

A Regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2010 beginning 6:30 p.m. in Board of Selectmen's office of the Town Hall and reconvened to the Main Meeting Room at 8:10 p.m. The following members were present:

Nancy Mackenzie, Chairman
Eric Kraus, Vice Chairman
Michael Berry, Clerk
Christopher Timson
Clifton Snuffer

Also present:
Michael Boynton, Town Administrator

Mrs. Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to enter Executive Session in accordance with MGL c.30A, Section 21 for the purposes of discussing strategy with respect to litigation where an open meeting may be detrimental to the litigating position and to consider the purchase, exchange or value of real estate, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Board, seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED by roll call Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye, and Mr. Snuffer-Aye.

The Board moved back to regular session and to the Main Meeting Room at 8:10 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Boynton reported the concerts on the common were cancelled tonight due to the weather.

OPEN FORUM

No one was present.

SPONSORED AGENDA ITEMS

7-2 Keno License, Asia Treasures

Mr. Timson noted the one thing we are to check out is adequate seating and there appears to be sufficient seating at this location.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve a Keno license to Asia Treasures, located at High Plain Street, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

7-1 Storm Drain Connection Policy

Mrs. Mackenzie brought up the letter that was going to Swan Pond. Mr. Boynton informed them the letter is ready to go. He thought it was just coming from Town

Engineer. Mrs. Mackenzie thought when the Board discussed the issues that we were going to send it. This was a huge issue. Mr. Boynton will bring the letter before the Board for their signature.

Mrs. Walker, Town Engineer spoke to the issue of a one year renewable permit, if there was ever a prohibition that we had the right to terminate the permit. She has drafted language that the permit would run until May. They will be required to submit an application every year. Looking for fees of \$100 and renewable fee of \$25.

Mr. Snuffer expressed concern as he feels this should be done as a unified neighborhood. Mr. Timson suggested in Section 408-007 sec 3, a minor change to the language to clarify renewal.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the Storm drain connection policy, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus To approve the \$100 application fee and \$25 renewable fee, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to make policy immediate, seconded by Mrs. Mackenzie, VOTED 5-0-0

7-4,7-5 and 7-6 Gift Acceptances, Ponds Committee

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to approve the Acceptance of Gifts for Ponds Fund from Clifton Snuffer, Country Kitchen and anonymous, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 4-0-1 (Mr. Snuffer abstained)

7-7 Gazebo Players of Medfield, use of A. Farm

The applicant has found another location and no longer needs the approval.

Mr. Timson asked if we have a policy for a police detail. Should we have a policy so when there are large events the applicant is required to pay for a detail? Send Ralph an email asking if they have ever thought of police detail

7-8 MPIC, Amendment to Charge

Mr. Boynton spoke to the rules and regulations. There are 9 voting members and 3 non voting. To add a new member, the board would change its own charge by amending Section F. The School Committee is asking that you appoint his business manager and a School Committee member to serve on the MPIC.

Mr. Berry noted the schools are a part of the master plan and he thought it would be important to allow them to have a seat at the table. I do not want to appoint another member just to make it an odd number.

Mr. Boynton thought of a finance committee member and Mr. Timson agrees that the number of members should stay odd.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to amend the bylaw/charter of MPIC to change section F to include two new voting members, School Committee and Finance Committee and to add the Business Administrator as non voting member, seconded by Mr. Berry, VOTED 5-0-0

Goals and Objectives

Board had originally scheduled August 3 but Ms Mackenzie wanted to know if we wanted to wait until after the Brownfields discussion. She suggested having the EDC come in. She does not feel there would not be enough time to also discuss Goals and Objectives.

Mr. Kraus noted that Goals and Objectives are useful but need to summarize and report how we have achieved the goals. I have no idea if the previous Board has achieved the goals. Report back and here are the issues that we did.

T. Administrator's Update

State Liquor License law changes- explained the law has changed to allow liquor to be served at 10 a.m. on Sundays with approval of the Board.

Kennel Options- Medfield Animal Shelter, there is no kennel in Walpole that is agreeable to accept the pick ups. Medfield is willing to work with us. The term of the contract to run thru October. They will work very closely with us. I would be looking to do this on an annual basis. Given the out of pocket cost to do it on our own it appears to be a good option for the town.

