

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
January 17, 2012, 6:00 PM
Medway High School, 88 Summer Street
Room 111-A**

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

Also Present: Barbara Saint André, Town Counsel; Melanie Phillips, Treasurer-Collector; Carol Pratt, Town Accountant; Mark Cerel, Town Moderator.

At 6:00 PM Chairman Foresto called the meeting to order and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None.

Other Business

Legislative Meeting to Discuss Stormwater Regulations

The Selectmen briefly addressed the upcoming meeting with the legislative delegation on stormwater regulations. It was noted there would also be a 495 Partnership meeting to discuss the proposed regulations. While only one Selectman can attend, the meeting would still take place. Mr. Foresto asked the Selectmen for their input on this issue.

Mr. Trindade responded by asking why Medway has to act now. He wanted evidence that other communities are involved and committed to these regulations. He thought it may be worthwhile to wait to see if there will be federal money. He also said he would feel better if another town was working with them for the potential cost savings.

Mr. Crowley said Franklin Town Administrator Jeffrey Nutting reminded him there is a bill being sponsored that would eliminate phosphates in fertilizer. He said that may take pressure off the implementation schedule for new requirements. Similarly, the regulations may loosen, depending on the impact of this legislation. Mr. Crowley also asked about the water and sewer rate impacts and general fund impact with complying with the requirements.

The Selectmen requested an implementation schedule from the Department of Public Services and associated costs for each piece of puzzle. Mr. Trindade does not agree that the Town should be taking action on these regulations yet; it is an unfunded mandate.

Warrants

Mr. Crowley read warrant #29, dated January 19, 2013. Gross payroll for the Town: \$208,513.64; gross payroll for the School: \$724,891.32; for a total of \$933,404.96.

Mr. Trindade moved the warrant as read. Mr. Espinosa seconded, and it was unanimously voted.

Town Meeting Articles

There was brief discussion about which Selectmen would address which articles, should questions be raised at Town meeting.

Mr. Foresto stated he and the Town Administrator met with the Superintendent regarding how the ESCO contract will be handled. He said they will have to come up with some money to fill the delta between the cost of the bond and the energy savings. This is being negotiated. Mr. Foresto wanted the Board to be aware that matter is still in play and there are no definitive numbers yet. There are several points to address, and each side thinks it has a solid argument

Mr. Crowley commented that the Town had already decided the approach it wanted to take. Mr. Espinosa pointed out that the school budget has inadvertently been raised. He said if there are savings, that money needs to come back to the Town. If the School is short, then the Town should give money to the School. Mr. Foresto said the School said they were going to use \$30,000 of School Choice money to do a facility/preventative maintenance audit. They do not have any hard data to use to measure savings, etc.

Mr. Espinosa spoke about the School Budget Committee with Mr. Crowley. He said they are generally in agreement with the direction they were taking. They understood the state revenue and Chapter 70. The School is trying to maintain what it has. There would be an overall reduction in full time staff. Mr. Crowley stated that the School Department has agreed to submit the budget by February 6 in MUNIS and according to the Selectmen's number. Mr. Crowley mentioned a discussion he had regarding the Hanlon account. Supt. Evans and Asst. Supt. Verdolino are going to make changes and they will explain them. The account will be separate from the rental fee.

Mr. Espinosa stated the budget policy specifies a level budget, not a 2% increase. Ms. Kennedy said if the budgets are in MUNIS, they can cut them back. Mr. Crowley said he asked the School if they had to cut it back 2% could they meet the difference with School Choice and Circuit Breaker monies. The answer was yes.

The Selectmen asked the Moderator to review the warrant articles. Mr. Cerel said he discussed the Wickett property with Steve Kenney today. He was informed that the article would be withdrawn. Mr. Cerel suggested that they "lay it on the table", which will have the effect of dismissing the article without the negative connotation and leaves the opportunity for future discussion and possible acquisition of the land. He said he spoke with Town Counsel. He thought everything was set. Then he got call from Tina Wright informing him Paul Yorkis was in the mix and trying to get a deal done. He said that is not happening, as he is only going to address this matter with Mr. Wickett's attorney. It was confirmed that article will be laid on table. There would be a brief explanation for the article and the reason for the Town Meeting would be made known.

The Moderator would address the articles as they appear on warrant.

Mr. Crowley asked if the Finance Committee has the latest version of the motions. It does. Mr. Cerel proceeded to the Finance Committee meeting.

West Medway Fire House

Mr. Cerel reported that he reached out to the prospective buyer of the West Medway fire house. He said the buyer interested in only the library, not the fire house, which are on same lot. The buyer is

concerned about the liability associated with the fire house and wanted to know if the Town wanted to purchase that piece. He said the Town would need structural analysis of fire house. He noted that if the lot was to be subdivided or leased long term to the Town, the buyer would need parking, because there is none associated with the house. He said there are challenges with acquiring the fire house and making it work. Mr. Foresto asked if that parcel is losing land with the Route 109 project. Mr. Espinosa said it was not; it is Town land and part of the design is to utilize that space. He suggested they make sure the proposal works with the design objectives.

Mr. Cerel said the former community house on the corner is also in play to some degree. Perhaps that building could be moved to the lot at the corner of Mechanic St freeing up land for parking for the fire house and former library or the road reconstruction.

Mr. Trindade made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Crowley seconded. The vote was unanimous. It was 6:45 PM.