

FINAL MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN MEETING
July 28, 2008

Present: Chairman Glenn Trindade, Selectmen Andrew Espinosa, Richard Dunne and Dennis Crowley; Town Administrator, Suzanne Kennedy and Board Secretary, Wendy Harrington were present.

Absent: Selectman John Foresto

7:06 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the Selectmen’s meeting to order in Sanford Hall, All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Selectmen’s meeting.

Representative Vallee Presentation: Rep. Vallee was unable to attend so Chairman Trindade asked that he be put on any future agenda that works for his schedule. Town Administrator Kennedy will reschedule.

Agenda item #1: Approval of Warrants

Selectman Crowley read the warrants. **Motion by Selectman Espinosa to approve warrants # 4 for 7/31/08 gross payroll \$123,364.79, second by Mr. Dunne. No discussion, all ayes 4-0-0**

Agenda item #2: Approval of Minutes

It was decided that minutes for 4/22/08 (and executive session), 5/2/08 (and executive session), 6/2/08, 6/16/08 and 7/14/08 would be held for a future meeting. **Motion to approve and release Executive Session Minutes for June 16, 2008 by Mr. Dunne, second by Mr. Espinosa. No discussion, all ayes 4-0-0. Motion to approve and not release Executive Session Minutes for July 14, 2008 by Mr. Dunne, second by Mr. Espinosa. No discussion 3-0-1 (1 abstain due to absence).**

Agenda item #3: Consideration of Committee/Board Appointments-Appointment Candidates to attend

Metropolitan Area Planning Council/MAPC 1 appointment, 2 candidates 3 year term

Raphaella Rozanski: Requesting re-appointment. MAPC is an economic development program that is funded by the towns as an assessment on the cherry sheet. They also apply for regional grants to help with funding.

Ms Rozanski has served for approximately 3 years and has an extensive background in town government. Ms. Rozanski explained that the roadwork that Medway has seen in recent years is a result of support to the project by MAPC and SWAP. Currently they are working on Rte 109 project.

Chan Rogers: Requesting appointment to MAPC. Mr. Rogers is currently a member of the Planning Board who is a rep to SWAP.

Mr. Rogers has a 60-year career in planning and design and has been involved with some very large projects in the Metropolitan Boston area. Mr. Rogers is retired so he has a lot of time to dedicate to working on these projects by attending monthly meetings.

Mr. Rogers explained that MAPC is a federally mandated program that must approve all transportation programs that are funded with federal money.

Motion by Mr. Dunne to appoint Raphaela Rozanski because Chan Rogers is already a member through the Planning Board, second by Mr. Espinosa. Discussion: Mr. Dunne stated that Chan has 2 years left on the Planning Board, this gets more people involved in the process. Vote: 2 for 2 against (Mr. Crowley and Mr. Trindade voted against)

Mr. Crowley explained that his “no” was because in his 2 years as a Selectman he has never had a presentation by Ms. Rozanski on behalf of MAPC. He would have liked to know what was going on there and what they were accomplishing on behalf of Medway.

Mr. Trindade voted no because he believes that Mr. Rogers resume is more extensive in this field, he has lots of contacts and expertise in this area and he believes Mr. Rogers can get more accomplished for our town.

Mr. Espinosa explained that he believes that it’s really not how many meetings you attend or the number of years you are involved, it’s someone who can communicate what our town needs and the ability to influence the decisions that is important to him. The Rte 109 project is very important.

It was decided due to a 2-2 vote on this appointment that it would be held for the 8/4/08 meeting when Mr. Foresto is present. Appointees do not need to attend; Mr. Foresto will contact them with any questions prior to 8/4/08.

Southwest Area Planning Committee: SWAP 1 Appointment, 1 Candidate 1-year term

Paul Yorkis: Mr. Yorkis is seeking re-appointment. He has been serving on SWAP for approximately 15 years. Mr. Yorkis explained SWAP has multiple voices and multiple opinions but Medway gets one vote. The committee members for each town get together and agree on their vote. SWAP is the initiator and brings back information to the towns.

Motion by Mr. Crowley to appoint Paul Yorkis, second by Mr. Dunne, no discussion, all in favor 4-0-0.

Council on Aging: 7 appointments, 7 Candidates 3-year terms

MaryLou Staples, Robert Goode, William Scherer, Sr., John Wooster, Chan Rogers were present. Nanette Glenn and Vonnie Clark were absent.

Ms. Staples Chairman of COA explained that serving on the COA is a commitment in which members must attend meetings. Should you miss 3 consecutive meetings without notifying the Chair, the by-laws state that you can be voted off. Meetings take place with formal Minutes and motions.

Motion by Mr. Dunne to appoint MaryLou Staples, Robert Goode, William Scherer, Sr., John Wooster, Chan Rogers, Nanette Glenn and Vonnie Clark, second by Mr. Espinosa, no discussion, all in favor 4-0-0.

