



Town of Medway
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March 9, 2015 – 6:30 PM
Presentation Room – Medway Middle School
45 Holliston Street

Present: Frank Rossi, Chairman; Chris Lagan, Vice-Chair (6:35 PM); Barry Schroeder, Clerk; Todd Alessandri, Rohith Ashok (6:48 PM), Ellen Hillery, Meghan Hoffman, and Jeff O’Neill.

Absent: Jim Sullivan.

Others Present: Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services; Selectman Dennis Crowley, Selectman Richard D’Innocenzo, Selectman Glenn Trindade.

At 6:33 Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order.

Finalize Finance Committee Recommendations:

The committee reviewed the following information: (1) Special Town Meeting Warrant, March 9, 2015; and (2) Memorandum, dated March 9, 2015, from the Medway Water and Sewer Commission.

Article 6: Bylaw Amendment: Sewer Extension Moratorium

It was noted that this article still needs the Finance Committee’s recommendation. Selectman Crowley briefly reviewed the current status of Medway’s flow with respect to the Charles River Pollution Control District, noting that this is a temporary moratorium until the Town’s overall capacity can be evaluated. At this time he distributed a memorandum from the Medway Water and Sewer Commission which stated the moratorium had the Commission’s full support.

Mr. Tom Holder, Director, Department of Public Services, explained the impact of the Chicken Brook project which reduced the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) by 90,000 gallons a day. The inflow number reflects flow from sump pumps while the infiltration represents any breaks in pipes and flow from wetland areas. Any breach in pipes produces water that just gushes out. To stay within permitted capacity, I&I must be reduced or the Town must purchase additional capacity from another community. The Town is mandated to do this through the existing permit.

Selectman Crowley theorized that the Town will likely purchase capacity in five or six years, and, in the meantime, continue to work toward bringing the I&I down and eventually eliminate the moratorium. The Exelon plant is also looking for additional capacity. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Alessandri asked why this could not wait until Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Crowley responded that there are people who want to buy land and cannot develop it before a moratorium would be enacted in May, and that is not fair to those developers. Mr. Boynton added that it was better to do it now and not have the possibility of a moratorium hanging out there. Responding to a question from Mr. Lagan, Mr. Crowley stated that the moratorium can be lifted at any time with the approval and recommendation of the Water and Sewer Commission and the Charles River Pollution Control District.

Ms. Hoffman moved that the Finance Committee approve Article 6, as presented; Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

Assignment of Motions – Special Town Meeting:

The Board reviewed a list of Special Town Meeting motions prepared by Town Counsel.

After brief discussion, the motions were assigned as follows:

Article 1 – Chairman Rossi
Article 2 – Mr. Alessandri
Article 3 – Ms. Hoffman

Article 4 – Mr. Ashok
Article 5 – Ms. Hillery
Article 6 – Mr. Lagan

At 6:50 PM Ms. Hoffman moved to adjourn so that members could attend Special Town Meeting; Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 8-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanette Galliardt
Night Board Secretary