

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
AUGUST 6, 2007

Present: Selectmen Dennis Crowley, Richard Dunne, Glenn Trindade, Andrew Espinosa and Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Administrative Services Assistant, Celeste Hanson were present. Selectman John Foresto was absent.

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

**Public Comments:**

1)

- Ms. Donna Rice Norton, School Committee Representative came forward to address the Selectmen regarding comments made at the Selectmen's July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting relative to a written inquiry to the Ethics Commission. Ms. Rice Norton stated that she composed the letter to the Ethics Commission because she was referred to them due to her involvement in the Grid Iron Club.
- Selectmen Espinosa apologized to Ms. Rice-Norton and stated that he did not mean to nor was it his intent to offend her. Mr. Espinosa stated that he was very frustrated with having his hand tied in the matter.
- Chairman Trindade stated that he viewed the replay of the meeting and noted that Ms. Rice-Norton had been referred to at the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Mr. Trindade stated that board members need to exercise caution when referring to individuals.

2)

- Mr. Wallace Arthur of 9 Kingson Lane stated that he had concerns regarding street limits signage on Summer Street. Mr. Arthur indicated that street limit signs had been taken down on Summer Street due to the construction project, and that there seems to be a lack of speed limit signs on Route 109; he feels that both are safety issues.
- Chairman Trindade asked the Department of Public Services Director (David D'Amico) to comment on Mr. Arthur's concerns. Mr. Trindade also inquired if the State or the Town is responsible for erecting extra signage on Route 109. Director. D'Amico indicated that the permanent speed limit signs would be reposted on Summer Street by the State as soon as they are finished with the project. Mr. D'Amico commented that "construction/police officer ahead signs" have also been erected. Mr. D'Amico stated that he would double check with the State Department regarding extra signage on Route 109.

**Public Official Updates:**

- Administrator Kennedy asked the Department of Public Services Director (David D'Amico) to provide an update on the projects associated with the earmark grants.
- Director D'Amico stated that the Town had received \$200,000 for the Senior Center addition and to date the shell has been completed. Interior work is

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scheduled to being in the fall. Parks and Fields received \$200,000 to rehabilitate existing fields. Currently investigated an irrigation system for Idylbrook which was estimated at \$150,000. Choate Park received \$200,000 for repairs to the Choate Park Dam--to date bid packages have been completed and issued. Funds in the amount of \$100,000 was received to assist with expenses associated with the 2006 Microburst--to date invoices and related back up documentation have been submitted and payments have been received. Environmental Grant in the amount of \$100,000 was received for use to construct a Wash Pad/Brentwood Drainage Study--to date the wash pad bid process has been completed and construction has been completed. Brentwood drainage study--to date the drainage report was completed by Haley and Ward. Award in the amount of \$200,000 for the construction of a new highway barn and salt shed--to date the foundation has been completed and expect to erect the building shortly. Award in the amount of \$200,000 for restoration of the Thayer House (2 B Oak Street)--to date an historical structure survey was completed. Scope of work was submitted and approved by the State and expect to begin bid package preparation soon.

**Solicitor Permit Application:**

- Mr. Guy O'Brien representing New Image Consultants came forward to answer questions relative the Solicitor Permit Application request. Mr. O'Brien indicated that his company has canvassed in Medway a few times and would like the Board to consider approving this request as well. Mr. O'Brien indicated that he understands the town policies associated with door-to-door canvassing and will continue to respect the Town polices required to conduct the canvassing.
- The Administrative Services Assistant indicated that there were no complaints received relative to past solicitations. Lt. Tingley was also present and indicated that no complaints were filed.
- Selectman Crowley directed the board members to review the memorandum received from Lt. Tingley. The parties entered into a discussion regarding the memorandum from Lt. Tingley indicated that criminal background checks on the list of individuals scheduled to solicit in Medway has been conducted. The background check found that six of the eleven listed individuals have been criminally charged for various offenses including: possession of firearm, robbery, kidnapping, possession of a controlled substance; tampering with a motor vehicle, murder with a reduce charge of voluntary manslaughter, prostitution, disorderly conduct, drug trafficking, possession of cocaine, child abuse, probation violation, false ID of a police officer, possession of burglary tools, possession of controlled substances for sale, petty theft and receiving known stolen property.
- Selectman Dunne indicated that he supports Lt. Tingley's recommendation not to allow these particular individuals to solicit in the Town. Selectman Dunne suggested to Mr. O'Brien that he and his company may want to better screen the individuals they employ. Mr. O'Brien stated that he did not have knowledge of the criminal background of these individuals and understands the Town's position.

