### Board of Selectmen's Meeting April 11, 2012, 6:45 pm Medway High School – Room 111-A 88 Summer Street

## Present: Chairman John Foresto, Selectman Dennis Crowley; and Selectman Glenn Trindade. Selectman Richard Dunne and Selectman Andy Espinosa were absent.

Also present: Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator; Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services; Melanie Phillips, Finance Director.

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At 6:45 PM Chairman Foresto called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Approval – Emergency Transfer Request – Health Dept. Salary Account:

The Board reviewed an Emergency Transfer Request, dated April 9, 2012, from the Health Department.

Ms. Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator, explained that there was not enough in the Health Department budget to pay associated costs (accrued vacation) for the retiring staff member. The retirement was unexpected and therefore not budgeted. Brief discussion followed.

Selectman Crowley moved that the Board approve the Emergency Transfer Request, dated April 9, 2012, in the amount of \$10,297.56 to pay out accrued vacation for a retiree; Selectman Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

#### **Re-Opening of Annual Town Meeting Warrant**:

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board re-open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

# Discussion of Warrant Articles – Fingerprinting Bylaw; Brentwood Drainage; Briggs Property Acquisition:

The Board reviewed revised article language for Article 22 – Land Acquisition: Briggs Property.

After brief discussion, Selectman Trindade moved to withdraw Article 27 – New Bylaw to Fingerprint Certain Prospective Licensees from the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Discussion followed on <u>Article 23 --Brentwood Drainage Project</u>, and the possibility of removing it from the Warrant. Mr. Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services, briefly explained that Town Counsel has indicated the Town does not have clear rights to these properties, and recommended removing the article while doing the necessary research. The article could be introduced at Fall Town Meeting. Ms. Kennedy clarified that Town Counsel merely said the Town did not have clear title; no mention was made about removing the article from the Warrant.

Selectman Trindade expressed concern that funds should be set aside for associated costs. Mr. Holder responded that the project can be managed with available funds. However, if property owners resist,

that could change. Selectman Crowley was in favor of moving forward with the article as doing so may push residents to take part. He suggested that additional language could be added about working with the residents. He expressed concern that the project may lose ground given the other DPS projects in the works. Mr. Holder confirmed that he is prepared to take the money out of the DPS operating budget.

After discussion, the Board agreed to leave the article on the Warrant. The Department will have a meeting with the residents after Town Meeting.

Regarding Article 22 – Land Acquisition: Briggs Property, it was noted that the Warrant the Board had before them this evening has the updated article in it. Brief discussion followed.

## Selectman Trindade moved that the Board close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

**Update on the Fire Chief Search**: Ms. Kennedy stated it has been narrowed down to the top three candidates. Chairman Foresto asked Ms. Kennedy to consider overlap of the positions for a short period of time. He suggested allowing the final candidate and the current chief decide if there needs to be one.

At 7:04 PM Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn to allow the Board to attend the Finance Committee's Public Hearing; Selectman Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Galliardt Night Board Secretary