

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING Final
June 15, 2009 6:31 pm
Room 111, Medway High School

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

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31pm

Public Comment: None

Sewer Extension Project Update:

Administrator Kennedy advised that the Police Chief, Project Manager and Paul Sirios plan to go over the budget to actuals and they are planning for the worse case scenario. There may be an additional \$100k expense due to more rock and anticipate a review of the situation in two weeks. Police details may increase by \$30K and the oil spill cost \$80K to clean up.

Selectman Trindade arrived at 6:36pm.

Selectman Crowley explained there is an allowance of \$200K for a bid item for paving which could be used temporarily if the project ran over. All agreed that they would like to see the actual numbers sooner rather than later.

Town Counsel and Town Accountant arrived at 6:45pm

Trane Contract Update:

Selectman Foresto explained that he met with the Superintendent, Dave Verdolino and Chairman of the School Committee and they have not added anything to the contract over what the ESCO Committee agreed upon. Currently, there is no contract with the correct amount of money printed on it. It should be received tomorrow. There has not been given a notice to proceed to date. Mr. Verdolino will ask for the exact same amount as what was agreed to at Town Meeting and he will work with Trane to resolve some adjustments to the contract that need to be made. Mr. Verdolino told the group that met earlier that if there are adjustments to be made, he will take them out of his own budget.

Selectmen Trindade and Crowley believe the town should get a final look at the contract before it is signed.

A discussion took place on the school funding the extra money if it's not in their budget.

Town Clerk request for salary increase:

Selectman Trindade reviewed with the Board the facts he found while interviewing other towns of similar size.

Chairman Espinosa offered that the Selectmen already voted against this request, the Finance Committee voted against it and he would like to address what issues may come up on the floor and how to handle them as a group.

Mark Cerel, Town Moderator joined the meeting at 6:59pm.

Mr. Cerel advised that if the Board takes a position, one can speak for it. If each person has new information then they can all speak.

Mr. Espinosa believes that the Town Clerk should focus on her own position and why an increase is important and what changes should be made. Selectman Dunne agreed. Selectman Trindade believes that the Board's position on this item should be spelled out.

Chairman Espinosa would like this to be kept simple, that as a group we do not support this increase but if one of the Selectmen would like to speak and Mr. Cerel gives them that liberty we go from there.

FinCom Chairman Frank Faist joined the meeting at 7:05 and offered that no specifics were given as to the request for a pay increase. The Town Clerk went before the Fincom and asked for more money, Fincom voted to supposed the BOS and not give her an increase and she had not requested any additional staff hours for her department.

All agreed that the Town Clerk was asking at a very late date.

Article 34

A discussion took place regarding Article 34. Mr. Cerel will leave to the end of Town Meeting as there may be much discussion. It was stated that if an article is tabled it goes away after the meeting.

Article 31

Discussed Article 31 and it was mentioned there are issues with parcel D and vernal pools. ConCom has ongoing issues and Chairman Espinosa will try to speak with the ConCom Chairman about this.

It was also mentioned that there are issues with vernal pools on the Winthrop Street property soon to house the organic farm.

Attorney Saint Andre spoke to speaking on an issue as a member of a board or as a citizen. Chairman Espinosa's views are not representative of the board regarding the adult zoning article. It was agreed that if he chooses to speak to this issue he will do so at the back of the room at the microphone and state "I speak as a resident of the town". This will insure to residents that he is speaking as a resident not as a selectmen.

Warrants:

#50 dated 6/16/09

Total \$734,119.19

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the warrants as read; Selectman Dunne seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

At 7:18pm Chairman Espinosa moved that the Board adjourn to executive session for exemption reason number 6 “To consider the purchase exchange, lease or value of real property if discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body and a person, firm or corporation” with no intent to return to open session; Selectman Trindade seconded; Roll call vote: Selectman Foresto-aye, Selectman Dunne-aye; Selectman Trindade; aye; Chairman Espinosa-aye; Selectman Crowley-aye.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Executive Assistant

*Approved 6-29-09