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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

8/12/19

6:00PM-Executive Session~2nd floor meeting room, Town Hall

7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Charles Durney, Clerk; Gary C. Fowler, Douglas W. Dawes, and David J. Twiss

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

Absent:

6:00PM-EXECUTIVE SESSION-2nd floor meeting room

Tolman Property-To discuss strategy with respect to litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body and the Chair so declares ...;

7:15PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Veterans' Project

Mr. Dawes stated that here tonight is Sam Mroz who is a Project 351 Ambassador who is working on a project for veterans' and he invited him forward.

Mr. Mroz explained the project he is working on and that other Ambassadors in the 351 towns are working on this to send supplies to troops, in memory of 9/11 victims. He stated that the collections start today until September 4th. He stated that they are collecting in town at the Library and will go to Rose Kennedy Greenway to be package. He explained the Project 351 and that he was selected by his teachers in 8th grade and is now an alumnus. He stated that they are quiet leaders.

Mr. Dawes stated that the American Legion and VFW will support his project. Mr. Bonavita stated how can the board help. Mr. Mroz stated spreading the word would be a help. Mr. Bonavita stated that if he sends information, we can place on town website and town Facebook page.

Ms. Jacobs stated that the school is very proud of Sam and that he has asked to be appointed to this and other projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Georgetown Flatbread, LLC for a Change of Manager

Jill Mann, Attorney and Makayla Maclean, New Manager were present

Ms. Mann explained Ms. Maclean's background and that she has been with Flatbread for a few years.

Mr. Dawes asked if this is her first Management position. Ms. Maclean stated that it is. Mr. Bonavita asked if any reason the previous manager left. Ms. Mann stated that there was not just a change.

Mr. Durney moved to approve the request from Georgetown Flatbread, LLC for a Change Manager to Makayla Lynn MacLean. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Youth Community Center request for funding at Fall Town Meeting

Erin Duggen, Mike Hinchliffe, Bram de Veer, Jenna Connors, GYCC members

Mr. Bonavita asked Ms. Duggen to give an update on the Youth Center.

Ms. Duggen stated that since they last met the committee has been very busy and have met with youth and came up with a mission. She had a PowerPoint that she went over with the board. She stated that this project started from a with Grant through Asset Builders and a study done for the town. She stated that the study has been sent to the board. She explained events that have happened since they met. She stated that have had promises of funding. She explained the space and all the areas and supplies they have already received.

Ms. Connors stated that she has been working on marketing and working with the Honors Marketing students and explained the process they have gone through already. She explained the Glow Night that they held. She listed the sponsors, Sen. Tarr, Crosby's Marketplace, Cam Coy Basketball, Kiwanis, Men's Softball, Royals.

Mr. Dawes stated that CPC had funds approved at the ATM for outdoor basketball court. Ms. Duggen stated for the Youth Center and for the Senior Center. She explained a Take Me Out to the Ballgame event on August 23 the last event.

Mr. Hinchliffe stated that they started this process in the spring and have seen it grow and youth are showing up at events and looking for more. He stated that they are looking for 2 part-time staff for 10 to 20 hours a week. He stated that they need staff for the youth led program and then in the longer term a director. He stated he is confident that there will be more funding, have only started. Ms. Duggen stated that the model they used is for grades 6-9 and some grade 10-12. She stated that the 10-12th grade want in and have been volunteering.

Mr. Hinchliffe moving forward an issue is insurance and the School Committee is helping for the first events. He stated not cheap several thousand dollars. He stated that this is an important item. He stated that having consistent staff is also a critical step. He stated that they are holding a fund raiser on September 27th at Camp Denison. He stated that they also want to hold a Community Open House in October. He stated that he had a conversation with Mary McMenemy Town Accountant and she explained the process and what has to be done to acquire grant funds and funding for the GYCC. He stated that they are going to figure out how to open and fund the center. He stated they would like to open 3 days a week after school, and have Friday night events. He stated that to get on insurance GYCC has to be a town department. He stated that for Park & Rec to overtake would have to be a vote of their committee, and Selectmen. He stated that they have to figure out the insurance. He stated asking for an investment from the town of \$15K. He stated that they have a \$30K grant, \$15K in donations and \$15K from the town is their ask.

Mr. Dawes stated with the fundraiser and some additional corporate donations would they have additional funds. Ms. Duggen stated that those will only bring in a couple thousand. He asked if they have any idea what this number is that they need. Ms. Duggen stated not at this time. Mr. Dawes stated what is their expenses.

Mr. Hinchliffe stated outsourcing for staff now, looking at options until we receive funds. He stated that they have had a lot of donations over the summer and does not know if these will be available in the future.

Mr. Twiss stated that his concern is they have some funds coming in now but what do we do to continue these funds. He asked if they will have any events so younger students see the center and want to use as they get older. He asked if they will charge parents to use. Ms. Duggen stated Newburyport did \$250 a year and kids did not come. She stated maybe free but pay for special events. She stated that they are waiting to see where they will land. Mr. Twiss stated that he is looking at the future and where the funding will come from. Ms. Duggen stated that they are asking for a Full Time Park & Rec Director who would oversee this and part time staff who would report to director.

Mr. DiMento stated that the Rail Trail is a subgroup of Park & Rec. He stated that the Park & Rec gave back \$5K and could maybe be used or appropriated in fall. Mr. Farrell stated that these funds are not there anymore and are now in Free Cash.

Mr. Bonavita stated it would work to have the Teen Center under Park & Rec and this would satisfy the need. Mr. Dawes asked if the Park & Rec is in favor. Mr. DiMento stated that with the funds in play he will go back to the board and see how to move this forward. Mr. Bonavita stated Park & Rec has done a great job for the town and have to move forward. He stated need to have staff to get this going. Mr. DiMento stated there are other events they could hold to raise funds.

