

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
November 3, 2014 -- 7:00 PM  
Sanford Hall, Town Hall  
155 Village Street**

**Present: Dennis Crowley, Chair (7:02 PM); John Foresto, Vice Chair; Richard D’Innocenzo, Clerk; Glenn Trindade, Member; Maryjane White, Member.**

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Jack Mee, Building Commissioner; Allen Tingley, Police Chief; Melanie Phillips, Finance Director;

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At 7:00 PM Vice-Chair Foresto called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comments:**

A resident reported that there is a window of opportunity relative to property located at 72 Main Street, and perhaps the Town might be interested in acquiring the property, as satellite Town offices or maybe a park. Adaptive uses are possible on the rear of the property. Traffic studies have already been done and reviewed several times. Brief discussion followed.

**Introduction of Building Commissioner:**

Mr. Boynton briefly summarized how he met Mr. Jack Mee, then the building commissioner in Walpole, where Mr. Boynton recently worked. Mr. Mee gave a brief summary of his experience, noting that he has a degree in construction from Wentworth Institute.

**Overview of Exelon Project:**

*There were no advance background materials. A descriptive handout about the proposed West Medway Peaking Facility was distributed at the meeting.*

Present: Representatives from Exelon as follows: Salvador Gonzalez, Director of Business Development; Jack Hughes, Operations Manager of West Medway plant; Tammy Sanford, Principal Environmental Project Manager (permitting); and Kevin Thornton, Regional Communications Manager (Public Relations).

Mr. Gonzalez stated that this is a project that could carry substantial benefits for Medway. Exelon is the largest competitive energy company in the United States, headquartered in Chicago and doing business all over the country. Over 34 million homes are served by Exelon facilities. He added that the company has owned and operated both small and large generators in the Boston area, including the Medway plant which has been in operation since 2002.

At this time, Mr. Gonzalez introduced the rest of the Exelon representatives Jack Hughes, Tammy Sanford, and Kevin Thornton.

Exelon is considering expansion of the existing facility with the installation of new equipment and wants to make the Town aware of this. Exelon will need the Town’s assistance and support to make it a success moving forward. The expansion will incorporate new, very highly efficient dual-fuel equipment at the existing 65-acre site on Summer Street, which is anticipated to be used mostly on very cold days or very hot summer days with the use of a secondary fuel. The proposed units are the most efficient available on the market today. All equipment will comply with state and federal regulations, as well as any local guidelines.

The community benefits include meeting electricity demands in peak hours as well as 200 jobs during construction and 4-6 full-time employees once construction is complete. It is anticipated that construction will last 12 months. Exelon hopes to be able to file for the necessary permits in September 2015 at which time the equipment would be ordered. Construction may not commence until mid-2016 with the intent to be operational mid-2017. The expansion will create roughly \$2 million per year in tax revenue. This equipment also makes possible the ability to utilize renewable energy. In the spirit of community outreach, tonight they are providing an introduction of the assessments and considerations the company has in mind.

Selectman White asked about their water needs. It depends on the use (capacity factor) or how long the equipment will be in use. It was noted that in the winter time during very cold weather, the equipment will need to operate 24 hours a day. Roughly 95,000 gallons of water a day was the estimate. Selectman D’Innocenzo asked if the water is circulated to be used again. No, once it is used, it is gone.

It was noted that the new equipment will not impact the conservation buffer as it will be placed on existing open space on the site.

The consensus of the Board was that many factors have to come together to move forward, i.e., capacity of the market and the need for this kind of energy. Selectman Foresto asked if there was a particular reason (trigger) that the company is considering this now. Mr. Gonzalez responded that they believe that they will be in a better position to more accurately define the project in the first quarter of 2015. Mr. Hughes stated the Exelon sells all their energy to ISO New England. Exelon bids to them for the daily prices. Because the existing units are old and inefficient, the numbers are too high to get into the market well. There is a major auction coming up, and that’s what Exelon is trying to be able to assess. Ideally Exelon would like to file for the necessary state permits in December of this year and obtain those permits in the next 18 months.

Selectman Trindade stated that the Board would like to tour the plant and asked the representatives to submit their contact information. Specific topics of interest include an explanation of the technology, an explanation of the business model and how Exelon interacts with the energy grid.

Chairman Crowley emphasized that the Board wants to make sure the abutters are well-informed about the process.

Mr. Boynton suggested the development of an informational website that might include a video and other information. For example, what sounds are emitted when the facility is up and running? Discussion followed.

**Authorization of Chairman to Execute Special Conditions to Provider Agreement Between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services/Office of Medicaid and Town of Medway for Additional Medicaid Reimbursements**

*The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Document entitled Special Conditions to Provider Agreement between the Commonwealth, Executive office of Health and Human Services, Office of Medicaid and the Town of Medway; and (2) Email, dated October 30, 2014, from Town Counsel.*

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the Special Conditions to the Provider Agreement between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Health and Human Services - Office of Medicaid and Town of Medway for additional Medicaid Reimbursement opportunities; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval/Authorization of Chairman to Approve NSTAR Athletic Field License Agreement:**

*The Board reviewed a License Agreement between NSTAR and the Town of Medway.*

**Selectman Foresto moved that the Board authorize the Chairman to execute the license agreement with NSTAR relative to the athletic fields, as presented; Selectman Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval - Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 - 911 Support Grant - \$30,194:**

*The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Notice of Grant Award form; (2) Correspondence, dated October 24, 2014, from Frank Pozniak, Executive Director of the Office of Public Safety & Security; (3) Contract between Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Medway; and (4) Email, dated October 24, 2014, from Marilyn Godfrey, Grant Specialist, State 911 Department.*

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the 911 Support Grant offered by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security State 911 in the amount of \$30,194; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval - FY13-14 EMPG Grant - \$5,955:**

*The Board reviewed the following information: (1) Notice of Grant Award form; (2) Contract between Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Town of Medway; and (3) Email, dated October 2, 2014, from Kathleen Estridge, Project Manager/Office Coordinator, MEMA.*

Chief Tingley stated this grant will be used to purchase hydrogen cyanide gas detectors which helps firefighters determine when the air is safe to breathe and can take off their masks.

