

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN MEETING FINAL
February 24, 2009
Medway Middle School 6:00pm

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

Absent:

6:10 p.m. – Chairman Trindade called the Selectmen’s meeting to order in a Middle School classroom to discuss remaining articles that have not been recommended for the Special Town Meeting being held at 7:00pm in the Middle School Auditorium.

Rob Pomponio from the Historical Commission was present to discuss Article #17. The purpose of this article is to give the Historical Commission the time to review the demolition permits in a timely manner. Currently there is only 14 days allowed to review and they would like to change it to 60 days and have scheduled a public hearing to discuss and hear opinions from the taxpayers.

Selectman Crowley moved that the board support Article 17; Selectman Espinosa seconded; no discussion; all ayes 5-0.

Mr. Pomponio gave an update on the Thayer House. There has been a company contracted to do some work which will begin in March. There was a CPC meeting held where discussions took place about Camp Sunshine and/or a Boys/Girls Club having access to Thayer House for programs. The '99 Master Plan noted the need for afterschool/teen center and the Boys/Girls Club is interested in working with Medway, with possibly a better use would be to use space in the Middle School for transportation purposes and Camp Sunshine at Thayer House.

Thayer House may have an annex building and/or CPC may be requesting proposals in the near future. The anchor donor was willing to donate for Camp Sunshine, Mr. Pomponio is not sure if they are still willing to donate. The anchor donor was willing to donate 50% and the Town would pay the rest, Selectman Crowley suggested there needs to be re-engagement of the BOS. Mr. Pomponio stated that the Historic Commission does have an interest in moving into the Thayer House space to store artifacts but is unsure of how their operating budget would be affected with regards to utilities and upkeep.

The landscaping is completed and it was suggested that an RFP go out for bid for the proposed usage of the property and/or possibly holding an open/public meeting to have the town decide what to do with it, similar to the 50 Winthrop Street public meeting.

BOS would like to visit the site and Mr. Pomponio will let Camp Sunshine know that there is still a possibility that they can use the space in the future.

Article 9

Article 9 was discussed. The BOS, SC and FinCom has agreed to move forward with proper due diligence and form a committee to move quickly to review the Trane contract, with the intent to present the article at a Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting. It was also proposed not to move forward at this time.

Selectman Espinosa moved that the board dismiss Article 9; Selectman Dunne seconded; no discussion; all ayes 4-0 (Mr. Crowley left the meeting early).

Selectman Espinosa moved that the board adjourn regular session at 6:50pm; Selectman Foresto seconded; no discussion; all ayes 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Board Secretary

*Approved 4/21/09