



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
01/04/10

Present: Carol Traynor, Rick Pinciario, Earl Baumgardner
Others: Carol McLeod, Thomas Nuccio
Minutes by: J. Penney

Call To Order at Town Hall

Selectman Baumgardner called meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approve Agenda

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve agenda as submitted. Vote (3:0)

Approve Minutes

Pinciario has question on meeting minutes concerning mention of a fourth budget scenario given by school committee members.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve meeting minutes for 12/14/09.

Vote (3:0)

Correspondence

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to file correspondence. Vote (3:0)

Old Business

Follow up with Bess Gorman to continue the National Grid public hearing.

New Business

Finance Director's report

Contract in package for FHWA reimbursement for River Rd. engineering. Cost for damages are in BOS package. 100% approval plans for the bridge has been submitted; town hall heating system was inspected and Uptack came out to troubleshoot. Looks like the issues have been resolved. Coastal Metals application for Mass Development is to be signed and an amendment with MVPC to be signed as well. References for cable software came back excellent. Special employee statuses were looked into and recommended positions were noted. Exemption for public safety officials is ok for on call firefighters who also hold full time jobs with the town. Lion's Club lease is in package for review. Budget hearing schedule is attached for approval.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to request town meeting articles to be submitted by March 5th at noon. Vote (3:0)

Budget hearing schedule looks ok to BOS. McLeod will send Lion's Club sign lease to Town Counsel Ash Amirian to review. McLeod will send email to Fin Comm. regarding their take on the school budget. Baumgardner feels there should be more of a dialogue between Fin Comm. and school committee members. McLeod is meeting on Wednesday with Groveland and West Newbury finance directors.

Proposal from SGC Engineering for the water system capital improvement plans. There are no funds in the current budget so this would be something that would have to go to special town meeting. Traynor feels some of the items could be spread out over the long term. McLeod will let Rick Spinale know where the town stands.

Update email from Rick Spinale on plowing vehicles. As for the tractor, they are also looking in to price to purchase if not repairable.

Brian Peavey Jr. resignation – prepare certificate for next meeting.

Letter from West Newbury selectmen inquiring about meeting regarding dispatch regionalization. It seems that the police and fire chiefs would need to be present. Traynor would like to pursue investigating both. Traynor suggests having Sheriff Cousin's office, chiefs of fire and police to come in talk about the county regionalization. McLeod will try to get in touch with the Sheriff's Office. Will let West Newbury know that although the selectmen would like to meet with them in the future, they would like to learn more about the Essex County program first and will follow up.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to allow Chairperson Baumgardner to sign to Brownfield's Assessment application. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to sign amendment to MVPC agreement for Brownfield's Assessment. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to appoint on call firefighters, captains, and deputy chiefs as special municipal employee positions. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor that Tim Carey, Harry Ellis, Patrick Noone, Gary Tuck be exempt from the conflict of interest laws pertaining to Section 20. Vote (3:0)

Exemption just allows them to hold two jobs in the municipality.

McLeod will have to check with the ethics commission on Ralph Spencer as he occasionally plows as well.

Discussion regarding PRSD Regional Agreement that Traynor asked for input from the selectmen on. The leases were to go to their lawyers then come back to us. McLeod is concerned about clearly defined capital, and they would want to have the leases in place. With withdrawal language they are torn between the two-Baumgardner feels the town should be able to withdraw-one way says that town would still be responsible for debt. They feel it's too gray an area. Reviewing of the agreement-Baumgardner reads section with language giving finance directors charge; it should be reviewed on a regular basis but by a member of the BOS and/or their designee appointed by the BOS and a member of the school committee from their town.

Approval of 2010 BOS meeting dates

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve meeting dates as presented. Vote (3:0)

Pinciario discusses warrant regarding Edgemont towing bill that was forgiven for moving a trailer. A thank you note should be written. Betty Emery suggested the Santa Committee send a thank you note and they declined.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to send thank you note to Frank Sowick. Vote (3:0)

Check with Tom Barry on having tree drop off on 1/16 10-2.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 8:09PM to discuss contract negotiations. Vote (3:0)

Motion to made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor come out of executive session at 9:04PM. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to adjourn at 9:05PM. Vote (3:0)

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Ricky J. Pinciario