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Board of Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2015 at 7:30 a.m.

Town Administrator's Conference Room, Town Hall

Present: Chairman Dennis Crowley; Selectmen John Foresto, Glenn Trindade and Maryjane White; Town Administrator Michael Boynton; Town Accountant Carol Pratt; Finance Director Melanie Phillips

Approval – Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Budget:

The Town Accountant reviewed the minor adjustments to the budget, which involved moving anticipated non-union pay raises from the salary reserve to the respective departmental budgets. The union salaries must be voted at Town Meeting and would be addressed by articles that transfer funds from the salary reserve account. The transfer for the non-union employees represented approximately \$20,000 and \$124,000 remains in this account.

Mr. Trindade moved, seconded by Mr. Foresto, to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 operating budget. It was unanimously voted: 4-0-0.

Mr. Trindade moved, seconded by Ms. White, to recommend approval of Article 2 (FY16 budget) of the Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Mr. Trindade recommended the Town do some public outreach relative to the street conditions and the funding available to make repairs after this challenging winter. Mr. Boynton noted that no repairs can commence until thawing takes place.

Mr. Trindade asked that the Town notify parents that the Memorial School parking lot will be repaired. Mr. Foresto suggested speaking to the reporter at Town Meeting on March 9.

There was discussion about the Planning and Economic Development Board articles on the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Crowley agreed to reach out to the Planning Board Chair to offer assistance with their presentation of these articles to Town Meeting.

Mr. Foresto asked about the Selectmen's responsibility with respect to the Fairway Lane development issues. Mr. Boynton stated that the public policy issue is that the same individual that was involved in the Fairway Ln development is also involved in the anticipated development of the Wickett property. He has asked Town Counsel to comment on what the Town can do to prevent the same thing from happening again. It was noted that the Town can pay for a survey of the property to be developed but it must have the permission of the property owner to access the property to do it. There are limitations to what the Selectmen can do as the subject property is private property. The Board would like to be able to advise the residents and assist where possible.

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Mr. Boynton noted that the building department fees would be on the next Selectmen's agenda. Mr. Crowley has met with the Building Commissioner to discuss the fees, which are currently too low and not covering costs.

Mr. Crowley stated he would like to see sandwich boards be permitted by regulation. Mr. Trindade said that the zoning bylaw would need to be amended to allow their use.

Mr. Trindade spoke about the topics he sees discussed on the Friends of Medway Facebook page and mentioned that there seems to be some opposition to the proposed assisted living facility on Village Street. Mr. Crowley responded that it is very likely something would be developed on the land and, likely as well, to be a dense development. If residents want a say in it, they need to make their desires known.

Mr. Crowley reported that he spoke with Puja Mehta in Senator Spilka's office yesterday. They discussed the environmental bond bill that allocates \$1 million to Medway for Choate Park improvements. He said the Town may have to draw up a detailed plan and do some design work to be able to meet the State's requirements for the release of the funds. He said the bond has been passed, but it is up to the Governor to authorize the release of the funds, which would probably be done piecemeal. Mr. Trindade suggested asking the Community Preservation Committee for the funds to do the design work. Mr. Foresto suggested using available grant writer funds to ask PGA Associates to do the work. Mr. Crowley thought the work could be done by staff.

At 8:10 a.m., Selectman Trindade moved to adjourn; Selectman Foresto second; No discussion; All ayes 4-0-0.