

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2008

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

7:00 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the meeting to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

***Board Appointments—Constable and Charles River Pollution Control District:***

- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Paul DeSimone as a representative to the Charles River Pollution Control District (CRPCD) with the term expiration of March 1, 2011; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).
- Chairman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Paul Yorkis as a Constable with the term expiration of June 30, 2011; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***SWAP Presentation—Paul Yorkis & Chan Rogers:***

- Chairman Trindade announced that SWAP representatives Paul Yorkis and Chan Rogers are present to discuss obtaining funding for Route 109 improvements.
- Paul Yorkis came forward and explained that SWAP has placed Route 109 in Medway high on the improvement priority list. Mr. Yorkis referred to handouts provided to the Board and explained that Route 109 was first identified as a transportation corridor by SWAP in 2005 and ranked third in priority in 2006; second in 2007 and second in 2008. Mr. Yorkis stated that there are some action items that need to be addressed as follows: first, a task force needs to be formed; then a review and revision of the application; submittal of the application; following up with the respective state agencies and legislative delegation; and identifying funding for engineering services.
- David D'Amico, Director of Public Services came forward to participate in the discussion. Director D'Amico stated that he estimates the process will take seven to ten years. Director D'Amico stated his opinion that the Task Force should include representatives from the Department of Public Services; Board of Selectmen; Planning Board, Police and Fire Departments; Design Review Committee and Medway Business Council.
- The parties entered into a brief discussion. Director D'Amico was instructed to begin gathering information and potential members to serve on the Task Force and report such to the Town Administrator; then report back to the Selectmen as warranted.

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***Public Comment:***

- Sandra Bennett of 21 Lovering Street came forward and stated that in early February she submitted a public records request asking for total expenses for consultants, temporary staff and legal fees. Mrs. Bennett questioned why the Town spent approximately \$90,000 on consultants and temporary help in the accounting and treasurer office in fiscal 2008. Mrs. Bennett indicated that she was concerned and disappointed that the Town would cut services in the emergency services budget but spent over \$13,000 per month on consultant fees.
- Administrator Kennedy stated that the funds utilized are actually from prior year funds needed to assist with training of current staff.
- Mrs. Bennett also questioned the amount of funds spent on legal fees, as she never recalled the town spending so much money on legal services and asked if the legal budget will run over.
- Administrator Kennedy indicated that \$90,000 had been allocated for legal services; and that she anticipated a potential shortfall which resulted in the lay off of two staff members to keep the Selectmen's budget in line. Administrator Kennedy indicated that the amount spent on legal services is higher than usual due to labor issues/contract negotiations with three unions (police, municipal and fire); land and planning board issues.
- Chairman Trindade indicated that neither the Town Administrator nor the Board of Selectmen had made changes to the Emergency Services Department Budget, the decision on how to keep the budget in line was made by the department head which was a result of the anticipated shortage due to overtime expenses.
- Mrs. Bennett inquired if the Town expected to contract with consultants in the financial offices during the next year.
- Administrator Kennedy indicated that she did not anticipate having to hire consultants during the next year.
- Selectman Crowley and Chairman Trindade thanked Mrs. Bennett for raising questions and coming before the Board to discuss her concerns. Both encouraged others to make inquires into matters that they do not understand.

***School Budget Presentation:***

- Dr. Richard Grandmont, Superintendent of Schools, David Verdolino, Director of Finance and members of the School Committee (Susan Connolly, Steve Dahl, Diane Borgatti, Dawn Rice-Norton and Debra Trindade) were present to answer questions and participate in the school budget discussion.

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- Dr. Grandmont indicated that since fiscal year 2005 through fiscal year 2007, the school budget has been below status quo and he fears that some of services cut may never be restored. Dr. Grandmont also identified ten priorities that he would like to see implemented next year, including textbook replacement, several teaching positions and a new language arts program for grades kindergarten through fifth grade. Dr. Grandmont indicated that next year's school budget will be \$22.2 million, an increase of 7.1 percent, if all ten priorities from the list are implemented. If none of the priorities from the list are implemented, the school budget will be \$20.7 million, an increase of 3.6 percent in order to fund salary increase and special education contracts.
- The parties entered into a discussion.
- Selectman Espinosa commended Dr. Grandmont for his accomplishments during his four year service to the Town considering the financial cuts the Town suffered.
- Chairman Trindade and the Selectmen also stated that they feel comfortable suggesting additional funding for the school in order to assist with restoration of services required for educational improvement.

