

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S SPECIAL MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2008

5:40 p.m.: Chairman Trindade indicated that the Board would be entering into a discussion with members of the Water/Sewer Commission (Robert Heavy and Ronald Wilson) regarding the recent water rate study that was conducted by the Town's fiscal advisor. Other participants in the discussion included: Barbara Durand, Town Accountant; Melanie Phillips, Treasurer/Collector; Water Sewer Superintendent, Mark Flaherty; Lisa Dickinson and Clarke Rowell from UniBank.

- Mr. Clarke Rowell stated that representatives from the Town met on several occasions to discuss how the Water Sewer Department is run, development of a revenue study, various and anticipated projects with the main goal of maintaining a targeted fund balance.
- Mr. Rowell's presentation report included data calculations relative to debt-funded capital improvements program; current and projected debt/debt service; revenue and expenditure projections and changes in the fund balance. The draft plan study recommends regular increases to the water rates over the next ten years in order to provide reserved funds to cover costs for planned improvements of the water system. The parties reviewed and discussed the report that Mr. Rowell presented.
- The parties discussed bonding for present and future projects.
- Chairman Trindade inquired what the Water Sewer Commissioners thought's were relative to the study and the "water rate program".
- Superintendent Flaherty and Mr. Heavy indicated that the issue will be discussed at the next Water Sewer Commissioners meeting. Superintendent Flaherty indicated that a public hearing will be scheduled at the end of March and, hopefully, the new water rate increase would be effective in July.
- Administrator Kennedy indicated that the Treasurer Collector would also be available to assist with the elderly reduced-rate matter.
- Selectman Crowley indicated that he was pleased with the team work and suggested that the team work together to develop an explanation for the residents.

The Selectmen recessed and then continued with the scheduled Special Session meeting.

Present: Selectmen Glenn Trindade, Dennis Crowley, Rich Dunne, Andrew Espinosa and Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Administrative Services Assistant, Celeste Hanson were present. Selectman Foresto arrived late (8:20 p.m.)

7:04 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the meeting to order in Sanford Hall of Town Hall. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:** None.

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*Update on Senior Center Edition:*

- The Department of Public Services Director, David D'Amico, was present to provide the Board with an update on the Senior Center addition. Director D'Amico indicated that bids were recently received indicating \$118,000 would be needed to complete the edition. Director D'Amico indicated a new boiler will be installed which will improve the heating/cooling system for the center.
- Chairman Trindade inquired if the flooring specifications were upgraded. Director D'Amico suggested that the Town keep the current floor specifications as is and consider upgrading later in the process through a change order. Director D'Amico indicated that he could ask the architect to provide an estimate in anticipation of the floor upgrade.
- Selectman Dunne clarified that finishing of the Senior Center addition would cost additional funds over the \$200,000 expended through the grant received from the Commonwealth. Selectman Dunne reminded the Board that they voted to approve the \$200,000 grant to commence construction of the Senior Center addition with the understanding that any additional funds required to complete the center would need to be raised. Selectman Dunne stated that he will not support appropriating additional funding towards completion of the Senior Center addition.

*Discussion with Legislative Delegation:*

- Chairman Trindade was pleased to announce that the Town's Legislative Delegation was present to discuss some of the anticipated funding that the Town may receive from the Commonwealth. Chairman Trindade thanked the legislative delegation for always being available and the constant assistance received from them and their respective staff members.
- The members of the Town's legislative delegation (State Senator Karen Spilka; Representatives Paul Loscocco and James Vallee) came forward to provide an update to the Board.
- Senator Spilka indicated that the Town can expect a combined \$960,000 in state education and lottery aide in the next fiscal year. Senator Spilka indicated that the state budget will not be approved for a few more weeks, but was certain that the amount will remain stable as the House and Senate have reached an agreement on local aid so towns will know what to expect. Senator Spilka complimented the Board for their hard work in order to better the town's financial situation.
- Representative Loscocco stated that all three legislative representatives have worked together and continue to work well together in order to assist the Town in any way possible. Representative Loscocco stated that he would be happy to advocate for additional funds to assist in the completion of the Senior Center and he commended the Senior Center for its excellent programs. Representative Loscocco stated that he remains committed to assisting Medway in any way possible.

