



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
04/05/10

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

Call To Order at Town Hall

Chairman 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)

Appointments

Bob Prokop

Bisson Ln flooding –Prokop shows pictures of flooding from street to Indian Head Park. He says there used to be a stream that drained the water but it was filled when Indian Head Park was built. As a result of the construction of the boat ramp and park there is only a small culvert for drainage. He would like to alleviate how long they have to deal with flooding as it continues for weeks. Options are to rebuild the stream to drain swamp into the lake or provide a 2nd culvert that would help the area drain quicker. He provides multiple photos to describe the options and the area. He knows it won't alleviate the flooding but it would shorten the duration. He would prepare permits at no cost. He hopes DPW could do the work. The stream would cost about \$3000 to buy core logs then stream bed would need to be lined with stone, possibly 3 truckloads, legal and abutter notices approx \$200. Prokop says foot traffic could potentially damage the stream. Baumgardner asks about impact on lake. Prokop states it's minimal as the wetlands filter anyway; the wetland will dry out quicker. The board will take under advisement.

Additional information may be required for the stream project, there may be a survey needed for the stream.

Jim Niziak of Merrimac Baseball is recognized in case there were questions on work they proposed to the fields. The board takes the item out of order. He explains the improvements. Town will continue to mow-they will clean up in between to keep field playable. Pinciario would like to know what costs are involved to build up the mounds-McLeod said she thought money had been appropriated previously for drainage issues at the field that hasn't been used yet. Pinciario will speak to Rick Spinale re costs. At Steven's Field foul pole-they would like to make a t ball diamond. Tom Barry and Rick Spinale did not have issue as long as it was level for mowing. Storage container was placed. Pitching machine has been broken for a couple of years they are looking to contact original donor. He met with Parks and Rec and the drainage money was not brought up. Pinciario notes that someone from Parks and Rec should be a liaison to work with Merrimac Baseball. Pinciario mentions maybe the board needs to speak to them. Niziak would like to move forward with the fencing.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve Merrimac baseball items with no cost. Vote (3:0) Baumgardner mentions to stay in touch with Spinale and Barry to make them aware of what's going on.

Correspondence

Road changes to Skunk and Middle Rd. signs are up.

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

Old Business

License for the Lions Club sign is too complicated. Town counsel will work with Phil Parry to develop something.

New Business

Sen. Baddour's office will spearhead follow up meeting for River Rd. project.

Traffic Solutions meeting will be here at town hall on 4/7. Warrants will be posted on Friday and on website.

Dept head meeting is tomorrow.

Articles for annual and special town meeting.

Revote on recommendation of Article #3 on Annual Town Meeting.

Debt service is off there is a corrected amount. BOS votes yes to recommend article 3 as amended. Vote (3:0)

Article 14 is fine with Phil Hagopian and is consistent with state regs and art 15 is consistent with state regs but makes it a little more burdensome for the homeowner.

Art 15

Baumgardner has concerns about article 15, if passed as is would there be any inclination on the Planning Board to go back and modify, possibly not. Pinciario is inclined to not support it and have them explain it at town meeting. Traynor wonders if they can take no position and the Planning Board can explain it. After further discussion the BOS would prefer not to take a position on both articles 14 and 15.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to make no recommendation on article 14 and 15. Vote (3:0)

The board will make a final decision on the annual articles at Wednesday's meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve and authorize chair to sign letter to MEMA declaring state of emergency. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request from Old Home Days Comm. to hold block dance on 8/14/10. Vote (3:0)

Email regarding paper product purchases by town employees. The BOS decides that money can't be spent on paper products.

Disclosure by appointed public employee

BOS would like form filled out completely before signing.

Emergency management letter

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve and send letter to dept heads. Vote (3:0)

Request from Pentucket Fine and Performing Arts Foundation to hang banner. The board would like to know what the sign says before making a decision. Have them contact Parks and Rec also.

Not making copies of town report to have available at town meeting.

MVPC request for board to select a representative for MVMPO. If the BOS wants to select someone else they can otherwise it remains Phil Trapani of Georgetown.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to continue to have Phil Trapani remain Region 3 rep. Vote (3:0)

MVPC request permission to perform traffic counts

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to allow MVPC to perform traffic counts and authorize the chair to sign. Vote (3:0)

School comm. meeting invitation- Baumgardner, Pinciario can't make it

Release for detail check \$158.40 payable to Police.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve and authorize chair to sign. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 8:16PM for potential litigation and personnel matters. Vote (3:0) The board will not be coming out.

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out of executive at 9:03PM. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve town of Merrimac warrant for annual town election. 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 Pinciario