



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
6/07/10

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 7:02 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 Traynor and seconded by Chairman Pinciario to approve minutes for 5/17/10. Vote (2:0:1) Selectman Baumgardner absent for that meeting.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve minutes for 5/24/10. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Chairman Pinciario and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 7:03PM for discussion of personnel issues. Vote (3:0)

Appointments

Denis Nadeau and Bob Sinibaldi

Nadeau says that not having anyone manning the inspectional svc. office has been a problem. Deb Weinhold is in 20 hours for inspectional services. Nadeau is in 11-1 daily, Friday 12-4; mostly the inspections are done by Bob Sinibaldi. He says his 10 hours in the office is not enough. If combined services with Amesbury he would shoot for 2 full days. He says buildings need to be inspected on a yearly basis, some 5 years. He says he would start with occupancy permit inspections, that may take time. Nadeau feels 10 hours for inspections is needed maybe more to start. Local inspector can do them. Right now he's doing 5-11 inspections. Nadeau says the activity is steady. Minimum amount of hours Nadeau thinks coverage by secretary is needed is 30 hours. He suggests plumbing and electrical inspections should be in 10 hours a week each. Nadeau says in Amesbury he has a full time secretary, plumbing and electric inspectors are 20 hours each, and a local insp. He says inspectors are supposed to do inspections within 48 business hours of request. Amesbury to this point does not have a problem with Nadeau covering in Merrimac.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out of executive session at 7:42PM. Vote (3:0)

Joe Moran

Appointments for ZBA and terms-Moran would like to get appointments on a rotation

Current term expires end of June. He hands his recommendation for appointments to the board. He mentions Bob Sinibaldi possibly coming off or made an alternate. Board will take under advisement.

Correspondence

Taking executive items at the end of the meeting.

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

Old Business

Take off fire alarm proposal; Rick Spinale will be in on the 14th to talk about sewer clerk duties. Take Pauline Duhamel off. Pinciario asks to leave TOM properties on as old business to collectively look at the properties for alternate uses. Appointment for Parks and Rec take off.

Mentions 3 vacancies on FinCom, Interested parties would submit interest to the moderator.

New Business

Finance Director's report

River Rd –waiting for meeting to be set up and Cobbler's Brook-bids to be open soon. Fema was only going to cover emergency repairs. MassHwy did the disaster declaration last time and MassHwy thought the declaration had already been done this time. Tentative scheduled public hearing on July 13th for town square project. Still hoping project can be pushed up on TIP. Lease agreement- has no response on sign. MVPC regional initiatives meeting was attended ie. Inspectional service services; already gone out to bid on salt, sand our DPW could get supplies from them. They expect to be online within 3-6 months.

Spinale went to meeting on performance contracting-building and energy uses would be submitted to bid packet. They'll have consultant come out to give energy recommendations and when done the town would get energy savings to pay for the projects. FEMA kick off meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday. Only those affected will attend.

Baumgardner discusses River Rd and that the town can't afford it. He asks the board if maybe they shouldn't move forward. Pinciario's concern is abandoning the roadway; the town would still have to secure the area. Traynor doesn't think it will get the town out of any liability. Baumgardner maintains it's only a problem because it's a road. He feels it should given back to the abutters. Traynor wants to wait on it. Pinciario wonders if it can still be a scenic byway, but we would be transferring property that's unstable to the homeowners. He's not ready to make a decision right now. Put on old business.

Time study submission for billing water and sewer dept. McLeod agreed to how Dan Folding came up with it. The town is doing a study on light expenses. Baumgardner thought we had held off until our study was completed. McLeod is working on the study. Traynor feels the time frame was around July. McLeod will let Folding know the time study will be done at the end of the month and then would like to meet to discuss with commissioners. Put on old business.

Park and Rec approved.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request from Old Home Days for use of fields for Aug 13, 14, 15. Vote (3:0)

Poland Springs has state contract and offered price to employees paying out of pocket. Traynor has no problem with employees paying for their own water.