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- Representative Vallee also commended the Board for their hard work and agrees with Representative Loscocco and Senator Spilka that the Town can count on the anticipated local aid figure. Representative Vallee also stated that he will continue to advocate for Medway in any way possible.
- The parties entered into a lengthy discussion. Some issues discussed were tax relief programs, regionalization of services and state funding for roads. Planning Board Chairman, Andy Rodenhiser, came forward to explain developing the bottle cap properties.
- The Board thanked the legislative delegation for the update and for their continued assistance.

***Approve and sign warrant:***

- Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve and sign warrant number thirty six (36) for fiscal year '08 as read in the total amount of \$615,375.52; Selectman Foresto seconded; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Consideration to conduct a motor cycle run:***

- The board reviewed the correspondence submitted by Brenda Hamlin requesting permission to hold "The Purr-fect Ride", a motorcycle run to benefit the Purr-fect Cat Shelter on May 18, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- The Administrative Services Assistant verified that the respective public safety officials have been notified of the event and do not have any issues with holding the motorcycle run. She also confirmed that the motorcycle run was also held last year with no issues.
- After a brief discussion, Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve the request submitted by Brenda Hamelin to hold "The Purr-fect Ride" on May 18, 2008, beginning at 11:00 a.m. to benefit the Purr-fect Cat Shelter; seconded by Selectman Espinosa; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

***Consideration to conduct a boot drive:***

- The board reviewed the correspondence submitted by the Medway Secondary Home and School Association, Inc. requesting permission to conduct a boot drive at the Medway Commons Plaza and the Medway Plaza on Saturday, April 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to benefit the After Prom Party.
- The Administrative Services Assistant verified that the respective public safety officials have been notified of the event and do not have any issues with holding the boot drive. She also confirmed that the "Association" has liability insurance and will provide such to the Town before commencing the event.

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- After a brief discussion, Selectman Espinosa moved that the Board approve the request to conduct a boot drive on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Medway Commons and Medway Plazas from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. submitted by the Medway Secondary Home and School Association, Inc.; seconded by Selectman Dunne; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

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

- Administrator Kennedy stated that she would like to form two committees after the Annual Town Meeting (the Revenue Enhancement Committee and the Snow and Ice Committee).

***Reports of the Selectmen:***

- Selectman Crowley reminded the audience and individuals listening from home that the last day to pull election papers is Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> and that all nomination papers must be returned by Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Selectman Dunne reported that the Library Trustees have been meeting to discuss library operational hours; the Trustees would like to open for thirty two hours, with some Saturday hours. Selectman Dunne stated that the next meeting of the Library Trustees is scheduled for April 1 and he will inquire about sharing library services.
- Selectman Espinosa stated that the program taping "Talk of the Town" with the Water Group took place on March 6. Selectmen Espinosa thought that the taping session went well. The session will soon be aired on the Town's Cable Channel.
- Selectman Foresto stated that he, Administrator Kennedy, Superintendent Grandmont, Dave Verdolino and Susan Connolly met with representatives of the SBA in Boston on Friday, March 7. Selectman Foresto stated that the two-hour meeting was very informative. He stated that the parties are putting a plan together and will need to perform a needs assessment and submit the plan to the SBA. Selectman Foresto stated that he will update the Board as warranted. Selectman Foresto also stated that he will be meeting with Comcast representatives soon and will provide the Board with an update as warranted.

***Report of the Chairman:***

- Chairman Trindade read the written commendation from Chief Tingley regarding three members of the Medway Police Department; Officer Donald "Punky" Grimes for his investigative work and arrest in connection with the threatening message written on the second floor bathroom wall at the Middle School on January 30; Officer John McLaughlin and Officer Joseph MacDougall for the outstanding performance responding to a serious motor vehicle accident on February 6 where a young mother and her six year old daughter were trapped in a vehicle, both suffering from serious life-threatening injuries. Both Officers were credited for their quick response when they arrived on the scene and found the child not breathing. The Officers freed the child from the vehicle, opened her airway and

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stabilized her injuries prior to the arrival of an ambulance which played an important role in saving the child.

- Chairman Trindade referred to the memorandum dated March 8 from the Planning Board relative to "Business Signs on Town Owned Property. Chairman Trindade instructed the Administrative Services Assistant to schedule the matter for discussion with the Planning Board at an upcoming Selectmen's meeting.

9:25 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, Selectman Crowley moved that the meeting be adjourned; Selectman Foresto seconded; all ayes 5-0-0 (voted).

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Hanson  
Administrative Services Assistant