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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

12/16/19

**6:00 PM Executive Session 2nd floor meeting room ~ 7:00 PM 3rd floor meeting room,
1 Library Street**

A part of this meeting will be a joint meeting with Conservation Commission, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals

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-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or 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 ...;

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

Mello Disposal Discussion-Joint meeting with ConCom, Planning Board, and ZBA

ConCom: Carl Shreder, Rachel Bancroft, Laura Repplier, and Rebecca Chane

Planning Board: Harry LaCortiglia, and Bruce Fried

ZBA: Jeff Moore, and Alt. Sharon Freeman

Mr. Shreder opened the ConCom meeting.

No quorum for Planning, ZBA, or FinCom.

Mr. Bonavita stated that we wanted to have an open conversation with the boards on the Mello project and share some information he has on numbers effecting the town. He stated he has promoted open communication and we work for the town and not individually and not for just the board. He stated that all boards need to communicate and this is an important project for the town. He asked if anyone had any concerns.

Mr. Fowler stated that the Chair mentions we and he is not in favor of this part of the meeting and he will recuse himself from this part of the meeting.

Mr. LaCortiglia stated he had a statement and gave the board a copy and he read the statement to the audience. He stated that the G. Mello project hearing has been open by

the Planning Board and any conversation could be used for appeal of a decision. He stated his board will not be commenting this evening.

Mr. Shreder stated that the ConCom has a similar concern and they have given an Anrad to the project and will open the public hearing on Thursday.

Mr. Bonavita stated that the original location is still before the ZBA and the project is going nowhere. He stated that the Selectmen are involved in budget items and this is an important project for the town. He stated that this project has a positive effect on our economy.

Mr. Moore stated that the original site is still ongoing and is continued until resolution of the new site at Carleton Drive. He stated that the new site is approved by the ZBA.

Mr. Shreder explained where the ConCom is in the process.

Mr. Moore stated that there is a Water Resource application before the ZBA that cannot be voted on until the Site Plan Approval is done by the Planning Board.

Mr. Bonavita stated that G. Mello service 1300 homes in town, he stated that the Municipal buildings are picked up for free, and Schools get one free pick-up a week, he listed other items that Mello has done for the town. He stated that if the town lost this business, the town would not have the drop off for trash and recycling cost would up. He stated that it would be a \$1.1M to \$1.3M hit to the town. He stated now a \$465K cost for School pick-up. He stated how would the town make up for this lost revenue and this is a concern of this board and why the chair of the FinCom is here. He asked the boards to consider this when making a decision and how this decision will affect our towns people, jobs, etc. He stated that the town would like to see the project at the new location and this would also alleviate some of the traffic issues at the current site. He stated that the boards received a letter of recommendation from this board and he wants to promote open communication. He stated that this is a very important company to the town with their donations to the town and work they do with the town.

Mr. LaCortiglia asked for all the information that was shared to the Selectmen to put in writing and to be sent to the Planning Board for their next meeting. Mr. Moore from ZBA would like the information also.

Ms. Repplier stated that they know this information and she stated that the Selectmen know so little of what the ConCom are doing. She stated that the ConCom has a lot of information of what the applicant does and they do not know what they doing and the Selectmen should have more information of what the ConCom are doing. She stated does not feel they should be lectured.

Mr. Bonavita stated he is not lecturing and does not mean to just wants to share information and have open communication with boards.

Ms. Repplier stated that there should be a conduit of information to the Selectmen.

Mr. Shreder stated that there is a lot of information and did not want to be a tainted board.

Mr. Bonavita stated he understands and does not want to do anything to taint the process.

Mr. Shreder stated when you get into hearings it changes things.

Mr. Bonavita stated that there will be no decisions tonight and just open communications, he does not feel like he is lecturing. Mr. Repplier stated that was her and did not mean to say lecturing.

Mr. Bonavita stated they have been here for a half hour, and he just wanted to see all are on the same page.

Mr. Moore stated that in the beginning he came to the Selectmen for some guidance and Mr. Bonavita came to some ZBA meetings which was appreciated.

Mr. Bonavita stated that if Mello moves to Carleton Drive there would be some expansion at the Highway Department.

John Duff, 6 Spaulding Drive asked where he got his numbers, and how does the town lose funds if he stays where he is. Mr. Bonavita stated that he got the numbers from the owner.

Richard Kopaczynski, 5 Spaulding Drive, asked if the town goes out to bid. Mr. Bonavita stated that Mello has a 10-year lease.

Mr. Bonavita thanked all the members for attending.

Mr. Shreder closed the ConCom meeting. Joint meeting ended at 7:35PM.

Mr. Fowler rejoined the meeting.

WARRANT and MINUTES

Minutes of November 18, 2019 and December 9, 2019

Mr. Twiss moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2019. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Dawes moved to approve the minutes of December 9, 2019. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0-2 vote. Mr. Twiss and Mr. Durney abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE

Winter Parking Ban Reminder-Effective December 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020

Mr. Durney read the parking ban notice.

NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation for Glenn Silva for 41 years of service to the Georgetown Fire Department

Mr. Twiss read the Proclamation.

Mr. Dawes stated that he has known Mr. Silva for years and has been an exemplary employee for the town.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Meeting dates for 2020: Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; Mar. 9, 23; Apr. 13, 27; May 4 ATM, 18; June 8, 22, 2020

Board approved the meeting dates.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Farrell stated he is working on budgets and that departments have to have their budgets to him by Dec 31st and he will have a budget for the Selectmen on January 27.

He stated he still will not have some large dollar items and will have to use his crystal ball to balance the budget.

Mr. Fowler asked when the departments would be meeting with FinCom. Mr. Farrell stated that they plan to have the department presentations on Saturday, February 8th with a snow date of March 7th.

Mr. Farrell stated that there has been discussion on joint maintenance, a fuel depot, and a shared mechanic.

OLD BUSINESS

Recreational Fields Study Committee Update

Jeff Moore, Scott McDonald, Co-Chair

John Perry and John Biagini, Gale Associates, Inc. were present

Mr. Moore stated he would give an overview of the committee. He stated that the board was formed over a year ago, and stated from a conversation on the condition of West Street. He stated what if West St was closed, what would the town do and what are the alternatives. He thanked other members, Dave Surface, Peter Burns, and Harry LaCortiglia and for help from Peter Durkee. He stated that the committee looked at the M/H School upper fields, the greenway parcel, and fields at Penn Brook School. He stated that the funding for the study was from CPC. He stated that Brian Biagini and John Perry from Gale Associates will present the report.

Mr. Perry stated they have done other work in town and are very familiar with the town. He went over the report and the report is a part of these minutes.

Mr. McDonald stated that Mike Gilstein, GAA president is present and could answer any questions on GAA if needed.

Discussion on if West Street would be decommissioned.

Mr. Biagini went over the options for the town.

Mr. Moore gave pros and cons for fields at the school instead of at the Greenway. Also, the high cost of access to the Greenway site.

There were 4 options shown.

Mr. Moore stated that they also considered the Water Treatment that may be proposed at the M/H School site. He showed a slide with a waste water treatment plant for the downtown. He stated that the study for the downtown and the fields were done independent of each other but can work together. He stated that they will post the report and also show the proposal to the School Department. He stated that this sets the goal of a Master Plan of fields for the town.

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

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

License Renewals for Approval

Mr. Durney moved to approve the ABCC Alcohol license renewals:

Wine & Malt Restaurant: Tri-Twenty-One Co., LLC dba Cafe Sarina

All Alcohol Restaurant: Another Spot, Inc. dba The Spot; Georgetown Flatbread; Rybos Bistro II, Inc-Black Swan CC

All Alcohol Package Store: Georgetown Liquors, Inc.; C & J Liquors, Inc. dba The Liquor Barn

Wine & Malt Package Store: Crosby's Markets, Inc. dba Crosby's Marketplace to expire 12/31/2020. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

Mr. Durney moved to approve the license renewals:

Common Victualler: Best Bagels, Inc.; Crosby's Marketplace; Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.; Domino's; Honey Dew Donuts; The Spot; Cafe Sarina; Georgetown Bowling Alley; Georgetown Flatbread; Rybos Bistro II, Inc-Black Swan CC; Nicolini House of Pizza; Nicki's Roast Beef & Pizza; Barisal Convenience dba Richdale

Trap Shooting: Georgetown Fish & Game Assoc.

Second Hand Shop: Instant Replays; Vintage Vault

Sunday Live Entertainment: The Spot; Cafe Sarina; Georgetown Flatbread; Rybos Bistro II, Inc-Black Swan CC

Weekly Live Entertainment: The Spot; Cafe Sarina; Georgetown Flatbread; Rybos Bistro II, Inc/Black Swan CC

Bowling: Georgetown Bowling Lanes

Used Car Sales-Class II: Georgetown Auto Sales; Route 133 Fuel, Inc. to expire 12/31/2020. Mr. Fowler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler stated water treatment for the downtown should go to the town. Mr. Bonavita stated that the EDC is waiting for some information from Mr. Cashell and he is talking with the State about funding. Mr. Bonavita stated that he wants can the fields be looked at as a business opportunity for tournaments. Mr. Bonavita stated Mr. Cashell stated he was talking with MVPC.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, January 13, 2020 3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Mr. Bonavita stated that this is the last meeting for this year and the board wishes a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year to all residents.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:45PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved January 13, 2020.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Minutes of November 18, 2019
- Winter Parking Ban Reminder-Effective December 1, 2019 to April 1, 2020
- Recreational Fields Study Committee Report
- Meeting dates for 2020: Jan. 13, 27; Feb. 10, 24; Mar. 9, 23; Apr. 13, 27; May 4
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- 2020 Alcohol License and License Renewals for Approval