assistant was excused from the Selectmen's meeting for twenty minutes)

- The Administrative Services Assistant returned to the Selectmen's meeting as the Board was concluding a discussion requiring a minor change to the special town meeting warrant and Home Rule Legislation petition as a result of the amendment of the special town meeting warrant as previously explained by Administrator Kennedy. The Board voted to amend warrant article 2 and the legislation changes due to Article 1 being eliminated and remaining articles being renumbered.
- The Board entered into a brief discussion regarding the potential override proposal which was further explained by Administrator Kennedy for the benefit of the residents in attendance and residents watching the meeting from home. Chairman Scott took the opportunity to further emphasize that the Selectmen and other town

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officials will be continuing to discuss up to date financial information as it becomes available during public meetings as well as loading data on the town website. Chairman Scott also indicated that the Board will be discussing possible public forum dates later during the meeting.

Authorization of Bond Anticipation Notes (BANs)

- The Clerk read the following certification: I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Medway, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held March 6, 2006, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was unanimously passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of \$19,534,283 Bond Anticipation Notes of the town dated March 17, 2006, payable November 17, 2006, at par and accrued interest plus the premiums indicated as follows: \$14,534,283 with an interest rate of 4.00% and premium rate of \$55,375.62 purchased by Mellon Financial Markets, LLC and \$5,000,000 with an interest rate of 4.25% and premium rate of \$28,033.33 purchased by Eastern Bank. The clerk further certified that the vote was taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that notice stating the place, date and time of the meeting was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in the office of the Town Clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of the town at least 48 hours, including Saturdays but not Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the notes were taken in executive session, and that the official record of the meeting was made available to the public promptly and remains available to the public, all in accordance with G.L. c.39, s.23B as amended.

- Selectman Rozanski moved that the Selectmen approve the vote as read by the Board Clerk; seconded by Selectman Dziczek; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Approve and sign warrant:

- Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve and sign warrant number thirty-six (36) for fiscal year '06 as read in the total amount of \$715,239.16; Selectman Rozanski seconded; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Other Board Business:

- Chairman Scott announced that he would like to coordinate a series of open forum meetings similar to the State of the Town Address over the next few months. The Board reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and entered into a brief discussion. The Chairman directed the administrative staff to schedule the open forums for Monday, March 13 which is a regular Selectmen's meeting and Monday, April 3 and to also inform the Finance Committee and School Committee of the scheduled meetings.

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- There being no other business to discuss the Board reconvened the Public Comment portion of the meeting.
- Mr. Sal LaRiccica continued from the point he left off and stated that Town Officials need to communicate more clearly to residents the effects of deficit financing and receivership as many people have stated they still do not understand the terms. Chairman Scott indicated that those issues would be more clearly defined and explained between now and Town meeting, through public forums, community meetings etc. Mr. LaRiccica also suggested that Town Officials should investigate taking legal action against former town representatives and staff who were responsible for misrepresenting financial data to the boards and residents and consider making department heads accountable for knowingly over spending departmental budgets.
- Mr. Leo O'Roarke of Lovering Street indicated that town employees should contribute thirty percent towards their health insurance premiums. Chairman Scott indicated that the item is currently being recognized and continues to be a matter of discussion by the Town Administrator, Unions and respective Boards. Selectman Galligan stated that town employees have volunteered to allow an increase up to fifteen percent and to also allow an increase to the co-pays. Selectman Galligan further stated that as union contracts become open for negotiations, the health insurance contributions will be addressed but resolving such takes time and is not a task that can be resolved quickly.
- Mr. Richard Dunn, came forward and announced that he is a candidate in the upcoming Selectmen's election. Mr. Dunn stated that he recently attended a Homeland Security Seminar and learned that the Town could be awarded funds through many available state grants and asked if the Town has investigated such. Chairman Scott stated that currently there is not enough staff to perform the tasks necessary to write the grants. Chairman Scott stated that grant writing is something that the Town will be looking into at a later time.

7:20 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Rozanski moved that the meeting be adjourned; Selectman Trindade seconded; All ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson
Administrative Services Assistant

NOTE: APPROVED BY BOS ON