Animal Control officer- The part time basis is not working. We are trying to handle part time but in the first week alone we had 24 hours of field time. It will have to go back to a full time position. We have to go with a full time Veteran's agent under state law. The new jobs were not going to be at the same P28 grade. They have been graded back to a p26. It was a misstep for me to think we could live within a part time.

Mr. Kraus questioned if the increase is seasonal. Mr. Boynton stated he made the assumption that we could do this part time position.

Mr. Timson noted we had it better than we knew it with John Spillane. I think it would prudent to put the Animal Control on salary. Feels you still need someone tracking the licenses.

Mr. Boynton spoke to the hopes to have this regional position. As a result of Mr. Spillane's departure he has vacation time that needs to be paid for.

Mr. Berry noted we budgeted 18 hours for the Animal Control. Mr. Boynton explained when he did the FY11 budget he budgeted \$32,000 in Veterans and \$32,000 in animal control. He will need an additional \$17,794. The funds will cover vacation time for Mr. Spillane and bringing the position to full time.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to make the Animal Control position full time seconded by Mr. Snuffer, VOTED 5-0-0

FY11 Budget Update

Health Insurance Budget- explained the savings and change in state aid. Mr. Boynton met with Superintendent and School Committee today. Reviewed what the municipal surplus shortfall is. Take the \$14,000 needed to cover the remaining municipal needs.

Mr. Berry talked about the DPW seasonal help salary which the Board approved at the last meeting. He wanted to point out that it is new spending. Considering we have to revisit Animal Control, I do not think it was prudent at that time to spend that money for seasonal help.

Mr. Boynton reviewed the budget projections with the Board. The state aid projection number is down 1.4 million down. That does not include the cut in Prison mitigation funds. The municipal shortfall at this time is \$37,053.94.

Open Meeting Law- August 17 at 7 p.m. will have a meeting presented by T. Counsel.

Clarks Pond- There is an odor coming from the pond due to the deterioration of the plants in water.

New Business

Mr. Snuffer spoke to the number of calls relative to an action that was taken by the Town Moderator. Not appointing five Finance Committee people. I would like to have seen a heads up to us. Some 40 years of experience was let go. I have heard nothing about it.

Mr. Berry did not feel this is the business of the Board. This is purely a political discussion. What appointments and re appointments are made is not a discussion for us to have. I do not think they belong at this meeting. Mr. Snuffer would have appreciated some notification this action took place.

Old Business

Mr. Snuffer wants to see the Board schedule the S. Walpole MBTA discussion, very little to be gained by that going forward. He wants this Board to reach out to see if we see this as a value.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted that Kraft and the MBTA are doing their feasibility study. Mr. Snuffer noted with an increase of crossing, we have nothing to gain from this. This is all for the benefit for a private individual. We need to tell the community we are having this discussion, what do we see as pros cons.

Mr. Kraus felt it would be prudent to wait until the feasibility study is complete.

Mrs. Mackenzie noted at that meeting they were still trying to figure out the feasibility of it. There is not an exact plan.

Mr. Timson noted if the Chair does not put it on the agenda you can. If they know the town is not in favor of it, that would probably be part of their feasibility study.

Mr. Boynton will ask Stephanie to reach out to the contact to see where they are.

Mr. Snuffer noted you have an organization running deficit and increase it by 64 million dollars at grade level crossing go from near nothing to thirty plus trips a day. The old CSX lines will be passing by the Audubon development. They will end up assessing the Town from the benefits that they say we get for this going thru. This is to assist a private citizen.

Mr. Berry has not seen any formal proposal. It is a debate on the idea and less on the actual plan.

MOTION moved by Mr. Kraus to enter executive session in accordance with MGL c.30A, Section 21 to discuss collective bargaining as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining of the Board, seconded and return to regular session to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Berry By roll call vote: Mr. Snuffer-Aye, Mr. Kraus-Aye, Mrs. Mackenzie-Aye Mr. Berry -Aye and Mr. Timson-Aye

Mrs. Mackenzie left the room and will not return.

MOTION moved by Mr. Timson to adjourn at 10:06 p.m., seconded by Mr. Berry,
VOTED 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,