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- The parties entered into a brief discussion. Selectman Dunne moved to approve the request for a solicitors permit submitted by Guy O'Brien with the following conditions: The six individuals who have been criminally charged are restricted from participating in the scheduled canvassing. An updated application/list of the salespeople who will participate in the canvassing must be submitted to Lt. Tingley. Daily registration at the Medway Police Station is required before canvassing. The Solicitors Permit is valid effective Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> and will expire on Friday, August 31, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday; seconded by Chairman Trindade; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

**Approval of Expenditure of Grant Awards:**

Police Department—NIMS Training Reimbursement.

- Lt. Allen Tingley was present to explain and answer questions relative to the NIMS Training Reimbursement Grant. The parties entered into a brief discussion.
- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Police Department to expend the funds received under the NIMS Training Reimbursement Grant awarded by the Southeast Homeland Security Advisory Council in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to cover training expenses for town employees to attend ICS 300 training and to backfill shifts when needed; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

Planning Board—Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program Grant.

- Planning Board Chairman, Andy Rodenhiser was present to explain and answer questions relative to the Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program Grant. The parties entered into a brief discussion.
- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Planning Board to expend the funds received under the Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development in the amount of one hundred forty-eight thousand eight hundred fifty dollars (\$148,850.00) to cover expenses for consulting services, and the purchase of technology equipment and software as needed under the terms of the grant; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted)

Planning Board—FY07 Smart Growth Grant:

- Planning Board Chairman, Andy Rodenhiser was present to explain and answer questions relative to the FY07 Smart Growth Grant. The parties entered into a brief discussion.

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- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Planning Board to expend the funds received under the FY07 Smart Growth Grant awarded by the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs in the amount of eight thousand two hundred forth-five dollars (\$8,245.00) to cover costs associated with research and drafting traditional neighborhood overlay district zoning bylaw and research and drafting of zoning bylaw to allow conversion of old mills to housing or mixed-use development; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

**Execution of FY 2006 Community Development Action Grant Contract Amendment:**

- Selectman Espinosa moved to approve that Chairman Trindade to execute the FY 2006 Community Development Action Grant Award (CDAG) contract through the Department of Housing and Community Development; seconded by Selectman Crowley; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

***Approval of Warrant:***

- Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve and sign warrant 54E2 representing (school summer payroll) for fiscal year '07 in the amount of \$290,064.28; and warrant 5 for fiscal year '08 in the amount of \$914,273.74; for a grand total warrant amount of \$1,204,338.02; Selectman Espinosa seconded; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).

***Approval of Minutes:***

- Selectman Dunne moved to approve the regular session meeting minutes of June 18, 2007; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).
- Selectman Dunne moved to approve the workshop session meeting minutes of July 23, 2007; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 4-0-0 (voted).
- *Minutes of July 10 will be placed on hold for anticipated approval at the next Selectmen's meeting.*

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

- Administrator Kennedy announced the hiring of two new Fire Department Staff, Craig Vinton and Thomas Irwin.
- Administrator Kennedy stated that the Fire Department recently accepted a gift of a new defibrillator from Kenney family.

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- Administrator Kennedy confirmed that Attorney David Doneski of Kopelman and Paige will be available to attend the August 20<sup>th</sup> Board meeting

***Report of the Selectmen:***

- Selectmen Dunne and Crowley did not have reports this week.
- Selectman Espinosa reported that the new town website is expected to be rolled out by the end of August.

***Report of the Chairman:***

- Chairman Trindade announced that Governor Patrick visited Medway and announced the MORE Job Grant award. The Governor also met with public officials and toured the Cybex complex.

The Board took the opportunity to acknowledge of the passing of Administrator Kennedy's mother and expressed their deep condolences to the Town Administrator.

*9:30 p.m. There being no further regular business to discuss, Selectman Espinosa 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***