

Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
4/24/17
7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Gary C. Fowler, Clerk; Douglas W. Dawes, Steven Sadler, and Joseph Bonavita

Others Present: Michael Farrell, Town Administrator; Janet Pantano, Administrative Assistant

Absent: C. David Surface Chairman

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes
Pledge of Allegiance

WARRANT and MINUTES

Minutes April 10, 2017

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017 as amended. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

CORRESPONDENCE

NEW BUSINESS

LED Streetlight Program-Dave Schofield and Vincent Ragucci to be present

Mr. Schofield stated that Mr. Ragucci is an Energy New England, consultant that the Light department uses and he also works on administration of grants.

Mr. Schofield stated Georgetown and 9 other communities received an LED grant. He stated that Georgetown's portion is \$90K and is half of the replacement cost of all lights. He stated that the Light Department will cover the other half and will recover costs from savings in new lights. He explained the audit and research that the department has done. He stated that he needs a signature from the chair or the approval of the board for the Town Administrator to sign. He stated a bid will come in this Friday for the group purchase. He stated with the 10 communities combined it will bring the cost down. He stated that they would come back with the selection of equipment and final cost. He stated at this time the town spends \$50K for street lights. He stated that the install could be done by June of 2018. He stated that after the install the town would see savings and it is mandated to see 25% savings. He stated that the town will see a 50% savings with amazing features.

Mr. Dawes stated the savings will be in usage. Mr. Schofield stated correct and explained. He stated heads have at least a 10 year life span. Mr. Dawes asked the color of the lights. Mr. Schofield stated he hopes to do a smooth transition a whiter light in the downtown and a softer light further out.

Mr. Sadler asked about the funds coming out of the budget and if the savings could be used somewhere else. Mr. Schofield explained when the town would see the savings maybe FY19. Mr. Sadler asked about the unit used. Mr. Schofield explained this is what they are looking at with the bids on Friday.

Mr. Ragucci explained once the selection is made they will learn the selection.

Mr. Sadler asked if they have talked to other towns. Mr. Schofield stated that he has not heard any problems from other towns. He stated that this is very popular program.

Mr. Bonavita stated that the light fixture will be changed. Mr. Schofield stated yes the whole light fixture will be changed. Mr. Bonavita asked light life. Mr. Schofield stated at least 10 years. Mr. Bonavita asked the costs of the lights. He stated \$140 to \$150 a bulb.

Mr. Dawes stated that certain street lights are taken off line. Mr. Schofield stated that that program no longer exists.

Mr. Farrell stated that on the \$50K current cost and then an eventual 50% savings of \$25K they will still budget full amount for to pay towards costs. Discussion on similar program for the ESCO.

Mr. Fowler stated that this is phase I and will come back with phase II. Mr. Schofield explained he would talk with Mr. Farrell and work with the town.

Mr. Sadler asked if Mr. Farrell was comfortable with this program. Mr. Farrell stated that he was and was involved in a similar program years ago in another community.

Mr. Fowler stated that he would poll the board. Mr. Dawes, Mr. Bonavita, and Mr. Fowler all in favor of the program.

Mr. Ragucci stated Friday will be the bid and once they decides on a light then they will come back for a signature. Mr. Schofield stated that he will evaluate and make a decision and because there is a buyback the board must agree on program.

Mr. Dawes moved to authorize the *Light Department to go forward on the LED light replacement program* and for the *Town Administrator to sign documents associated with the program*. Mr. Bonavita seconded he motion and the motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

Request to speak to the BoS regarding the Seabrook Nuclear Plant-Stephen B. Comley, Sr. to be present

Mr. Fowler introduced Mr. Comley and disclosed that he attends the same church. He stated Mr. Comley is passionate about nuclear energy. He stated that he asked Mr. Schofield to explain where the town stands with Seabrook.

Mr. Schofield stated that the town gets 25% of energy from Seabrook. He explained costs of energy from Seabrook and the arrangement that they have with them. Mr. Farrell asked when they will be decommissioned. Mr. Schofield stated that he has not heard of a time.

Mr. Dawes disclosed that he also goes to church with Mr. Comley.

Mr. Fowler stated he asked Mr. Comley to present for 5 minutes and then 5 minutes on what he is looking for from the board and then questions from the board.

Mr. Comley gave a presentation on nuclear plants. He stated he formed "We the People" and "National Whistleblower" group. He discussed substandard parts at Seabrook. He discussed evacuation plans and that in the summer the area cannot be evacuated under the current plan. He stated that they are asking for a hearing with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)

regarding the evacuation of the 10 mile radius in an emergency. He is asking for a letter from the town to the NRC. He discussed whistleblowers and that they are the strongest people. Mr. Fowler stated that the board has a packet from Chief Cudmore on the evacuation plan for Georgetown. He stated he has some concerns on the plan. He stated that Georgetown is outside of the 10 mile radius. He stated that he is in favor of writing the letter to NRC.

