



BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
6/14/10

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

Call To Order at Town Hall

Chairman 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)

Appointments

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 7:02PM for contract negotiations. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out executive session at 8:06PM. Vote (3:0)

John Riordan

Taking contract item with Moriarty and Sons out of order. Discussion over Ridgefield Rd sewer rehab project in which the contract documents incorporate the actual bids. Riordan notes the contract is set up with unit price bid because of the indeterminate nature of aspects of improvements. Riordan reviewed bids and contract was awarded based on summation. Riordan had made the assumption to add in the water line construction and pump station improvement. Traynor asks if that would be in sewers actual budget. Traynor asks if this is part of the I/I and Riordan is not sure. The collection of bids preceded the warrant article. Traynor believes the \$27000 covers the \$7500 item. It had to be broken down in the manner presented so that the Ridgefield Rd. residents would pay for sewer hook up.

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

Signing agreement and notice of award, notice to proceed request to be signed allows Moriarty to proceed but only after July 1st. Moriarty hands selectmen performance bond and insurance cert. Riordan suggests a preconstruction meeting on July 1st with invitation to residents on Ridgefield Rd. He will work through Spinale in getting those invited. Spinale will send me an email as to when to do mailing inviting Ridgefield Rd residents to the meeting.

Water System Capital Improvements

He presents in connection with the matter with DEP. Pinciario asks if all 12 projects are needed to satisfy what they are looking for. Ultimately DEP feels the need to have a firm schedule and has incorporated that into the consent order. Some response is required no later than July 15th. Minimum pressure plan, existing system does not meet state standards; will require water main line replacement and booster pumps. Tank repairs; cross connection control program. The other items require a plan and reasonable schedule. Traynor notes the water line is an issue because they can't afford it and was why it was thrown out of the town square project.

Riordan recommends the replacement of the line and says the lack of funds is a legitimate constraint to put to the DEP as a response. Traynor asks about doing just some of the items and testing what effect it has on pressure. Riordan says it makes sense to do some improvements and recalibrate to see where they stand. Attitash booster pump is \$100,000-one of the more expensive items. Riordan says his feeling is that the DEP just wants the assurance that the town meets the standard pressure requirements. His plan suggests what may be necessary. He suggests the town show the plan at worst case scenario and the lack of funding for the plan. All of the items he notes are part of the water master plan. That plan did not include a priority

list. Pinciario is hesitant to put it all out there in case it can't be done in the time frame specified. Riordan feels fairly certain the DEP doesn't care about specifics they just want results. He asks if they see any advantage to meeting with DEP again maybe this week to go over concerns about funding. Baumgardner felt at the DEP meeting, they didn't care about the cost to do it. Pinciario agrees. Riordan feels there may be a stronger case by sharing the entire improvement plan. Pinciario would rather scale back then work it from there. Traynor recommends doing the Attitash booster pump and stand pipes, everything but the main pipe replacement. The cost would be around 1mil. She asks Spinale if flushing could be done 3 times a year. He doesn't think it would be helpful. Riordan describes pipe busting rather than digging up road to replace water line. Riordan again recommends that Pinciario meet one on one with DEP to feel out what would be acceptable. The board would like to try to do the increase in pressure without doing the main lines as they explore options to replace and improve lines base on economical conditions. Riordan will put a pared down draft together and have available at next meeting. Discussion regarding Scherbon Construction who was contractor for repairs to the Merrimacport Pump station. There was a discrepancy over a change order regarding fencing to be left at the site. Riordan determined to leave the construction fence. Since the last change order had removal of the fence charge, and it was not to be removed, it was left out of the final payment. Scherbon is in disagreement. The BOS does not feel the town needs to pay for the item.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve the SCG Engineering agreement for professional services related to DEP and authorize the chair to sign. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve agreement with SCG Engineering for improvements to the Sargent wellfield and pump house. Vote (3:0)

Correspondence

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

Old Business

No comment.

New Business

Disclosure from Chris Liquori to attend conference.

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

Inquiry in regard to whether homes are subject to \$5000 assessment to connect to sewer. Traynor suggests holding off until 6/21.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to allow Merrimac Country Market to apply to state for KENO To Go. Vote (3:0)

Request from Babe Ruth Baseball for use of Stevens Field from 6/10-8/15/10. Call Rob Barry need to know specific days /times and be sure it's accurately communicated to Parks and Rec. Put on old business.

Request from Conservation Agent Jay Smith to share planning board office space. Communicate to Pat True that Smith would like to share the office and BOS is fine with it.

Rich Benevento of WorldTech previously said he would come in to do a presentation about Town Square project. Board would like for him to come in on 6/28 and have Liquori have extra camera.

Motion to approve reserve transfer of \$50 from expense to salary for Tax Collector and Town Accountant respectively. Vote (3:0)

U.S. Census Bureau request for boundary validation. Received confirmation letter from assessor Joyce Clohecy that boundaries are accurate.

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

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to approve Laura Mailman's vacation time. Vote (3:0)

Request for information from Carla Pickard regarding town ownership of Emery St. and Burnside Ln. BOS wants to send bill for work that was performed previously. Give Pickard an estimate of cost if she wants to move forward.

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to go into executive session at 10:07PM for purpose of personnel discussion and contract negotiation. Board will not be coming out. Vote (3:0)

Motion made by Selectman Baumgardner and seconded by Selectman Traynor to come out of executive session 10:33PM and to adjourn. Vote (3:0)

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Carol A. Traynor