

1 **Board of Selectmen's Meeting**
2 **January 6, 2014 – 7:00 PM**
3 **Sanford Hall**
4 **155 Village Street**
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8 **Present: Glenn Trindade, Chair; Dennis Crowley, Vice-Chair; Richard D’Innocenzo, Clerk; Selectman**
9 **John Foresto, and Selectman Maryjane White.**

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11 **Also Present: Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator.**

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14 At 7:00 PM Chairman Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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17 **Public Comments:** None.

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19 **Appointment to Medway Cultural Council – Heather Scott:**

20 *The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Letter of interest and resume submitted by Heather*
21 *Scott, December 12, 2013; and (2) Endorsement notice from Medway Cultural Council Chair, Audrey*
22 *Ritter, dated December 14, 2013.*

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24 Ms. Heather Scott briefly described her years of service to Medway boards and committees, specifically,
25 Open Space, Community Preservation Community, Community Farm Board of Directors, as well as the
26 Community Organic Farm Board of Directors in Natick. Chairman Trindade acknowledged Ms. Scott’s
27 contributions to getting the Medway Community Farm up and running.

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29 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board appoint Heather Scott to the Medway Cultural Council for an**
30 **adjusted “three-year” term through June 30, 2017; Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. It was noted**
31 **that this appointment has the endorsement of the Chair of the Medway Cultural Council. No further**
32 **discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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34 **Appointment – Memorial Committee – Francis Saunders, Jr.:**

35 *The Board reviewed a letter of interest, dated December 18, 2013, from Francis Saunders, Jr.*

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37 Chairman Trindade explained the purpose of the Memorial Committee which is predominantly to keep
38 an eye on the memorials around the community and assessing needs for repair or replacement. There is
39 now an opening on the committee. He added that Colonel Matondi, Chairman of the Memorial
40 Committee, has verbally approved this appointment.

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42 Mr. Saunders stated he has attended meetings of the Memorial Committee and is familiar with its work.
43 He added that he got involved with Medway 300 activities, as well. His experience includes 23 years in
44 the military as well as time with the Massachusetts State Police (retired).

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46 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board appoint Francis Saunders, Jr. to the Medway Memorial**
47 **Committee for an adjusted “one-year” term through June 30, 2015; Selectman White seconded. No**
48 **discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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2 **Approval – Class II License – Al’s Export Co.:**

3 *The Board reviewed an agreement between Ali Hodroj (Al’s Export Co.) and John Jabour (Medway Mobil)*
4 *dated December 16, 2013.*

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6 Selectman Crowley asked if there is currently a restriction that no vehicles are to be stored on the lot
7 nor sold off the lot. Mr. Ali Hodroj responded that was true, noting that the current owner understands
8 this. He explained that he buys cars and sells them to his brother overseas. Ms. Kennedy clarified that
9 there are two corporations at the same address doing business as two separate entities.

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11 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the 2014 Class II license renewal for Al’s Export Co.;**
12 **Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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14 **Approval – Authorization to Finance Director to Submit for DOR Approval – Borrowing - \$605,000:**

15 *The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Letter, dated January 6, 2014, from Finance Director,*
16 *Melanie Phillips to DOR Commissioner; and (2) Town of Medway BAN Issue document.*

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18 Chairman Trindade explained for viewers that the Town is in year seven of a 10-year agreement with the
19 Massachusetts Department of Revenue, stemming from a poor financial situation at the time. When the
20 Town wants to do any borrowing, the transaction must be approved by the Department of Revenue. He
21 assured viewers that the Town’s finances are in good shape now, and the Town has never been denied
22 to borrow. Brief discussion followed.

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24 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Treasurer to petition the**
25 **Massachusetts Department of revenue for permission to borrow \$605,000 as a Bond Anticipation**
26 **Note; Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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28 **Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

29 **Brentwood Project** – Ms. Kennedy reported she received an approval letter from FEMA on this project.
30 The project has been extended to April 25, 2015, and the scope of changes proposed by the Department
31 of Public Services has been approved. Chairman Trindade stated he would like to send a thank you
32 letter to Congressman Kennedy’s office for its assistance in advancing this project. He explained that
33 the funds are from a grant the Town Administrator was able to acquire through FEMA to help fix
34 drainage problems in the Brentwood subdivision.

