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Board of Selectmen's Meeting-FINAL

March 1, 2010, 7:00 PM

Sanford Hall, Town Hall, 155 Village Street

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

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Public Comments: Mike Francis and Laura Melanson, Medway residents were present to discuss the walking path in the Medway Village area and their concerns that the town will be selling land which will affect the railway bed for future use. They presented the Selectmen with a petition signed by residents that asked that if the property is sold they would like consideration for a walking easement so that the residents that use this trail will still be able to access the entire trail.

Chairman Espinosa advised that deep research has been performed and legal counsel have been consulted on this matter. Selectman Crowley explained the Railroad took land along its railway bed many years ago. When the railroad abandoned the tracks the court ruled the land would revert back to the previous owners.

Administrator Kennedy explained there are some areas owned by the town and others by residents and to open the trail or entire railroad bed would include many title searches and property easements would need to be obtained with an estimated cost of \$100k.

Selectman Dunne advised that nothing will be done before it goes to Town Meeting. The sale of the property has gone out to bid and a prospective buyer has come forward. He also explained there is a minimum threshold of value and the town won't sell if they don't get that minimum threshold.

Chairman Espinosa suggested the twosome query owners of all the land to see if they want to donate their land etc. to move the cause along.

Selectman Crowley agreed to walk the trail with Mr. Francis to get a better understanding of the properties involved. He also suggested it may be possible for the town to negotiate an easement with the buyer for people to continue to walk the trail.

Approval – Medway Community Farm 5K Road Race Fundraiser

Mike Francis also spoke on behalf of the Community Farm. Mr. Francis and the Community Farm committee would like to have the police fee paid by some source. They asked that the town help locate a source.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Medway Community Farm 5K Road Race for 4/25/10; Selectman Crowley second; Discussion: A friendly amendment: Contingent upon providing police detail as required by the police department; 4-1 Selectman Dunne is opposed. Selectman Dunne believes that not being clear with who is paying for the police services is opening a can of worms for future groups. Selectman Trindade would like the Selectmen to look into covering these costs for police services to town organizations in the future. Administrator Kennedy offered that she has possibly located a grant writer and grants that could help the community farm.

Joint Meeting with Capital Improvement Program Committee to Review

Recommended FY11 Capital Budget Jim Pallidino, Tom Anderson, Richard Briggs, Jim Gillingham

The CIPC presented their FY11 Capital Budget totaling \$2,048,000.00 which included a placeholder warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting in June. The document included their 5 year Capital Plan.

FY2011 includes input from all the departments. This is what the CIPC feels are the needs of the town. On a preliminary assessment run, the treasurer looked at paying some of the items from free cash, the enterprise accounts and bonding.

The committee would like to get a ceiling or maximum tonight and apply this amount going forward. They would also like to have a discussion on % of debt service of total town revenue and would like to plan to meet with the Selectmen more often going forward.

Chairman Espinosa offered congratulations to a great proposal presented.

Mr. Pallidino reviewed the list of items as outlined in the draft warrant article. Selectman Crowley asked for more “meat on the bones” and a presentation by the groups requesting money listed. Administrator Kennedy would like to see more solid numbers.

Rich Boucher, Director of Informational Services was present and explained his master plan. He was asked to come in the near future to present his whole plan. Selectman Foresto explained the situation as it’s been completed thus far and a brief overview of going forward.

It was asked that CIPC add another column to their charts to show if any annual expense is associated to each line item.

It was suggested that the Administrator contact the School Department and have them contact the DPS Director so they can work together on the Burke Memorial Parking plan.

The impact on the general fund bonding will be addressed at the next meeting.

Selectman Crowley asked who puts this article on the warrant. Administrator Kennedy explained in the past it has come to the Selectmen via CIPC, with the BOS and FinCom recommendations if necessary. The enterprise articles should be separate articles.

Chairman Espinosa agreed the CIPC and Board of Selectmen should meet more frequently.

Selectman Trindade moved to appoint Selectman Crowley as the liaison to the CIPC; Selectman Dunne second; No Discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Approval of 2/23 Minutes

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Minutes of the 2/23/10 Board Meeting; Selectman Foresto second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Deed Acceptance- Shaw Street Easement #4 and #6

The Munafo's at 4 Shaw Street have agreed to accept the offer for their easement that they previously gifted to the Town. The residents at #6 Shaw Street have been in negotiations with the Town for their easement. The negotiation began at \$50,000 and has since been accepted verbally for far less money. The Board felt it was appropriate to offer the Munafo's the same offer and they accepted. Mr. Holder has signed easements and appropriate documents on #4 but is awaiting final written approval from #6 resident's attorney.