Richard Plant: Requested appointment to 1 of 3 different Committees. Mr. Plant is a Senior Clients Analyst for John Hancock and is interested in becoming involved in the town of Medway. It was decided that Mr. Plant would be appointed to the Historical Commission.

Motion to appoint Richard Plant to a 3-year term on the Historical Commission by Mr. Trindade, second by Mr. Espinosa, no discussion, all ayes 4-0-0.

Zoning Board of Appeals: 3 voting, 1 non-voting, 2 Candidates 3 year terms

Carol Gould: Ms. Gould is seeking appointment for a 3 year term with the ZBA, she has a paralegal degree with Real Estate Law as a focus and is interested in how property is going to be developed in the Town of Medway.

David Cole: Mr. Cole was not present to discuss his re-appointment.

Motion by Mr. Dunne to appoint Carol Gould and David Cole to 3-year terms on the Zoning Board of Appeals, second by Mr. Crowley. Discussion: Mr. Crowley wanted to emphasize that making Ms. Gould is making a commitment and hopes that she will honor that commitment to attend the meetings. All ayes 4-0-0.

Capital Improvement Program Committee: 1 Appointment, 1 candidate 2-year term

Brian Lajeunesse: Mr. Lajeunesse is an attorney who is interested in serving the town of Medway.

Motion to appoint Brian Lajeunesse to the CIPC by Mr. Crowley, second by Mr. Dunne, no discussion, all ayes 4-0-0.

It was decided to hold all other appointments/discussions on appointments until the 8/4 meeting as the other candidates are not present to interview/meet.

Agenda item #4: Civic Pride Proposal-Tom Shea present

Mr. Shea is a past FinCom Chairman who has lived in Medway approximately ten years. He sees that there are a lot of fun events that take place here that should be celebrated and embraced. His vision is to have banners hung from telephone poles on Rte 109 (there are 19 poles) to advertise events. Many times these fun civic events aren't advertised on the front few pages of the newspaper and we should take advantage of letting our residents know about them.

TA Kennedy is waiting for a response from Verizon about connecting signs to telephone poles. Mr. Foresto is also involved in the communications with Verizon. TA Kennedy will contact the Town of Medfield to ask their policy and how they got this task accomplished.

It is the hope that businesses (through the business council) will sponsor this project.

Mr. Trindade hopes that the advertisement of these events could also take place through the town web-site and school email list.

Forming a group of volunteers (spear headed by Mr. Shea), contacting verizon for permission, meeting with the Medway Business Council and meeting with Mr. D'Amico and Mr. Foresto for other ideas are the starting steps to this project.

Agenda item #5: Discussion of Proposed Budget, Town Meeting and Election Calendars-hold until 8/4/08 meeting

Town Administrator's Report:

MIIA: The TA explained the many benefits of working with MIIA and explained how she is working to engage the staff in participating in the many seminars that MIIA has to offer. She has

been working on getting the schools involved and MIIA is about to roll out a new health care program. Participation in workshops helps to maximize our dollars.

Records Management Vendor: The TA would like to appropriate money to help clean up our records and record retention procedures within Town Hall.

Sewer Contract: TA Kennedy would like to plan to award the bid on 8/4/08. She will work with the engineering consultant to get copies of the contract documents so they can be put in the BOS packages on Friday for the Monday 8/4/08 meeting.

Winthrop Street: TA Kennedy received an email late today from Town Counsel regarding this issue. This purchase is now going through probate. A confirmatory deed must be filed after estate taxes are paid. There will be no contesting to this transaction.

Town Counsel stated “Do not allow 3rd parties to use the property until probate is complete”.

TA Kennedy has put together a survey for use of the property and will get it to BOS to review before putting it up on the web-site.

Dennis would like to see the business plan and budget for the Natick farm that Heather promised him.

Selectman Dunne’s report: None

Selectman Espinosa’s report: None

Selectman Crowley’s report:

1. Acting Fire Chief to come in with '09 financing and manpower allocations
2. Middle School sprinkler system update, supposed to be complete by 6/30, is it completed yet?
3. Need to appoint a 3rd member of the board of assessors by 8/4/08
4. Prelim. End of year figures? TA Kennedy sent to DOR on Thurs, will get BOS a copy 7/29.
5. Airforce Band will be at Choate on Friday night, August 1st. Anticipating 400-500 people, parking will be taken care of at Cassidy Field.

Chairman Trindade’s report: None

Motion by Chairman Trindade at 9:10pm to move to a closed Executive Session for reason of contract negotiations, with no intent to return to open session. Second by Mr. Dunne, no discussion. Roll call vote Mr. Dunne-aye, Mr. Espinosa-aye, Mr. Trindade-aye, Mr. Crowley-aye. 4-0-0

The next regular session of the Board of Selectmen is due to take place on Monday August 4, 2008 7:00pm at Sanford Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Board of Selectmen Secretary

***Minutes approved 8/4/08**