Request for permit for Merrimac Baseball for one day liquor license. Would need to secure a one day liquor license. August 28th law goes into effect to require a liquor liability policy. Needs to come back with where when the event will take place. Require a million dollars policy.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request from Rick Spinale to carryover 35 hours. Vote (3:0)

Ralph Spencer submitted info of money savings.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to sign letter to Traffic Solutions. Vote (3:0)

Pinciario goes back to Merrimac Baseball as Sean O'Neil is present. Haven't picked a date yet. They thought approval was unlikely so the didn't go into detail. Pinciario goes over the requirements. Traynor notes Moose Club may be interested in helping them out. They were thinking of a social softball game, they would have police duty on a field. No children would be present. Baumgardner prefers the Moose Club idea. If softball event happens in July they need to submit a one day field request.

Follow up to request for fees and itemization of costs from Carla Pickard. Baumgardner denied waiver of fee as it did not have a correlation to running town government. Traynor feels it has nothing to do with intial request. Pinciario didn't feel she qualified for the waiver.

Letter from Town Clerk Pat True regarding new open meeting law in which agendas need to be available 24/7. She has talked to Chris Liquori. Baumgardner does not want to spend any more money on unfunded mandates from the state. The meeting and the agenda will have to be together. Traynor agrees with Baumgardner and would like to have postings in the very end window of the building. Let True know and check with her on what the school committee has to do about postings.

Inquiry as to whether the farmer's market is all set. A-frame sign is against zoning. The selectmen discuss asking him to keep it on the church property. Board thinks it's ok to post sign on the bulletin board advertising farmers market but he has to take down the a-frame sign in the center.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to approve Chapter 90 reimbursement request for the town center. Vote (3:0)

Inquiry cell site consulting. Board goes over the one time payment offer. Board is not interested.

American Tower lease agreement renewal for another five year term

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to approve American Tower memorandum of lease and chair to sign on behalf of the board. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request from Richard Holcroft to carry over 40 hours vacation time. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to declare bucket truck surplus. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to from Mike Buzzell and Patrick Noone to carry over 40 hours each of vacation time. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to terminate sewer account with Belmont springs. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request for reimbursement for special election. Vote (3:0) Money state gave the town for special election has to be put back to where it was spent according to dor so town is putting money back. These are actual costs

Request from Chris Liquori to attend conference. He applied for a grant to attend the conference without

grant its \$948. If he receives a grant its \$128.00. The cost stated covers everything.

Liquori is not sure when he will find out about the grant.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve request to approve request for Chris Liquori to attend conference for the maximum stated of \$948.00. Vote (3:0)

Request for 2 new computers from COA is getting another quote from Net Tech as well, McLeod reports. They are not in the rotation with town hall computers.

She has money left over in her budget this year.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve the request for COA computers. Vote (3:0)

Disclosures from Carol McLeod and Gerry Gocycki to attend MCTA educational conference.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to accept disclosure to allow them to attend for educational purposes. Vote (3:0)

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

Request from Tony Ortu in helping understanding his water bill increase for last quarter. Traynor recommends requesting water billing information from Julie. Have Rick Spinale request the background information from water include most recent meter reading as well. Move to old business.

Questions and concerns on TOM warrants

Reimbursement request from Charles Sciacca for a suit to be used in court appearances with money he has left over from his clothing allowance. Baumgardner thought clothing allowance was for uniforms, etc. He doesn't feel that is the intended purpose. He notes maybe they have more than they need in the clothing allowance. Traynor wonders if they should be in their uniform not a suit. The board feels they should deny

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to deny request for reimbursement of suit. Vote (3:0)

Payroll in Police dept-five dive calls for Richard Holcroft. Pinciario wonders if it's a task force

Traynor believes its part of the mutual aid agreement. Pinciario wonders which budget it should come from.

Traynor recommends asking Sgt. Shears. Traynor feels its appropriate but should pursue what budget it should come from.

Air conditioning work done for \$1700. Anne Jim had asked Chief Flynn if any additional quotes were obtained. It's over \$500. and 3 bids should be obtained. The bill will be paid as the work is done. Item on cell phones, McLeod said if cell policy was signed they were having direct connect. Baumgardner feels if they want the cell service back for emergencies on they should come before the board. Bob Silvia should be on direct connect only.

The selectmen will meet biweekly in July and August. Meeting dates will be 12th and 26th and 9th and 23rd unless something comes up.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and Selectman Traynor to approve request to go into executive session at 9:28PM for the purpose of personnel discussion and potential litigation. Vote (3:0) The board will not be coming out.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and Selectman Traynor to approve request to come out of executive session and adjourn at 9:56PM. Vote 3:0

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Carol A. Traynor