

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING FINAL

July 27, 2009 7:00 pm

Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall

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

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM

Public Comment:

Paul DeSimone came before the Board to discuss his dismay with a building located at Oakland and Route 109 that is falling down. A member of the Board of Health believes there is a demolition order with the Building Inspector. Mr. Fisher, Health Agent visited the site with the Building Inspector and believes the issue is with the Zoning Board currently and is slated to be torn down in September. Mr. DeSimone was advised that this is a building department issue and that his concerns will be investigated.

There was no cable signal, so the meeting did not air live and it was not taped.

Elder affairs grant expenditure

Missy Dzikczek explained that this is an annual grant.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to approve a grant from MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs for \$11,085.00; Selectman Dunne seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2009

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the minutes of July 13, 2009 as amended; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; all ayes 3-0. (Selectman Dunne was not present at the 7/13/09 meeting).

National land bank Gregg Caporossi, Project Mgr, The Trust for Public Land and John Schroeder, Open Space

National Land Bank is a national non-profit organization whose mission is to conserve land for people. They help identify, acquire and fund property for conservation and foster a greater connection between people and the land where they live. They help communities achieve goals with funding through state and federal grant applications, as well as private capital campaigns. The land bank helps to acquire and convey properties but does not go into the chain of title, they the put terms together, help finance and get property conveyed, at no cost to the town.

Mr. Schroeder has identified several parcels in town that the TPL could move forward to work on and Mr. Schroeder would like to see the BOS vote to help to make this

relationship more formal. The Open space committee was unanimous in recommending the TPL to proceed.

Selectman Trindade suggested that a technical assistance letter should be drafted by the Open Space Committee, and approved by the Board of Selectmen that authorizes the TPL to come in and work with the Open Space Committee.

Emergency Management Performance Grant Chief Tingley and Chief Trufant

This grant is to pay for the Emergency Management Director and give the director the ability to update the emergency management plan, which has not been changed since 1998.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to sign the Emergency Management Performance grant; Selectman Foresto seconded; Discussion: Selectman Crowley confirmed there is no matching capital to be concerned with, this is a FEMA grant to Massachusetts; all ayes 5-0.

Appointment of Board of Health Member Mike Heavey and Robert Collum, Board of Health Members

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board appoint Kathleen McCarthy to the Board of Health; Selectman Trindade seconded; no discussion; Roll call vote: Foresto-aye; Trindade-aye; Dunne-aye; Espinosa-aye; Crowley-ayes; Hoban-aye; Collum-aye. It should be duly noted that the Board of Health unanimously voted to appoint Kathleen McCarthy.

Capital Improvement Plan Committee Appointments

CIPC met with all candidates and they voted to recommend Richard Briggs, Bruce Hamblin and Peter Sigrist. Justin Windus and Bill Moore were also strong candidates.

Bruce Hamblin was present to offer his background for review. Justin Windus was also present and Chairman Espinosa welcomed his enthusiasm, Selectman Crowley will set up a time for them to meet and chat about possible committees openings.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Richard Briggs and Bruce Hamblin to the CIPC both for 4 year terms; Selectman Dunne seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Cemetery Commission Appointment

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Bruce Hamblin to a one year term on the Cemetery Commission; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Medway Community Farm Liaison Committee

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board create a Medway Community Farm Liaison Committee; Selectman Dunne seconded; Discussion: number of seats needs to be defined consisting of 7 citizens; Selectman Trindade amended this motion; all ayes 5-0.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Phyllis Cerel, Bob Tucker, Patrick McHullam, Dennis Crowley, David Kaeli, Susan Rorke, Rich Dunne to an unspecified term length to the Medway Community Farm Liaison Committee; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; all ayes 3-0 (Dunne and Crowley abstained).

Ms. Affleck-Childs will get a meeting organized in August.

Educational Fund Appointments-Dr. Evans provided backup information since the last meeting, she has met with this group, and correspondence was included in the Selectmen's packet.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board re-appoint Marion Cole and Lou-Ellen Maiorana to the Educational Fund Committee; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

There remains an opening on the Board of Assessors. This position will be advertised and any candidate will be asked to attend a future meeting for appointment.

The appointments to the Conservation Commission will be held for a future meeting.

Water department matters

It has been recommended by WhiteWater to begin hydrant flushing August 3, 2009. The initial phase is hydrant maintenance as well as a training program for staff. This will take a few weeks and then be followed by the flushing program. The first few flushes will be worse than in the past. It was suggested that the plans and a timeline be posted to the website for residents to view. Going forward the hydrant maintenance will be done by town staff, but flushing will depend on who/when etc.

Advertising alternatives were discussed and will be addressed.

Hydrant maintenance

A database will be set up from the data obtained; the assistant superintendent will be involved and trained for future maintenance.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to enter into a hydrant inspection and maintenance program, by and between WhiteWater, Inc. and the Town of Medway not to exceed \$35,000; Selectman Dunne seconded; No discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Cross connection

A new vendor is needed for cross connection for businesses as required by DEP. Businesses must be inspected for cross connection control. The vendor previously used is no longer available. The cost will be approximately \$10,000 for approximately 200 businesses.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board authorize the chair to enter into an agreement for a consulting of a Cross Connection Control Program by and between Water Safety Services, Inc. and the Town of Medway for \$30/survey, \$33/test, not to exceed \$15,000;

Selectman Trindade seconded; Discussion: is this money in the rate schedule, Dave D'Amico informed the Board that it is; all ayes 5-0.