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36 **Street Acceptance Program** – The streets under consideration are portions of Howe Street, Fern Path,
37 Field Road and Bramble Road in the Mayland Woods subdivision and Azalea Drive in the Green
38 Acres/Willow Green subdivision. One of the streets may not be ready for Town Meeting as the
39 developer wants to do the work himself. It was noted that Azalea Drive is still unresolved as the bank is
40 reticent to release the bond to the Town in order to complete the road. Ms. Kennedy indicated she will
41 ask Town Counsel to look into it. Chairman Trindade explained the street acceptance process for
42 viewers.

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44 **Thayer Governance Structure Committee** – Brief discussion followed on adding members to this
45 committee. Members already appointed include John Boardman, Carl Rice and Selectman Dennis
46 Crowley.

1 **Chairman Trindade moved that the Board appoint Eileen Aviza and Rick Childs to the Thayer**
2 **Governance Structure Committee; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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4 **Approval of Minutes:**

5 *The Board reviewed draft minutes from Board of Selectmen meetings held on September 26, October 7,*
6 *October 15, November 4, November 18, and November 25, 2013.*

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8 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 26, 2013, as drafted;**
9 **Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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11 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of October 7, 2013, as drafted;**
12 **Selectman White seconded. Selectman Crowley wanted clarification of some information regarding**
13 **the change in manager for Hang Tai. Selectman Foresto withdrew his motion. The broadcast tape will**
14 **be reviewed and the minutes will be considered at a future meeting.**

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16 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of October 15, 2013, as drafted;**
17 **Selectman White seconded. Brief discussion followed on the Gale Report recommendation for**
18 **development of athletic fields at a cost of \$10 million. That cost includes associated expenses in**
19 **addition to the field development costs. Chairman Trindade moved that the minutes be corrected to**
20 **state that the full cost of the Gale Report recommendation is \$10 million, specifically page 2, lines 42**
21 **and 43; Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. VOTE on the amendment: 5-0-0. No further discussion.**
22 **VOTE on the approval of the amended minutes: 5-0-0.**

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24 **Selectman Crowley moved that the Board approve the minutes of November 4, 2013, as drafted;**
25 **Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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27 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of November 18, 2013, as drafted;**
28 **Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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30 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of November 25, 2013, as drafted;**
31 **Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-1 – Crowley abstained as he had not had time**
32 **to review them.**

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34 **Approval of Warrants:**

35 *The Board reviewed Warrant 14-28 presented for approval.*

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37 **Selectman D’Innocenzo, Clerk, read aloud Warrant 14-28, dated 1/9/14, as follows:**

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39 School Bills \$408,822.26
40 Town Bills \$406,132.17
41 TOTAL \$814,954.43

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43 **Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve Warrant 14-28 as read; Selectman White seconded.**
44 **No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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46 **Town Administrator’s Report:**

47 **Ms. Kennedy reported she has received a request from Superintendent Evans to sign off on the final**
48 **close-out material for the Middle School Repair Project. The signature page requires the signature of**

1 the CEO or, in this case, the Town Administrator, but it would be appropriate to distribute the report
2 before authorizing any sign-off. She asked the Board if it wanted the opportunity to read it beforehand.
3 Chairman Trindade suggested that the School Building Committee should also have the opportunity to
4 review it. It was noted that the sign-off must occur within ten days.

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6 Ms. Kennedy stated she and Selectman Foresto had a meeting with a group representing municipal
7 aggregation. She indicated that she would like to consider it, noting the Town would be considered “the
8 supplier” if it did so. Brief discussion followed on a new Department of Public Utilities ruling.

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10 **Selectmen’s Reports:**

11 Selectman White reminded the Board that she is preparing paperwork for the Annual Town Election.

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13 Chairman Trindade and Selectman D’Innocenzo had no report.

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15 Selectman Foresto reported there were frozen water pipes at Thayer House.

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17 Selectman Crowley expressed concern that inquiries are already coming in regarding leasing space at the
18 Thayer House and that those calls should be returned in a timely manner. After brief discussion, it was
19 decided that all calls regarding the Thayer House will be forwarded to the Town Administrator’s office.

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22 **At 7:40 PM Selectman Foresto moved to adjourn; Selectman White seconded. No discussion.**

23 **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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27 Respectfully submitted,
28 Jeanette Galliardt
29 Night Board Secretary