

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
November 13, 2012, 5:30 PM
Medway High School
88 Summer Street, Room A-111**

Present: Selectman Andrew Espinosa, Chairman; Selectman Glenn Trindade (6:20 PM), Vice-Chair; Selectman John Foresto, Clerk; Selectman Dennis Crowley; Selectman Richard D'Innocenzo (5:42 PM), and Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator.

Also Present: Carol Pratt, Town Accountant; Barbara Saint André, Town Counsel; Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services; Mark Cerel, Town Meeting Moderator (5:54 PM).

At 5:34 PM Chairman Espinosa called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Discussion – Town Meeting Articles:

At this time the Board reviewed warrant article that still needed a recommendation from the Board of Selectmen.

Article 21 – Borrowing: Thayer Property Renovation – Ms. Suzanne Kennedy stated the Community Preservation Committee has approved the Thayer project, specifically as borrowing a sum of money up to \$2.5 million, and the Board of Selectmen needs to endorse the “borrowing” aspect of it. Ms. Barbara Saint André, Town Counsel, suggested including all available sources as possible sources to be specified in the wording of the motion, but cautioned against the use of the word “raise”.

Selectman Foresto indicated that the Thayer Development Group is recommending that the bids received should be rejected as only two bids were submitted. It was believed that this is not a large enough pool of applicants, and that the bid process should be repeated.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board accept the recommendation of the Thayer Development Group to not accept the submitted bids and reissue the Request For Proposals; Selectman Crowley seconded. Brief discussion followed, noting that general contractors did not have enough time to submit bids (5 weeks). The lack of power following Hurricane Sandy hindered some contractors from making their bids on time. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Selectman Crowley acknowledged that Selectman Trindade would make the presentation to the assembly at Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Foresto offered to be available to discuss recent events. Selectman Crowley expressed concern that a lot of residents know the project went out to bid, and they need to be kept informed of what is happening with the project.

Regarding the suggested motion for Article 21, the words “raise and” as well as “or borrow” were deleted, and the amount of \$2.5 million inserted following the words “sum of”.

Article 18 – Appropriation: Athletic Field Maintenance – At a recent meeting with Supt. Judith Evans and Mr. David Verdolino, a figure of \$30,000 was determined for this article, an increase from \$20,000. It is intended for the balance of Fiscal Year 2013 (through June 30, 2013) and would be used to address

specific issues that were outlined. Based on these issues, the amount of \$20,000 was revisited and a larger sum was deemed more appropriate. It is noted that this is a temporary plan, and that a long term solution will be developed in the coming months. Brief discussion followed on the scope of work, what happens to any remaining funds, etc. Irrigation and mowing were added to the scope of work. Any funds that remain at the end of the fiscal year will fall to free cash. Additional discussion followed on the general maintenance of school athletic fields, Chapter 70 money, and related topics.

Chairman Espinosa moved that the Board recommend Article 18 in the amount of \$30,000 to add to the Department of Public Services; Selectman Foresto seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0. This article was previously TBD.

Article 22 – Free Cash Transfer: Parks and Recreation Study – Selectman D’Innocenzo briefly explained the bidding process, noting the preferred company turned out to be the lowest bid at \$34,090. Mr. Holder indicated this project has a very broad scope of services, and agreed with Selectman D’Innocenzo that an additional amount of money needed to be included for unanticipated change orders. He suggested the total funds for the project be increased to \$40,000. Selectman Crowley asked that the Board of Selectman have the opportunity to review the contract before it is signed. It was noted that funds provided with this article would be combined with other funds.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board recommend Article 22 in the amount of \$10,000; Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No further discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0. This article was previously TBD.

At this time, Mr. Mark Cerel, Town Meeting Moderator, stated that, in an effort to expedite things, he will bundle similar articles. With this in mind, Articles 2, 3, and 4 will be handled as a group, as well Articles 10 through 14. Mr. Jeff O’Neill, Chair, Finance Committee, stated he will report this to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Cerel continued, noting he will ask the assembled residents if anyone objects to him serving as Moderator or if there should be an Acting Moderator for discussion of the Thayer project. The presentation on the Thayer project will occur in sequential order of the Warrant. The first item will be the State of the Town. Brief discussion followed on general Town Meeting protocols.

Miscellaneous Discussion – Auto Accidents:

Selectman Crowley reported he had received a phone call about recent accidents at intersection of Franklin and Village Streets. He asked for confirmation that there were indeed three accidents at that location before approaching the Police Department for suggestion solutions. Typically accidents are recorded for the previous three years. Mr. Holder stated that the Massachusetts Department of Transportation has a list of streets that require traffic calming measures. Chairman Espinosa suggested there had been a traffic count/study at that location approximately four years ago.

Miscellaneous Discussion – Election at St. Joseph’s Parish:

Due to the Middle School Repair Project, the polling place was moved to St. Joseph’s Parish. Because it was the Presidential Election, an extraordinary number of voters came out to vote, and damage was incurred at the Parish. Mr. Crowley asked if there was a way to reimburse the church for the repair. It was noted that cars were parked on the lawn, a door was broken and other minor damage occurred. There was a suggestion that perhaps the Town could just make a donation to the church. Ms. Carol Pratt, Town Accountant, pointed out that, as a municipality, the Town is prohibited from making

donations to any group. Discussion followed on possible courses of action (e.g. the church could submit an invoice for repairs) and increasing the number of polling places to alleviate congestion.

Approval of Warrant:

Selectman Foresto, Clerk, read aloud Warrant 13-20, dated 11/15/12, submitted for approval:

Town bills	\$2,225,550.51
TOTAL	\$2,225,550.51

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve Warrant 13-20 as read; Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

At 6:23 PM Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn so that Board members could attend the Finance Committee meeting and later Fall Town Meeting; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary