

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 5, 2007

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

7:05 p.m. – Chairman Galligan called the Special Selectmen's meeting to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Approve and sign warrant:***

- Selectman Scott moved that the Board approve and sign warrant number thirty six (36) for fiscal year '07 as read in the total amount of \$1,390,456.01; Selectman Dunne seconded; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Public Comments:***

- Mrs. Susan Rorke of 34 Ellis Street came forward to voice her support of an override. Ms. Rorke commented that level funded budgets are not acceptable in order to efficiently operate the Town.
- Mrs. Kelly O'Rourke, representative of "Yes for Medway" inquired if the Selectmen have considered the date of the State of the Town Address. Chairman Galligan indicated that the State of the Town Address will be held at the end on March or beginning of April. Mrs. O'Rourke indicated that representative from the "Yes for Medway" group would be available to assist with noticing residents of the State of the Town Address.
- Mrs. Lorraine Anderson of 21 Alexandria Drive commented that she is very frustrated with the level of education that the schools are providing to the children of Medway, she also indicated her disappointment with the property values and favors an override ballot question. Mrs. Anderson indicated that she is also affiliated with the "Yes for Medway" organization.

***State Legislative update:***

- Senator Karen Spilka and State Representative Paul Loscocco were present to update the Board on possible supplemental budget funding by the State. Senator Spilka and Representative Loscocco both indicated that the Governor's budget numbers look good and both feel that Medway will definitely benefit as a result. Senator Spilka and Representative Loscocco indicated that solid figures will be available by mid-April. Both feel that the Town will not benefit much from lottery aide. The parties entered into a discussion regarding local earmarks and the Medway Library matter. Senator Spilka and Representative Loscocco indicated that they both would like to assist the town regarding these types of issues and to contact their offices when Town Officials plan to meet with representatives from State agencies so they can follow up and/or send representation from their offices to work on behalf of the Town as well. Senator Spilka and Representative

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Loscocco indicated that they will continue to work closely with Representative Vallee to advocate for the Town of Medway.

***Report of the Town Administrator:***

- Administrator Kennedy indicated that the Executive Session scheduled for this evening would not be necessary.
- Administrator Kennedy reported that the IT Budget is now under the control of the Town Accountant and is in the process of securing computer training for all staff. Also under consideration is updating the town website; various department staff representatives have met with several vendors and would like to hold the matter until after the Annual Town Meeting and will update the Board as warranted.
- Administrator Kennedy reported that she has been in contact with the Chairman of the Conservation Commission (Con Com) relative to the Vara property. Con Com has indicated that they are willing to accept the land. Administrator Kennedy strongly suggested that the Board take action on the matter soon. Selectman Scott indicated that he has never seen a report from ConCom or the Selectmen who conducted a walk of the property and suggested that the Board hold the matter until these reports have been given to the Board before moving forward on the Vara matter.
- Administrator Kennedy reported that there are not enough funds in the high school construction project to complete the necessary work on the handicap access ramp. Administrator Kennedy would like to know if the Board would prefer to place a warrant article requesting funds to complete the project on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant or request a transfer of funds through the Finance Committee. Selectman Scott suggested that the request for additional funds should be via a warrant article. The parties entered into a brief discussion and it was agreed that Administrator Kennedy should prepare a warrant article requesting funds to complete the construction work on the handicap ramp.
- Administrator Kennedy indicated that the Town Accountant (Barbara Durand) and Treasurer Collector (Melanie Phillips) were present to discuss the revenue reports that she forwarded to the Selectmen over the weekend which were not included in the Selectmen's meeting packets. Town Accountant, Barbara Durand and Treasurer Collector Melanie Phillips came forward to explain how the revenue numbers were calculated and what the numbers represent. It was indicated that new growth numbers have not been submitted by the Board of Assessors. The new growth numbers will be submitted by the Assessors after the valuation analysis has been completed. Treasurer Phillips indicated that penalties/collections will be lower in 2008 due to more aggressive collections. The Town Accountant indicated that license and permit fees collections are at seventy-eight percent (78%) and that the Town is ahead relative to fee collections which include over-the-counter fees. The Town Accountant indicated that reports will be updated and forwarded to the Board was warranted. The Board entered into a brief discussion and will meet on Friday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss and review Town finances.

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**(9:50 p.m.: Selectman Trindade left the Selectmen's meeting)**

- Administrator Kennedy recommended that the Board consider opening and closing the Annual Town Meeting warrant. The board entered into a discussion. Selectman Scott moved to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant effective March 5, 2007 and close the annual town meeting warrant on March 26, 2007; seconded by Selectman Crowley; ayes 3 (Scott, Crowley Galligan) nays—1 (Dunne) (voted).

**(It being 10:00 p.m.; Selectman Dunne moved that the Board continue with the remaining Board business; seconded by Selectman Scott; all aye 4-0-0 voted)**

***Request to approve expending State Supplemental Budget Parks/Fields Grant:***

- Selectman Scott moved that the Board approve the request submitted by the Director of Public Services to expend the State Supplemental Budget Park/Field Grant funds and that work to the parks and fields not exceed the grant amount of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000); seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

**Approval of a one-day all alcohol license requested by Saint Joseph's Parish.**

- Selectman Scott moved that the Board approve the request for a one-day all alcohol license requested by Saint Joseph's Parish; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

**Discussion of retaining legal services for cable franchise negotiations:**

- Administrator Kennedy suggested that the Board obtain confirmation of available funds from Medway Cable and investigate transferring the available funds needed for retaining legal services associated with the upcoming cable franchise negotiations. Selectman Crowley indicated that the attorney considering representing the town relative to the upcoming cable franchise negotiations would prefer to enter into a contract directly with the Town and not with Medway Cable Access. After a brief discussion, Administrator Kennedy indicated that she would research the letter of understanding and report back to the Board as warranted.

***Reports of the Selectmen:***

- The Selectmen did not have reports this week.

***Report of the Chairman:***

- Chairman Galligan reported the Administrative Services Assistant passed out copies of e-mails forwarded to the Selectmen's e-mail account relative to proposing

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a 2 ½ override. Chairman indicated that thus far thirty eight (38) e-mails in favor of supporting the override have been received and three (3) opposing an override have been received. Chairman Galligan requested that residents include their name, addresses and telephone numbers on e-mails so that Selectmen can get in touch with them.

- Chairman Galligan reported that Tri County Superintendent, Barbara Renzoni, is available to meet with the Selectmen on April 13, 14, and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Board entered into a brief discussion regarding the State of the Town Agenda. The Board agreed that all of the financial data, once it is confirmed, reviewed, and finalized, should be uploaded to the Town website for review. The Board agreed that the State of the Town will be scheduled for March 26 or March 28 once a meeting place has been confirmed. The Administrative Services Assistant was instructed by the Chairman to reserve a meeting space to hold the State of the Town Address.

*10:50 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Scott moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned; Selectman Dunne seconded; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).*

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson  
Administrative Services Assistant

*NOTE: APPROVED BY BOS ON*