

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL SESSION MEETING

November 27, 2006

Present: Selectmen James Galligan, Dennis Crowley, Glenn Trindade. Kent Scott, Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Administrative Services Assistant, Celeste Hanson were present. Selectman Richard Dunne was absent.

8:45 p.m. – Chairman Galligan called the Selectmen's Special Session to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Discussion of Town Counsel Candidates:

- Chairman Galligan noted that the reason for this Selectmen's meeting is to discuss the six town counsel request for proposals (RFP's). Chairman Galligan noted that he needed some extra time to review the RFP's before making his final recommendation.
- Administrator Kennedy referred the Selectmen to page three of the RFP which defines the qualifications and selection criteria to meet the Town's needs. Administrator Kennedy also suggested that the Selectmen stick to an aggressive schedule during the town counsel selection process as present town counsel made it very clear that he can not continue to provide legal counsel beyond November 30, 2006.
- Selectman Trindade stated that he reviewed all six RFP's and is ready to submit the names of three candidates (Petrini & Associates; Bracket & Lucas; Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead).
- Selectman Scott stated that five RFP's submitted were from larger law firms and that one RFP was submitted by a local attorney and that there was a broad range of firms to select from. Selectman Scott also commented that the firms are well respected. Selectman Scott indicated that he was ready to submit the names of three candidates he feels would best serve the Town (Petrini & Associates; Bracket & Lucas; Kopelman & Paige).
- Selectman Crowley indicated that he thoroughly reviewed the RFP's and is ready to submit three candidate names that he feels would best suit the town's needs (Blatman, Bobrowski & Mead; Bracket & Lucas; Petrini & Associates). Selectman Crowley supports moving through the selection process quickly.
- Chairman Galligan indicated that he favors utilizing a firm with multiple sources of support. Chairman Galligan indicated that he feels the firms of Petrini & Associates; Mirick O'Connell and Bracket & Lucas would best suit the town's needs.
- The Board discussed all the candidates selected by the Board. Selectman Trindade moved that the Board conduct interviews with the firms of Petrini & Associates; Bracket & Lucas and Mirick O'Connell as discussed and selected by the Board

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seconded by Selectman Crowley; ayes 3 with Selectman Scott abstaining (3-0-1—voted). The Board also entered into a discussion relative to the interview process and agreed that the interviews of the three candidates should be scheduled on December 8 or December 9 (Friday and Saturday); preferably all on one day. Chairman Galligan directed the Administrator to contact the candidates and schedule the interviews as soon as possible.

Approve and sign warrant:

- Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve and sign warrant twenty-two (22) for fiscal year '07 as read in the total amount of \$787,539.33; Selectman Scott seconded; All ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

Consideration for Annual Christmas Tree Sale:

- Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Annual Christmas Tree Sale requested by the Medway Lions Club; seconded by Selectman Scott; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

9:45 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Trindade moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned; Selectman Crowley seconded; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson
Administrative Services Assistant

NOTE: APPROVED BY BOS ON