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the FY13-14 EMPG Grant offered by MEMA in the amount of \$5,955 for the purchase of hydrogen cyanide gas detectors and associated calibration equipment; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Discussion/Vote - Elderly Disabled Fund Appointments:**

*The Board reviewed Massachusetts General Law - Chapter 60, Section 3d.*

Melanie Phillips stated that this was voted in the fall of 2009 at Town Meeting, and a committee has never been appointed. She suggested that Miss Dzikczek, Director, Council on Aging, be appointed. This fund is completely donation-driven with no monies from the Town. The committee should be comprised of three citizens-at large, and two more. The work will not require a large time commitment. Brief discussion followed.

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board appoint the Chairman of the Board of Assessors and the Treasurer to the taxation aid committee associated with the Elderly and Disabled Tax Fund and later identify and submit names for consideration as appointments for the three positions which, by statute, must be filled by Town residents; Selectman Foresto seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Discussion - One-Day Liquor License Policy (Fee):**

*The Board reviewed Pages 2-4 of Alcohol Policy (adopted 12/3/12; amended 5/5/14)*

Selectman Foresto briefly summarized that the present policy regarding a fee rests with the Board who, up until now, has waived the \$50 fee. It is now being suggested that the fee be eliminated.

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board of Selectmen revise the Alcohol Policy adopted 12/3/12 and amended 5/5/14 by removing the License Application Fee of \$50 associated with One-Day licenses; Selectman Foresto seconded. It was confirmed that this elimination of fee would apply to all applicants. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Action Items from Previous Meeting:**

*The Board reviewed the Action Items List.*

Topics with significant comment were as follows:

#14 – If a meals tax is approved at Town Meeting, collection would begin at the start of the next quarter. This would allow the Town to address the obligation to begin funding OPEB.

#6 -- Discussion on unaccounted for water. Mr. Boynton stated he hopes to have an answer by end December.

#11 – Update on McGovern School replacement windows. It was noted that the School Committee has moved forward with the application to get into the state application cycle for Jan. – Feb. The project could cost around \$1 million, and the Town’s portion could be roughly half of that. It was noted that the reimbursable amount is restricted to the costs associated with the replacement windows.

**Approval of Warrants:**

*The Board reviewed Warrant 15-19.*

Selectman D’Innocenzo, Clerk, read aloud Warrant 15-19, dated 11/7/2014, presented for approval;

Town Payroll	\$ 313,980.69
School Payroll	<u>785,455.65</u>
Total	\$1,099,436.34

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board approve the Warrant as read; Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Town Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Boynton briefly summarized concerns about artificial turf fields. Information and research has been reviewed. Chairman Crowley posted a letter on the website and included a link to an informational packet.

Brief discussion followed on conversations with the Finance Director about the Town’s ability to finance a new DPS facility, noting that a lot of research has been done on determining the right kind of facility that will meet all the Town’s needs. Discussion followed on the approximate cost of a new facility which has been estimated as high as \$24 million. Chairman Crowley suggested giving the DPS Facility Committee input on an approximate cost of around \$9 - \$12 million as a starting point.

**Selectman Trindade moved that the Board inform the DPS Facility Committee that the budget for this facility will be between \$10 million and \$12 million; Selectman Foresto seconded. Chairman Crowley noted that the Town’s bonding capacity allows flexibility for other projects in the next five years, if necessary. No further discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Other announcements included a Town Meeting reminder (November 10); Veterans Day Events; Town Offices will be closed on Veterans Day; and the Michele Gay School Safety Program at Medway Middle School on November 12. Mr. Boynton added that he will be attending the MMMA Conference in Amherst on November 13 and 14 and will not be in the office.

**Selectmen's Reports:**

Selectman White, speaking as Town Clerk, reminded residents of the State Election and that polls will be open from 7 AM – 8 PM.

Selectman Trindade reported a conversation with Doug Downing to take a tour of the Charles River Pollution Control plant. November 22 or December 13 are potential dates. Both are Saturdays, but they will work with the Board's availability.

Chairman Crowley congratulated high school athletics on their recent accomplishments.

Chairman Crowley reported a conversation with Senator Spilka about affordable housing. He would like to have a meeting with the state about how difficult it is to fill affordable housing units, eligibility requirements, etc. Ms. Kisty reported that this particular topic is on the agenda for the meeting on November 17.

Chairman Crowley reported that he received a donation from the Vietnam Moving Wall group to purchase American flags. Brief discussion followed on the number of flags and locations.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be Monday, November 10, at Medway High School.

**At 8:26 PM Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn; Selectman D'Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeanette Galliardt  
Night Board Secretary