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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
10/28/19
6:00PM-General Meeting ~ M/H School Guidance Room

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; David Surface, Moderator

Absent:

6:05PM Call to order

Town Warrant Discussion

Mr. Bonavita asked that they look at the motions and determine who reads which motion. He stated that FinCom usually does the finance articles and Planning Board would do Article 9 Street Acceptance. Mr. Surface stated that Selectmen should do Article 10 the CVS Easement for the Fire Department.

Mr. Fowler stated that the FinCom was going to vote tonight on if they support *Article 4: Utility Vehicle, Boat, and Rescue Equipment-Fire Department*.

Mr. Bonavita stated that he was told FinCom was now in support of this article.

Mr. Fowler stated that there was discussion on this article not going to CIP first and if this is a go around. Mr. Twiss stated not required in bylaw. Mr. Farrell stated CIP is in our bylaw but is not required to be approved first and there would have been only this one item to discuss. He stated that CIP is a ranking program. Mr. Fowler stated that if they had waited until spring there would have been a list of CIP requests. Mr. Bonavita asked Mr. Farrell to confirm the FinCom vote. Discussion on pick-up truck.

Park & Rec Bid for East Main Street Park - update

Mr. LaCortiglia stated that the bid for East Main Street came in \$40K over bid. He stated that a possibility may be a line item transfer to Park & Rec. He stated just wanted to give he board an update and can be discussed at a regular meeting. Mr. Twiss asked what was in the bid. Mr. LaCortiglia stated that it was a modified plan of the parking area and replication area. He stated that they would have been substantially complete in April and then the park could have been insured and used. Discussion

Mr. Fowler asked if the line item transfer could be a loan and then repaid later by CPC. Mr. Farrell that it could not.

Mr. Farrell stated that the FinCom voted 6-0 in favor of Article 4 fulling funding the boat, trailer, and truck.

Mr. Fowler moved to support Article 4: Utility Vehicle, Boat, and Rescue Equipment-Fire Department at \$75K. Mr. Durney seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 5-0 vote.

Article 8: Community Teen Center Funding

Mr. Fowler stated that he would support with a lower dollar amount. He stated he would like to see at \$30K instead of \$45K. Discussion on whether to amend article or motion. Mr. Farrell to check with town counsel.

Mr. Twiss asked if the \$30K would come back to the town after the grant is received. Mr.

Farrell stated any funds not used would go back to the town. Mr. Bonavita stated that the State was told the town would match the \$30K and does not want to renege on that.

Mr. Farrell stated that the contract with the State is to use for personnel and \$7K for programing. He stated that the programing was going to be done by the GYCC and the town funds.

Mr. Dawes stated that he thought the funds from the town were for staffing. He stated that he is not in favor of setting up a new department. Mr. Twiss stated that this program should be under the School or Park & Rec. Mr. Bonavita stated that the School wanted no part of this program. Mr. Twiss stated that GYCC has done a lot of work to put this together, Park 7 Rec should have a direction to start maybe doing some scheduling. Mr. Fowler stated that the scheduling is done by volunteers now.

Mr. Fowler moved to support Article 8: Community Teen Center Funding at \$30,000 by amending the article or changing the motion. Mr. Durney seconded the motion.

Mr. Twiss stated that FinCom and the board support the Fire Dept. all there funds, we should support this article.

Mr. Fowler stated he does have an issue with Rick Ghiardella being shut out of GYCC events. He stated that he has been holding youth events for years for Park & Rec.

Mr. Farrell returned and stated counsel stated that the motion can be amended as long as we are reducing the dollar amount and not increasing. He stated that FinCom voted not in favor of supporting at this time.

The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Article 5: Stabilization Fund

Mr. Farrell stated that the FinCom voted to support the \$300K to go into Article 5: Stabilization Fund by a 5-1 vote. He stated Mr. Epstein will give a report on why he is not in favor at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved November 4, 2019.

