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5 **Board of Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes**

6 **January 11, 8:30 a.m.**

7 **Sanford Hall, 155 Village Street**  
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9 **Present:** Chairman Glenn Trindade; Selectmen John Foresto, Rick D’Innocenzo, and  
10 Mary Jane White; Town Administrator Suzanne Kennedy; Senator Karen Spilka; State  
11 Representative John Fernandes; State Representative Jeff Roy; DPS Director Tom  
12 Holder; Superintendent of Medway Public Schools Judy Evans; Assistant Superintendent  
13 of Operations, Finance, and Personnel Dave Verdolino; Members of the School  
14 Committee and Finance Committee.

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16 At 8:30 a.m., Chairman Trindade called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of  
17 Allegiance.  
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19 **Legislative Breakfast:**

20 Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy joined the meeting to discuss  
21 topics of interest to Medway, including the State budget process, Police/Fire radio  
22 infrastructure, water infrastructure, and insurance reimbursement.  
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24 Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy provided an overview of the State  
25 budget process. Senator Spilka reported that the Governor’s budget should be released at  
26 the end of January, which is then followed by hearings held by the Joint Ways and Means  
27 Committee, House, and Senate. The House releases their budget in April followed by the  
28 Senate in May. The Conference Committee meets in June to review and discuss the  
29 differences between the budgets. Senator Spilka said she is not expecting many  
30 differences this year and the budget should be delivered to the Governor in a timely  
31 manner. She said local aid, Chapter 70, Chapter 90, regional transportation, and the  
32 Special Education Circuit Breaker program have been priorities for last couple years.  
33 Senator Spilka said she is hoping for level funding at a minimum. She added that \$25  
34 million was added to the Community Preservation Act (CPA) fund last year, which was  
35 unanticipated and a huge help. Medway’s match was 74% and it received over \$415,000.  
36 Medway has experienced almost a 64% increase in Chapter 70 funding over last ten  
37 years. Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy expressed their  
38 disappointment that the Governor has not released all of the Chapter 90 funds from last  
39 year and urged the Board of Selectmen to write a letter to the Governor asking him to the  
40 release the remainder. Representative Fernandes added that the recession had an  
41 enormous impact on the State budget and it is going to take years to get back to where it  
42 was in 2007. He also acknowledged the difficulty local boards face when trying to  
43 prepare their budgets for a May Town Meeting when the State budget has not been  
44 finalized.

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1 Representative Roy said he, Senator Spilka, and Representative Fernandes will be hosting  
2 a Manufacturing Round Table on Friday, Jan 24, 2014 at Tri-County Regional Vocational  
3 Technical High School in Franklin, MA. Local manufacturers, Treasurer Grossman, and  
4 local officials will meet to discuss the need for advanced manufacturing education in this  
5 area.

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7 The School Committee thanked Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy  
8 for attending. They also thanked their offices for forwarding information on available  
9 grants and events.

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11 Chairman Trindade asked about the status of the water infrastructure bill. Senator Spilka  
12 said hearings are being held on this bill. She added that the Senate President said last  
13 January that water infrastructure would be a priority. They acknowledged that this is a  
14 major effort and it is moving slowly. DPS Director Tom Holder said that a workshop  
15 will be held at the Omni Parker House in February and the Environmental Protection  
16 Agency's (EPA) anticipated regulations will be discussed among other water related  
17 topics. It was noted that the EPA's thinking has evolved over the last few years and they  
18 understand there will be a tremendous expense to creating the infrastructure.

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20 DPS Director Tom Holder also reported that Medway has applied again for the  
21 Sustainable Water Management Initiative Grant. Last year Medway received \$100,000.  
22 He said Medway is looking at water accountability. Currently, Medway is producing  
23 more water than it is selling and is in the process of trying to identify the source of the  
24 increase. This year Medway is hoping to receive a \$50,000 grant. Representative Roy  
25 said he recently met with a start-up that has an analytics tool that can help with this issue  
26 and he will forward the information.

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28 Superintendent Judy Evans asked if there is information on additional revenue per  
29 student. At this point, they are planning on level funding but will have a better idea in  
30 April when the House releases their budget. There was also discussion about possible  
31 additional revenues that might be available for Early Childhood Education, specifically  
32 full-day Kindergarten.