Mr. Dawes asked if he had any other representatives have written letters. Mr. Comley stated that he has a letter from Sen. Tarr and Rep. Hill but does not have others. Mr. Dawes stated that he read the letter from Sen. Tarr. Mr. Comley stated that he is asking for a letter from the town. Mr. Bonavita stated that he has thought about this and he and his wife has discussed the issue. He asked what they can do to educate our town.

Mr. Comley stated that he had tapes that the Dept. of Justice wants and that he will not give them out.

Mr. Fowler stated that Chief Cudmore could answer our questions. He stated that the Chief may be able to bring someone from MEMA to a meeting to discuss.

Mr. Bonavita stated that the board should look into a discussion.

Mr. Sadler stated that there are plans that the Police Chief gave Mr. Fowler. He stated that Mr. Comley is concerned that the plant cannot implement the evacuation plan.

Mr. Dawes stated that you are asking for a letter endorsing the hearing and Tarr's letter.

Mr. Bonavita asked if there is a requirement by the NCR to hold a hearing if they receive a certain amount of letters. Mr. Comley stated that there is not.

Mr. Fowler stated that he agrees with Mr. Bonavita to have the Police Chief and MEMA in for a discussion. He stated that they should discuss the towns plan and the plan for Schools.

Mr. Dawes stated that he does not have a problem with endorsing the Representatives letters.

Mr. Dawes moved to write a letter endorsing the letters of Sen. Tarr and Rep. Hill to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission requesting a hearing on the Seabrook Evacuation Plan. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion.

Mr. Sadler stated that from the note from the Chief he has a plan and is he is confident with that plan.

The motion was approved by a 3-1 vote.

ITEMS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIR 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Jeff & Maria's Ice Cream Stand-American Legion Park

Mr. Farrell stated that Jeff and Maria's have been asked to open this weekend because of the Little League parade on April 30th. He stated that they had planned to open later in the month.

Mr. Dawes moved to grant *Jeff & Maria's a Common Victualler* license for the ice cream stand at the American Legion Park on the condition that they have all approvals from the Board of Health to expire December 31, 2017. Mr. Bonavita second the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

ATM & STM – May 1, 2017 @ 7:00PM

Mr. Fowler asked that the Highway Department put out signs reminding residents of the meeting. He stated that this is the towns chance to come out and vote.

Perambulation of Bounds

Mr. Fowler stated that the town has to talk to surrounding towns on the perambulation of bounds. Mr. Farrell stated he has sent out letters to the surrounding towns.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Senior Center Update/Closeout

Mr. Farrell stated that the urinal is in and there is still some tiling to be done. Mr. Fowler stated that they do not need to be in a rush to close this out.

Snow & Ice Deficit Update

Mr. Farrell stated that \$265,514 is the final snow and ice number and this leave's \$58,048 in Free Cash. He stated that they also have an article for Healthy Hearts/IED's that is asking for \$22K.

Marijuana Moratorium/May 22

Mr. Farrell stated that the Planning Board has agreed to meet with the Selectmen on Monday, May 22. Mr. Fowler asked if we want K & P to be present. Mr. Farrell stated that he does not think the board needs KP Law to come in and sent him a draft Moratorium for the town.

Discussion on whether to have counsel present.

Mr. Dawes asked for a copy of the moratorium template.

45 Central Street

Mr. Bonavita asked where we are with the house at 45 Central St. Mr. Farrell stated that he is working to get the area cleaned up. Discussion on a public meeting on the use of the property. Mr. Fowler stated to keep on old business.

APPOINTMENTS AND APPROVALS

Request for appointment of Kelsey Bresnahan-Sousa to the Cable Advisory Committee

Mr. Dawes moved to reappoint Kelsey Bresnahan-Sousa to the Cable Advisory Committee term to expire June 30, 2017. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Facebook

Mr. Sadler stated that the Facebook page was to get information on the town and departments out to the public. He stated he wanted to send something to Mr. Farrell to send out to departments asking them to send information on what they are doing to Mr. Durney.

NEXT MEETING

May 1, 2017 at 6PM-Middle/High School-Annual Town Meeting

May 15, 2017 at 7PM-3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

ADJOURNMENT

BoS Minutes
April 24, 2017

Mr. Sadler moved to adjourn. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.
Minutes approved May 15, 2017.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Minutes April 10, 2017
- LED Streetlight Program email
- Seabrook Nuclear Plant information from Stephen B. Comley, Sr.
- ATM & STM Warrants for May 1, 2017
- Request for appointment of Kelsey Bresnahan-Sousa to the Cable Advisory Committee