



BOARD OF SELECTMEN Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

5/24/10

Televised

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

Call To Order at Town Hall

Selectman Pinciario called meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approve Agenda

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

Approve Minutes

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve minutes for 5/10/10. Vote (3:0)

Appointments

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 7:03PM for contract negotiations. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out executive session at 7:40PM. Vote (3:0)

Chris Liquori

Cable access presentation for 3-6 month plan for the station. He would like to begin instructing others on equipment, he shows graphs of content currently on station. He's been working with video teacher at Pentucket for promotion outreach. He's been talking to other town access groups to share knowledge amongst them all. Plans to have an open house at the annex to show equipment. Videos of the meetings have been posted on line. He's developing a newsletter for the station in which he can have businesses sponsor those. Apparel has been donated for volunteers. Schedule will be posted on the website in the near future. He will address improving the bulletin at the next dept head meeting as requested by Baumgardner. He's hoping to have three to five hours of original programming per day, raise awareness and conduct media training classes in the next 3 months. Long term he would like to be running 8-10 hours a day. Baumgardner asks about advertising on the station, Liquori says it's illegal for public access to advertise. Baumgardner suggests having a logo contest to get a Merrimac TV logo. Baumgardner thanks Liquori for his work.

Veronica Wolffe, Lake Attitash Assoc.

Letter of support request s.319 Nonpoint Source Pollution Grant

Comprehensive Environmental is writing the grant for Amesbury. 3 components best management practice re: stormwater runoff; 2nd weed management; comprehensive watershed community education plan. If awarded they would learn in October, they would start in Jan 2011. Anyone to do a project needs to come before the town with a letter of intent. The grant provides engineering, materials. They are looking for 40% in kind. The design would be a collaborative with the DPW's. The town would provide the labor through DPW during the work week along with the volunteers. Anything that costs money the grant would pay for as that is how it is written. These are only proposals we would not be locked in. All aspects would need to meet town approvals.

It satisfies some of the EPA Phase II stormwater requirements. They don't believe the state will not allow the closure of the boat ramp. Traynor would like to generate a letter saying they want the ramp to open to the residents only on behalf of the board. Traynor mentions getting the DEP involved.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to write letter in support of grant application. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to authorize chair to sign the letter on behalf of the board. Vote (3:0)

Pinciario oks the use of the signature stamp on letter.

Correspondence

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

Old Business

Put 17 Broad St. issue on old business.

Baumgardner wants to resolve the issue of the Lions Club sign. Pinciario recommends to the board to sign the lease as prepared, send to the Lions Club and put a deadline on it for June 30th.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor for chair to sign the lease for the sign. Vote (3:0)

Move to #5 to take out of order as Worldtech reps are in meeting. Pinciario addresses them and notes that he thought objectives were to improve sidewalks and parking for town square. He says he's not happy with the plan. He brings up the water service. Traynor addresses Pinciario about parking issues. She says every logical solution was considered. She feels it's the best one. The water is not on the DEP list so they would choose not to move forward with it due to cost.

Traffic Solutions has downsized. Rich Benevento left the company for Worldtech which was going to work with Traffic Solutions on the town square project. An agreement has been made between both companies to terminate the Traffic Solution contract and sign Worldtech. Traffic Solutions letter implies it would be more efficient for Worldtech to assume the contract.

Benevento believes the town has to terminate Traffic Solutions. Ash Amirian has reviewed the contract with Worldtech. Will send a letter to Traffic Solutions to say we have accepted their recommendation to terminate the contract.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to accept the request for termination of contract with Traffic Solutions and approve the contract with Worldtech. Vote (3:0)

Public hearing would be preferably held on July 13th if not then the 8th.

New Business

Finance Director's report

Rep Stanley's office and Sen. Baddour are trying to schedule meeting for River Rd. within the next 2 weeks. When the meeting is put together Pinciario would like it to be confined to the Merrimac issue not jointly with Amesbury. Spinale is working on setting public hearing for town square. McLeod will be insistent to get very detailed job description from every dept head. She will have them due back in Sept.

Motion made by Chariman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to sign the natural hazards pre disaster mitigation plan letter. Vote (3:0)

Drainlayers application. Bond has been received.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve drainlayers license. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request for 40 hours vacation carryover from Dan Ross. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request for 40 hours vacation carryover from Charles Sciacca. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor made for Chapter 90 approval for reimbursement of Cobblers Brook. Vote (3:0)

Request from resident to clear trees on town owned vacant lot with trees on Pine Street. Spinale feels someone could get hurt.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve \$4000 to remove trees on town land adjacent to 24 Pine St. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to deny request for fee waiver for request for records from Carla Pickard at 22 Emery St. Vote (3:0)

Traynor would like to go to biweekly meetings from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. BOS are in agreement for 1st and 3rd. Look at dates for when the warrants are due and schedule on those Mondays. BOS are in agreement.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 8:53PM for purpose of personnel discussion and BOS will not be coming out. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out of executive session and adjourn at 10PM. Vote (3:0)

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Carol A. Traynor