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34 Fire Chief Lynch highlighted the impact insurance companies direct reimbursement to  
35 the patient will have on revenues. He also said hospitals are no longer allowing  
36 ambulances to restock their supplies. He said if revenues decline the department will not  
37 be able to provide services that they are now providing. Chairman Trindade provided an  
38 example of how this system is working in New York. He said he has been told that it is a  
39 nightmare. Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy said they agree that  
40 the reimbursement should go directly to the vendor.

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42 Chief Tingley discussed the need to update Police and Fire radio infrastructure as a public  
43 safety issue. Medway's current radio system is about 15-20 years old. It will cost  
44 approximately \$270,000-280,000 to upgrade the system; the current infrastructure is not  
45 able to handle the new technology. Senator Spilka said some communities have received  
46 grants to offset the cost of the new systems. She said she is not sure if the grants are still

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1 available but her office contacted Representative Kennedy's office and Federal  
2 Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to inquire. Chief Tingley also highlighted the  
3 need for grants to help with required police training.  
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5 Administrator Kennedy said that Medway has recently executed a net metering contract.  
6 Medway will save approximately \$4.4 million over the next twenty years as a result of  
7 this project. She also reported that the School Committee is considering installing solar  
8 panels on the Burke and McGovern schools. She said solar energy has had an enormous  
9 positive financial impact on Medway. The Town's future savings hinge on how SREC's  
10 are treated under the new regulations. They are hoping under the SREC-II program that  
11 net metering credits that support municipalities will be increased to match the capacity.  
12 Senator Spilka asked Administrator Kennedy to forward any feedback or comments on  
13 the proposed legislation to their offices so they can follow-up with their respective Chairs  
14 to support Medway's position. In addition, they discussed the Department of Revenue's  
15 (DOR) recommendation to retroactively tax Broadway Electric on the installed solar  
16 panels. There was a question as to whether it was in fact a DOR recommendation or  
17 mandate. The Board will look at this issue further to clarify this question.  
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19 Selectman Trindade said he is the Board of Selectmen's liaison to Medway's Affordable  
20 Housing Trust. He said they are extremely frustrated because Medway has a number of  
21 projects but they cannot find people to apply for the program or participate in a lottery.  
22 He said part of the issue is they need a person to meet the program's requirements and  
23 also qualify for a mortgage. Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy  
24 asked for additional information on this issue. They wondered if the criterion needs to be  
25 changed slightly.  
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27 Additionally, Senator Spilka asked for any input on the Transportation Bond bill. She  
28 asked for specific projects that would be important for Medway. Representative  
29 Fernandes stressed that the projects must have regional significance.  
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31 Senator Spilka and Representatives Fernandes and Roy all said that it has been a pleasure  
32 working together and representing Medway.  
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### **Authorization of Chairman to Execute Contract with Gale Associates for Athletic Field Design and Engineering Services:**

34 The plan is to build two new turf fields with lights. The project will be funded primarily  
35 with Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds. The project has the unanimous support  
36 of Medway's Community Preservation Committee (CPC). Chairman Trindade said they  
37 hope the design and engineering services will be completed in time for this to be on the  
38 May 2014 Annual Town Meeting warrant.  
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42 **Selectman D'Innocenzo moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute a**  
43 **contract with Gale Associates for athletic field design and engineering services in an**  
44 **amount not to exceed \$82,120 pending review and approval by Town Counsel and**  
45 **the Town Accountant; Selectman Trindade second; Selectman Foresto said he**  
46 **believes work cannot be started before there is an agreement with the schools per**

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1 **the warrant article. Chairman Trindade stressed that there is a very tight timeline**  
2 **for this project. Selectman Foresto and Selectman White said they would like the**  
3 **agreement with the schools to be executed before this is approved. The Board said**  
4 **they would have the agreement executed and meet the following week to vote on this**  
5 **matter. Selectman D’Innocenzo withdrew his motion.**

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7 **At 11:30 a.m. Selectman Foresto moved to adjourn; Selectman White second; No**  
8 **discussion; All ayes 4-0-0.**

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11 Respectfully submitted,

12 Michelle Reed