Selectman Crowley moved that the Board accept the deeds from D. Robert and Kathleen A. Munafo and Kevin P. and Susan M. Robinson for the Shaw Street easements; Selectman Trindade second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Emergency Transfer Request Town Wide Energy Committee

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the ETR from FinCom reserve for \$1000 to the Town Wide Energy Committee for night board secretary services; Selectman Foresto second; Discussion; this may be for secretarial services and other incidentals; All ayes 5-0.

Common Victualler License Transfer

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Medway Subway owner transfer of Common Victualler license to Sai Dipen Corp d/b/a Medway Subway; Selectman Dunne second; No Discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Braking the Cycle Road Race Approval

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Braking the Cycle Road race on 9/24/10; Selectman Foresto second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Action items approval-update from packet

School Committee Liaison Report-Shelley Wieler

The School Committee was hoping to forward an impact statement on the budget, it was explained that the Budget Sub Committee needs numbers to move forward. Administrator Kennedy explained she sent to Carol Villa, but will resend.

The School Committee invited the Selectmen to the meeting of the School Committee budget presentation on Thursday 3/4/10.

An issue on Munis and reporting was discussed. Chairman Espinosa suggested a meeting of a School Committee member, Board of Selectmen Member, Administrator Kennedy, Dr. Evans and/or Dave Verdolino should take place to discuss this issue at length.

Selectman Trindade would like to have money spent on Burke Memorial parking lot that is not school choice money. Mrs. Wieler thinks various groups should work together on this project.

Selectman Crowley asked for more information about the \$150k grant for solar for the Middle School. Mrs. Wieler will obtain this information and report back.

Town Wide Facility Mgmt. Study Committee

The make-up of the committee was discussed. It was agreed the committee would be of seven members and the Town Administrator would ask the school and planning board for a representative. **Selectman Dunne moved that the Board establish a seven member Town Wide Facility Management Study Committee; Selectman Trindade second; Discussion: Selectman Foresto believes the Selectmen should establish the mission for this committee; All ayes 5-0. The mission statement and appointees will be discussed at the next meeting.**

Medway 300th Committee

Selectman Crowley will GLADLY step up and chair this committee if no one else is interested. **Selectman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Dennis Crowley as the Chairman of the Medway 300th Committee, with an undetermined length of term; Selectman Dunne second; Discussion: Mr. Crowley would welcome anyone else who would be willing to hold this position in his place; All ayes 4-0 Crowley abstained.** Another open meeting will take place in the coming weeks.

Warrants #35 3/4/10

Gross payroll town \$196,921.84

Gross payroll school \$715,758.80

Total \$912,680.64

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the warrants as read; Selectman Dunne second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.

TA report-

Chief Trufant and Administrator Kennedy attended the final meeting of the Western Mass Town Managers at which the fire study, funded by the Metro West Community Foundation was discussed. The study of consolidation throughout Metro West resulted in 67 unique recommendations of which the largest was the look at regionalizing dispatch and joint RFP to obtain 1 vendor for 1 price point for 3rd party billing for EMS services.

Health Regionalization-Metro West Community Health Foundation after concluding its final report will convene with 7 communities. Those 7 communities will invite BOS/BOH/TA to discuss regionalization. They are looking to keep BOH in each town to make policy and share staffing.

A grant to allocate funds for the Capital plan and the Brentwood project is being worked on by Gino Carlucci.

We are still waiting on the loan application for state revolving fund for the water tank. It has been delayed because of the rolling ARRA funds. Hopefully we will be awarded.

Selectman Dunne asked, if based on the recent Globe article, if town officials can get health care through their respective town. Administrator Kennedy explained this would have to be presented through an article at Town Meeting.

A water meter update and contract will most likely be presented at the 3/15/10 meeting, if not in early April.

Selectmen's Report

Foresto-The energy committee has had its third meeting and the Chair will be Frank Faist, Vice Chair will be Shelley Wieler. Tasks have been assigned in the attempt to complete the 5 items needed for the Green Community.

-Would like to arrange for Tri-County to come in and present their budget.

Trindade-Spoke to Krista Perry, Milford Daily News and would like to propose sending the Selectmen's package to her for a pre meeting story. Administrator Kennedy agreed her staff would take care of this.

Dunne-Provided some DOR and Levy information for all to read

-Thinks should look at the CPA fund and consider reducing, he explained his research into this subject. Selectmen Crowley and Foresto would like the
-CPC group to come in and explain what they are working on at this time.
Crowley-Would like a copy of the budget before 3/12/10
-Reverse 911-would like an update if implemented etc.
-Water-Sewer applicant-has another applicant interested in this position
Espinosa-nothing to report at this time

Roles and Responsibilities of Selectmen and Town Administrator Held for the April 5, 2010 agenda.

At 10:08pm Selectman Trindade moved that the Board adjourn for the evening; Selectman Dunne second; No discussion; All ayes 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington
Board Secretary

*Approved 3/15/10