

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN MEETING Final
January 14, 2009
Sanford Hall, Town Hall 6:00pm

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

Absent:

6:03 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the Selectmen’s meeting to order in Sanford Hall, Medway Town Hall

Public Comments: None

2009 Class II License Renewal Discussion-Michael Doyle-(Allison Potter, Assistant to the Town Administrator)

Mr. Doyle was in attendance to reassure the Selectmen that he is not selling automobiles from his residence and is in compliance with state law.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board renew the 2009 Class II License for Michael Doyle; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion: all ayes 5-0.

Ratification- Medway Public Employees’ Local Union Contract (2007-2009)

The contract with the Medway Public Employees has been worked out and is similar to the fire, police and education contract. All unions have agreed to bi-weekly pay periods and accrued vacation monthly prospectively. Lengthy discussions took place with cross training, staff upgrades, planning coordination, assistant treasurer/collector position, assistant accountant position, and sick leave bank, no unlimited sick leave and insurance contributions being agreed upon. All contracts start/end on the same date of 7/1/09.

This contract is a result of goals the Selectmen set years ago including removal of unlimited sick time, bi-weekly payroll and accrued vacation. The contract brings parody to the package and now accurately reflects private industry.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board ratify the municipal 2007-2009 contract; Seconded by Selectman Espinosa; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Administrator Kennedy noted that for two years monies have been allocated to salary reserve so as to be prepared for the contract settlement funding. The approval for funding will take place at the STM on February 24, 2009.

Approval-Emergency Transfer Request to Capital Improvement Planning Committee-(Jim Palladino, CIPC Chair)

CIPC would like to request an ETR for secretary salary in the amount of \$1120.00. (\$799.58 from 10/1/08 to 12/31/08 and \$365.52 from today until 6/30/09) CIPC held numerous meetings to get requests compiled and projects completed for presentations. Money will be transferred from FinCom reserve. Selectman Crowley asked that CIPC stay within budget from now on.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board approve the ETR in the amount of \$1120.00; Seconded by Selectman Foresto; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board open the February 24, 2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant; Seconded by Selectman Dunne, no discussion; all ayes 5-0

Selectman Dunne advised that the City of Boston and Mayor Menino has publically announced a \$140 Million cut and he would like to discuss with the unions to consider a pay freeze for one year. He believes this will maintain service and the current head count. He believes this will set policy and show leadership.

Chairman Trindade would like to invite the Superintendent of Schools and Chairperson of the School Committee to sit in on an executive session to discuss what's best for the community.

Selectman Foresto believes that setting policy is a good idea but discussing with union leaders face to face should be done ASAP.

It was agreed by all that an open dialog and showing leadership, at the same time as trying to not make the process adversarial is the best way to approach.

Selectman Foresto also mentioned that there has been no talk about revenue, permitting/licensing fee increases.

FY10 Budget Projections-(Melanie Philips, Treasurer/Collector and Carol Pratt, Town Accountant)

Ms. Phillips and Ms. Pratt handed out Budget Projection data. Budget projections were discussed in detail, with FY09 Revenues, FY10 Forecast Revenues, FY10 Modified Level Funded Forecast Revenues, FY10 State Aid Reduction of 5% Forecast Revenues and FY10 State Aid Reduction of 10% Forecast Revenues all being compared.

Modified level funded was the best scenario to review as it provided the same state aid as was provided last year. With the same Cherry Sheet number and level service there would be a shortfall of \$604,644. If there is a 10% cut the shortfall would be roughly \$1.6 million, this would be 10% less than what was received in r FY2009.

Medway's stabilization fund formed and the Town was mandated to build up the balance as deficit funding. In years past the Town has dipped into that fund and it has been a negative balance. So it is the believe of this board to not touch that fund and work on possibly using free cash to help resolve some of the demands for the next two years.

Selectman Crowley would like the Town to review non-recurring costs and reminded the Selectmen that we are in better shape than most communities.

Selectman Dunne offered a thought that we should be working towards building a community and not continue the school side/town side approach.

A brief discussion regarding Tri-County and their budget took place. It was agreed that Administrator will contact Linda Reynolds, Medway's Tri-County Rep and ask her to attend the January 20, 2009 Selectman's meeting.

Bob Perella, resident of 28 Broad Acres Road

Mr. Pirella wanted to voice his concern of issues pertaining to a call to 911 on January 12, 2009 in which there were apparently problems with the alarm box located on Alder Street, across from Mr. Pirella's place of business.

Administrator Kennedy advised that Fire Chief Trufant is aware of this issue, he believed after having contractors work on the problem, that the issue was resolved, apparently it is not. Administrator Kennedy will report back to Mr. Pirella and the Selectman with an update.

At 7:00pm regular session of the Selectmen's meeting ended and Selectmen Dunne, Crowley and Espinosa remained for a regular session of the Finance Committee. No votes were taken while the Selectmen were present. Selectmen were present to listen to a discussion with Town Counsel in which Town Counsel clarified the Finance Committee's role in the budget preparation as it pertains to the new Charter.

7:40pm Selectman Dunne moved that the regular session meeting be adjourned; Selectman Espinosa seconded; no discussion; all ayes 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Executive Assistant
*Approved 4-6-09