Mr. Farrell asked if they have a budget for year two. Mr. Hinchliffe stated \$60K this year and \$75K the second year. Mr. Bonavita stated that they are putting together a 3-year budget.

Ms. Duggen stated that they are meeting next week with Park & Rec. Mr. Bonavita stated that he thinks this is a good project.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Park & Rec voted and in favor of the project, but not for this year. He stated that they need new younger members. Mr. DiMento stated that this person is going to have to be motivated.

Bram de Veer stated they have a 12-member committee and have had lots of great discussions and he is humbled by the complexity to put this together. He stated that they are trying to do everything right and are working with Newburyport and they have been a great partner.

Mr. Dawes asked who is providing the maintenance. Ms. Jacobs stated that the custodian is doing some on the night shift. Mr. Hinchliffe stated would have cleaning in the budget to pay the school.

Mr. Dawes stated he wants to commend the group as they have come together for the community.

Mr. Bonavita asked about a fall town meeting. Mr. Farrell stated that the FinCom wants to set up a SPED Stab Fund. He explained the process and dates. He stated possibly October 28th or November 4th for a STM.

Mr. Bonavita asked what is the process to have the Park & Rec to accept the GYCC and what is needed. Mr. Farrell stated that they will need approval by Park & Rec, then an appropriation and warrant article to fund. Mr. Hinchliffe asked if Mr. Farrell could put together a list of what they need to do. Mr. Farrell stated he would do that.

Mr. Fowler stated that he wants Mr. Farrell to be part of the process and look at the job descriptions.

Bram de Veer stated if the fall goes as planned how do we approach for the spring.

Mr. Durney stated that anyone who has not seen the space should check the space out.

Youth Community Center request for a One-Day Liquor License for an event at Camp Denison

Mr. Bonavita asked about the event beer or wine. Ms. Duggen explained beer, wine, and a rum distiller. Ms. Pantano stated that they need the signed Camp Denison application. Ms. Duggen to bring to next meeting on September 9th.

WARRANT and MINUTES

Minutes July 15, 2019

Mr. Durney moved to approve the minutes of July 15, 2019. Mr. Twiss seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Request from Anthony Franciosa to refer Street Acceptance of Palmer Lane to the Planning Board

Mr. Durney moved to refer the request for Street Acceptance of Palmer Lane to the Planning Board. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

National Ave update

Mr. Farrell stated that he sent a memo to the board and asked them how they want to proceed. He explained issues and appraisals. He stated an option is to try to acquire the access. Mr. Bonavita stated that there is a buyer but does not want to go through the process with Planning and Conservation. He stated that we have a very poor reputation with these boards. He stated do we want to do some pre-planning on this lot with ConCom and Planning.

Mr. Fowler asked if this land is in the expedited permit area if so, would have to be done in 6-months. Mr. Farrell stated that he will look into this.

Mr. Twiss stated that we do have a bad reputation for development. He stated we have a nice piece of land and is there a way to move forward.

Mr. Fowler stated that you have to look at as these boards are looking out for the town.

Discussion on the lot and wetland crossing.

Mr. Fowler stated until EDC works with the board or Planning work to have better zoning in the area, we will have an issue. Mr. Farrell stated zoned light industrial.

Mr. Durney asked why we split into two parcels. He agreed with a zoning change. He asked why owner bought the strip. Mr. Farrell stated a spite strip. He stated to purchase we would have to have a warrant article and an appropriation.

Mr. Bonavita stated that land was taken by tax title and the town is owed \$80K and he would like to see the developed and back on the tax role. He stated that he would like to see the land sold and the town receive the funds. He stated he would be happy with \$500K. Discussion

Mr. Farrell stated would they sell both together. Mr. Durney stated MV group gave some recommendations did he remember what this were. Mr. Farrell stated he did not remember. Mr. Bonavita stated put on the market again and see what we can get. Mr. Twiss stated he agrees with Mr. Fowler to look at the zoning and see what we can do. Mr. Fowler stated that he does not see a rush. He stated it would be better to have a plan for the future. He stated that home next to Perley is for sale should the board look into these options when they arise. Mr. Durney stated that he thinks we should look at the zoning and talk to owner of spite strip. He stated as Mr. Twiss stated look at options. He stated if these come up flat then put back on market but look a little deeper first. Mr. Twiss stated he would like to talk to boards first and look at zoning. Mr. Dawes stated look at price, zoning, and have an appraisal. Mr. Twiss stated meet with departments, and look at options. He stated to cut price he is not in favor of. Mr. Farrell stated if they want to use a broker he does not have to go out to bid. Mr. Durney asked what the cost would be. Mr. Farrell stated a commission and he explained. Mr. Twiss stated obstacles are zoning and access.

Discussion

Mr. Bonavita stated for Mr. Farrell to meet with the owner of strip, meet with Planning, ConCom, and Building Inspector/Zoning Officer. Mr. Farrell stated he would meet with the staff not the boards.

Mr. Bonavita stated an option is for the town to develop and lease.

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

Request from Library Director to surplus property

Mr. Twiss moved to approve the computer surplus property request from the Library Director as presented. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes stated a Veterans barbeque at Windrush farm 11Am to 2PM on Saturday, August 17th..

NEXT MEETING

September 9, 2019 7:00PM, 3rd floor meeting room

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Durney moved to adjourn. Mr. Twiss seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved September 9, 2019.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Minutes July 15, 2019
- Request from Georgetown Flatbread, LLC for a Change of Manager
- Youth Community Center request for funding at Fall Town Meeting

BoS Minutes
August 12, 2019

- Youth Community Center request for a One-Day Liquor License for an event at Camp Denison
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- National Ave update
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