Board of Selectmen's Meeting Pre-Fall Town Meeting November 15, 2010, 6:00 PM Medway High School, 88 Summer St Room A-111

Present: Chairman Dennis Crowley, Selectmen John Foresto, Andrew Espinosa, Glenn Trindade, Richard Dunne, and Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy.

At 6:00 PM Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order, and the Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Approval of Energy Reduction Plan [Green Communities Designation:

The Board was in receipt of the Energy Reduction Plan prepared by the Medway Town Wide Energy Committee dated November 13, 2010.

Responding to a question from Selectman Foresto, Frank Faist, Chairman, Medway Energy Committee, stated if objectives are not met in the five-year period, the Town loses its "green" status. He noted items such as windows, fuel policy, insulation, etc. are part of the basic plan, but that solar windows may only be counted at the end of the five years, at the discretion of the Department of Energy. Shelly Wieler, Vice-Chair, stated the plan is very flexible so that it can be amended if necessary. She indicated the committee tried to put as much into the plan as possible. The plan will be used to apply for grants.

Selectman Dunne moved that the Board accept the Energy Reduction Plan as written; Selectman Trindade seconded. Discussion followed. All ayes, 5-0.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Chairman sign the letter to the Department of Energy regarding the Energy Reduction Plan on behalf of the Board; Selectman Foresto seconded. All ayes, 5-0.

Selectman Foresto thanked the Medway Energy Committee for its hard work on bringing the Energy Reduction Plan forward.

Approval of Green Communities Designation Application:

The Board reviewed the Town's Application for Green Communities Designation, dated October 25, 2010, containing letters to the Department of Energy, Fuel Reduction Policy, and the Town of Medway's Zoning Bylaw, 51 pages total.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Town submit the completed application for Green Communities Designation to the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources; Selectman Espinosa seconded. It

was noted that a presentation of this topic will be made at tonight's Town Meeting. Susy Affleck-Childs clarified that compliance with facets of the designation is not mandatory to sell property, such as Title 5 compliance. All ayes, 5-0.

Discussion of Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles:

The Board reviewed the finalized articles and draft motions for tonight's Town Meeting.

Article 8 -- Allison Potter, Executive Assistant to the Town Administrator, stated there was a minor alteration to Article 8, specifically, brackets were removed, but confirmed that the content remained the same. Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy stated the final wording of the article resulted from research with a consultant and the MSBA's feedback.

There was brief discussion on the Board's potential response to questions regarding this article. Chairman Crowley stressed that the public know that tonight's presentation is a snapshot of the Town's finances, but that other avenues for funding will always be considered if possible.

Ms. Kennedy stated the Finance Director put together a spreadsheet that, considering the present Article 8 figures, showed average costs to the taxpayer of approximately \$137 annually for 20 years.

Executive Session:

At 6:33 PM Selectman Trindade moved that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for pending litigation that could be detrimental to the Town if discussed publicly with the intent to return to public session. Selectman Dunne seconded. No discussion.

Roll call vote – Chairman Crowley, aye; Selectman Dunne, aye; Selectman Espinosa, aye; Selectman Foresto, aye; Selectman Trindade, aye; 5-0.

At 6:54PM, the Board returned to public session.

Approval of Warrant to be Paid:

Selectman Foresto read the outstanding warrant, dated November 18, 2010, Account 11-20, in the amount of \$341,321.02.

Selectman Trindade moved the Board approve the warrant as read [#11-20, 11/18/10 \$341,321.02]; Selectman Espinosa seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 5-0.

At 6:58 PM, Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn; Selectman Espinosa seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 5-0.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanette Galliardt Board Secretary