

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL
December 1, 2008
School Committee Room-Medway Middle School 6:30pm

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

Absent:

6:35 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the Selectmen’s meeting to order in the School Committee Room at Medway Middle School

Senior Center Grant Allowance-Missy Dzikczek and Mary Lou Staples

It has been suggested by Rep. Vallee that the Board of Selectmen concur with him on a suggestion to expend any remaining balance of the Senior Center Grant for non construction purposes, specifically a computer, stove, tables and a toaster. This will help to complete the Senior Center project.

The project is under budget currently and per Mary Lou Staples will finish almost close to budget. Mary Lou also advised if the project goes over budget the Friends of the Elders will make up the difference, to ensure staying under budget.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board allow any monies left over from the grant to be spent on non construction items; Selectman Dunne seconded; Discussion: Frank Faist, FinCom Chair asked for a clarification of the amount of money spent with the grant etc. (See below) all ayes 5-0.

The cost that was bonded was \$185,000; the grant was for \$25,000. Administrator Kennedy explained that currently \$177,000 in bond and grant obligations spent. The Planning Board had a company that proposed building a large development which would fall under a special permit. As part of the deal the contractor would pay \$100,000 to the Senior Center. The development fell through, thus no \$100,000, so the Town stepped in to help. If another project comes forward requiring a special permit the money will go to the town and not to the Senior Center.

Board of Assessor’s Appointment-Harry Johnson

The Board of Selectmen was presented with a resume for John McKiernan for appointment to the Board of Assessors. Mr. McKiernan reviewed his qualifications with the Board and the Selectmen reviewed his resume.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve the appointment of John McKiernan; Seconded by Selectman Espinosa; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Authorization of Chair to Execute Contract Amendment for Additional Services by and between the Town of Medway and Tata & Howard, Inc.- Paul Sirois

It was explained that the model forecast and what was on the maps for the water lines were not accurate and there were obstacles in the roads. This results in \$10,000 more

than anticipated and Tata & Howard would like to extend the contract from 180 days to 300 days.

Administrator Kennedy explained she has been asked by DEP to submit a report on flushing and if there are chlorine residuals. DEP is interested in if there are well rounded chlorine residuals throughout the town. These extra tasks are funded by monies appropriated for the Water Master Plan.

Selectman Crowley would like to include “not to exceed” language.

Selectman Crowley moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the contract amendment for additional services to Tata & Howard to extend to 300 days and increase the cost by \$10,000; Seconded by Selectman Dunne; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Board of Assessor’s review of Overlay Account-Harry Johnson

Administrator Kennedy and Mr. Johnson explained the Overlay Account. This account is reserved for “bad debt” which includes Abatement requests, statutory exceptions (people in need of assistance) and work programs for seniors. The amount of requests vary each year with roughly 20 per year in Medway being requested and the real estate market plays a key role.

At 7:05pm the Selectmen delayed their regular meeting to move to the scheduled combined meeting of the Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee.

Combined meeting ended at 9:52pm and the Selectmen returned to regular Selectmen’s Meeting

Town Administrator’s Report-Sewer Master Plan-Administrator Kennedy

Administrator Kennedy announced that she recently learned of a Sewer Master Plan that was established in 1999. In early January she would like to hold a workshop to review and she feels that it may behoove the Town to update the plan. Funding came from a \$50,000 warrant article. Melanie Phillips, Treasurer Collector advised that the money has never been borrowed. It was determined that a joint meeting with Haley & Ward should take place to see if an update is necessary. The Board may invite the Water/Sewer Commission to attend and comment.

Approval of Minutes-held for next meeting

Approval of Warrants Warrant #22 dated December 4, 2008. Town Bills \$583,740.40, Gross Payroll Town \$91,524.27, Total \$675,264.67.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approved the Warrants as read; Seconded by Selectman Espinosa; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Selectmen’s Report

Trindade- Nothing to report

Crowley- Nothing to report

Espinosa-Nothing to report

Foresto-Nothing to report

Dunne-Selectman Dunne wanted to thank the Council on Aging for hosting a wonderful open house event.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board accept and release the executive session minutes of 9/15/08, 9/22/08 and 10/6/08, providing they are approved for release in executive session; Seconded by Selectman Espinosa; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

10:10pm Chairman Trindade moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned and the Selectmen enter into Executive Session with no intent to return to open session for reason number three "To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation..." Selectman Crowley seconded; Roll call vote: Espinosa-aye; Crowley-aye; Trindade-aye; Dunne-nay; Foresto-aye; 4-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Harrington

Executive Assistant

*Approved 3/16/09