***Review ATM Warrant Articles:***

- The Board reviewed the Draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant and warrant articles submitted for inclusion on the town meeting warrant. The Board entered into a discussion of the warrant articles.
- Chairman Trindade moved that articles nine (9) and ten (10) submitted by the Director of Public services regarding establishment of a storm water utility enterprise fund be deleted from the Annual Town Meeting warrant; seconded by Selectman Crowley; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).
- Chairman Trindade moved that article eleven 11 remain as a place holder and to delete specific capital improvement items and amounts until all recommendations from the Capital Improvement Program Committee have been formally submitted; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).
- Selectmen Crowley moved that article eight (8) regarding establishment of a Sewer Enterprise Fund be deleted from the Annual Town Meeting warrant; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Approve and sign warrant:***

- Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve and sign warrant number thirty five (35) for fiscal year '08 as read in the total amount of \$1,532,602.39; Selectman Foresto seconded; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

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***Approval of minutes:***

- Selectman Espinosa moved to approve the regular session meeting minutes of January 7, 1008; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).
- Selectman Espinosa moved to approve and release the executive session meeting minutes of January 7, 2008; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Approval of one day alcohol licenses:***

- Selectman Dunne moved that the Selectmen approve the one day beer and wine alcohol license requested by Jeanne Stevens at the St. Joseph's Parish Center on Saturday, June 28, 2008 from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight; seconded by Selectman Foresto; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).
- Selectman Dunne moved that the Selectmen approve the one day all alcohol license requested by St. Joseph's Parish for a Parish Dinner Event on Saturday, March 15, 2008, from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Consideration to hold a yard sale:***

- Selectman Espinosa moved that the Selectmen approve a yard sale permit at the Medway Shopping Plaza on Saturday, June 7 (June 8 rain date) requested by the Purr-fect Cat Shelter, Inc.; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Invitation to Eagle Scout Court of Honor:***

- Chairman Trindade indicated that the Board has been invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Matthew LaPan on Friday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Parish Center. Chairman Trindade instructed the administrative staff to prepare a recognition certificate for Matthew LaPan.

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

- Administrator Kennedy stated that she has been asked to join the School Superintendent Search Committee. Administrator Kennedy indicated that she is looking forward to participating with the Superintendent Search Committee.

***Reports of the Selectmen***

- Selectman Foresto reported that he and Chairman Trindade will be meeting in Boston next week with Comcast representatives and will update the board as warranted.
- Selectman Espinosa did not have a report this week. However, he referred to correspondence included in the Selectmen's packets from the Massachusetts

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Department of Environmental Protection regarding a noncompliance water test. Administrator Kennedy informed the Board that the Water Department inadvertently did not conduct the sample, but has since sent in the required sample and is back in compliance.

- Selectman Dunne reported that he attended the Library Trustees meeting on Tuesday and they discussed the warrant articles submitted and the current budget position.
- Selectman Crowley stated that the Water Sewer Commissioners will be holding a public meeting on Saturday, March 8 with parties affected by the Industrial Park Sewer extension project to vote on the proposed sewer route.

*Report of the Chairman.*

- Chairman Trindade referred to the letter from Life Scout Nathan Borstel regarding sidewalks and crosswalks in the Town. Chairman Trindade stated that the letter was well written and thanked the writer for taking time to address the board. Chairman Trindade commented that sidewalks and crosswalks improvements need to be reviewed.
- Chairman Trindade also referred to and read the thank-you letters forwarded to Chief Vinton from the Blackstone Fire Chief and the Bellingham Fire Chief commending the efforts and assistance from Medway's Fire Department.
- Chairman Trindade also stated that the Medway Charter bill is scheduled for a third reading. Chairman Trindade and Administrator Kennedy are hopeful that the bill will be signed by the end of the week.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson  
Administrative Services Assistant

*NOTE: APPROVED BY BOS ON*