

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
October 31, 2011, 12:30 PM
Town Administrator's Conference Room, Town Hall
155 Village Street
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Present: Vice Chairman John Foresto, Selectman Dennis Crowley, Selectman Glenn Trindade, and Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy.

At 12:33 PM, Vice Chairman Foresto called the meeting to order, and the Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Opening of 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant:

The Board was in receipt of a revised proposed 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Vice Chairman Foresto asked if there was a motion to reopen the warrant.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board reopen the 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant for further discussion; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 3-0.

Discussion - Article #12/Transfer from Ambulance Enterprise Account to Fund Municipal Union Contract Settlement:

Discussion followed with respect to late addition of Article 12.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the addition of Article #12 on the Fall Town Meeting Warrant; Selectmen Crowley seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 3-0.

Selectman Crowley asked when a definitive figure associated with Article 12 would be included in the language of the Article. Selectmen Foresto responded that a range might suffice until such time as a specific figure is determined.

Closing of 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant:

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board close the 2011 Fall Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 3-0.

Discussion – Appointment of Mark Wilcox to the Medway 300 Executive Committee:

Selectman Foresto inquired as to whether or not Robert Parrella had submitted his letter of resignation from the Medway 300 Executive Committee. Karen Kisty confirmed that he had.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the appointment of Mark Wilcox to the Medway 300 Executive Committee; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. All ayes, 3-0.

Town Administrator Update on Recent Snowstorm:

Town Administrator Kennedy reported that, although the Town had fared fairly well during the prior weekend's snowstorm and subsequent power outages, this situation pointed once more to one major weakness in the Town's preparedness and response – that of emergency generator power. She reported that a consultant will be assessing current generators and making recommendations as to upgrades or new additions. Among the notable storm damage was a minor transformer explosion on Vernon, closure of Lovering Street by Wilson Farm and power outage at the Plaza.

Selectman Trindade inquired about storm communication process in light of Selectman Espinosa's past concerns relative to the hurricane to which Town Administrator Kennedy replied that all essential personnel had been in constant communication with one another prior to and during the snowstorm. Town Administrator Kennedy reported that another issue which will be addressed is the use of the School Department's list serve for contact information which can be used to augment that already input into the Town's Blackboard notification system. School Resource Officer Grimes had suggested this integration.

Selectman Foresto asked where the generator servicing Town Hall is located to which Town Administrator Kennedy responded that it is housed at Station One. Selectmen Foresto reported that this particular generator must be equipped with an automatic switch to generator power upon sensing a power problem. In addition, all generators should be forwarding updates to DPS Director Holder as to operating status and conditions so that problems can be noted and addressed immediately. Selectman Trindade approved of the Town Administrator's plan for evaluation of all existing generators and receipt of recommendations for future upgrades, replacements or additions. Karen Kisty mentioned proposal to install a new generator at the Senior Center as this location has been used by those seniors and other residents without power. Selectman Foresto indicated the need for an all encompassing report as opposed to reviewing the generator in a piece meal fashion.

Town Administrator Update on Casino Issues:

Town Administrator Kennedy reported that she has attended several meetings related to proposed casino development with selectmen from the towns of Hopkinton, Holliston, and Ashland and believes it would be valuable for a Medway Board member to begin attending these meetings. She nominated Selectman Trindade to fill this slot and indicated meetings are held approximately once/month. In addition, Kennedy stated that Todd Cestari, Board Chair in Holliston, is in the process of drafting a letter for all to sign. Selectman Foresto inquired as to whether or not the Senate or House versions of casino proposals might be incorporated into Cestari's letter; House proposal contains language for neighboring towns to have a vote on mitigation measures while Senate proposal contains provision for revenues raised to be used to support the Commonwealth's 70% match of CPA funds.

At approximately 12:53 PM, Selectman Trindade made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Crowley. No discussion. All ayes, 3-0.