Oakland well cleaning Greg Eldridge, Tata & Howard was present

Until a few years ago Oakland Street well provided the largest amount of water for this town. Running this well continuously hurt the water quality. With the new wells online, Medway shouldn't have to rely on Oakland. We don't want to abandon this well, but if the usage can be cut down this will limit the contamination. The overall goal is to get the other wells up to where they should be. Oakland should be cleaned and only run a short amount of time each day.

Mr. Eldridge explained his recommendations for bids for the cleaning of the Oakland Well. Specialized Acid Treatment was explained. This plan is to clean the well to raise the production flow. It is not a conventional clean. If it doesn't work we will go back to the conventional clean. There are old articles that could be used to fund the cleaning.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the chairman to enter into an agreement with FG Sullivan for well cleaning of the Oakland Street well, not to exceed \$49,614, with the final amount based on performance of said cleaning; Selectman Dunne seconded; Discussion: If the specialized acid doesn't work after the first day, will go back to the conventional means and the not to exceed covers the costs 5-0.

The water main on industrial park road well is complete, with the water main having been activated. Mr. Eldridge is reviewing a Change Order from the contractor. Pulverizing and repaving is all that is remaining.

Scada is being installed at two tanks. The enclosures are up at the two tanks, contractors working on it, panels are being built right now. Target date to start up is Sept the equipment is being installed in August. Selectman Crowley wants to make sure the training and manpower is all covered. Selectman Trindade mentioned the lack of air conditioning at the Populatic well. This issue will be addressed.

Populatic well-There are minor revisions to the engineering, which needs to be taken care of, Mr. Eldridge will address.

Sewer Project update on roadwork Dave Aimola

Mr. Aimola addressed the Board on the road updates and finances. The article in paper was correct there is an over run in rock, we have always known about it, this is in areas that were not probed, because the easements weren't in place. We didn't know it was there because there were no probes done.

Progress:

Crew #1 is working on West Street. They are blasting 3-4 blasts per day, but we knew they would be slow in this area. Crew #2 turned up onto Alder Street. They moved up to Trotter to put in temporary water and probing ahead of the other crew. The temporary water is installed. Tata & Howard are working on a punch list now so everything keeps

moving. Making a request to get the service connections done before school starts, to eliminate detail costs and traffic issues with school buses.

Change Order #2 discussed at the last meeting was finalized, the contractor asked for 35 days, Tata & Howard gave them 14 days.

Change Order #3 is a placeholder, probably coming in at about \$25,000 for drain and guardrail

Change Order #4 water main, not to exceed \$112,900. Selectman Dunne asked if this is a water or sewer line item. Administrator Kennedy spoke to the fiscal advisor and it was determined this is a sewer issue because it's a sewer project.

Paving-Dave D'Amico spoke to Paul Sirois at Haley and Ward. If stayed with in the 10 feet contractor is responsible. If the contractor goes beyond the 10 feet, to say remove a boulder it was his choice to make the trench bigger, thus his expense. We don't have a paving number at this time. The contractor could turn the final paving back over to the town and adjust the cost of the contractor. Dave Aimola suggests that temporary paving be done and then wait on the final paving over at least one winter.

Shaw street update-

There are conservation issues that have been placed on the August 6, 2009 ConCom agenda. Working on getting borings this week, to do some engineering, \$40K will complete the engineering. It is still a mystery where the money is at this point. Mr. D'Amico is working with MA Highway and Senator Spilka's office trying to get this taken care of. Preliminary negotiations are in the works with landowner's for easements to get this done. The new conservation agent will be included in this project. Brian Snow, Concom believes this will go smoothly.

2009/2010 paving

Mr. D'Amico has instructed Murray Paving to get those streets that are supposed to be done in 2009 done now. There is no schedule in hand. Mr. D'Amico is holding off on the 2010 streets, as he doesn't want to over commit. The contractor is backed up because of weather. Selectman Crowley wants these roads done now and wants the contractor to deal with his schedule now. Selectman Trindade wants the residents to be communicated to.

At 9:35pm Selectman Trindade moved that the Board move to Executive Session, Exemption 3 (To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining position. Also, to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; to actually conduct collective bargaining and contract negotiations with non-union personnel) and Exemption 6 (to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of Real Property, with the intent to return to public session. Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; Roll Call Vote Trindade-aye; Foresto-aye; Espinosa-aye; Crowley-aye; Dunne-aye.

At 10:26pm Selectman Trindade moved that the Board adjourn executive session and return to open session; Selectman Foresto seconded; Roll call vote: Selectman Foresto-aye; Selectman Trindade-aye; Chairman Espinosa-aye; Selectman Crowley-aye.

Meals Tax Discussion

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board not increase the meals and hotel tax; Selectman Trindade seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Communication

Selectman Trindade will write up and volunteer some suggestions and ideas on how better to communicate with the residents, staff and media.

Warrants

Warrant #04

Town bills \$ 459,604.46

Total \$ 459,604.46

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

Action Items

Action items list was reviewed

Liaison assignments-assignments changed

Town Administrator's Report

1. A permanent FT building commissioner has been appointed.
2. Rating upgrade BAA1 to BAA- 4 jumps up
3. Met with Selectman Foresto, Dave Verdolino and Beth Greenblatt regarding Federal Stimulus monies.
4. A meeting is needed to discuss betterments.

Selectmen's Reports

Trindade- none

Foresto none

Crowley .none

Espinosa none

Dunne none

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board adjourn at 10:50pm; Selectman Dunne seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Executive Assistant
*Approved 9/21/09