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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Memorial Town Hall

03/14/2022

7:00PM-General Meeting

Verizon channel 42/Comcast channel 9

Selectmen Present: *D. Dawes, Chair, Vice Chair P. Kershaw, G. Fowler, D. Twiss, A. Smith*

Others Present: *Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator. Administrative Assistant, Maureen Shultz.*

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

NEW BUSINESS / APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Tom Mulligan / Volunteer candidate for Zoning Board of Appeals was present.

G. Fowler mentioned he had spoken to Mr. Mulligan and thought he was open minded and gave excellent answers to the questions asked by G. Fowler.

D. Twiss asked Mr. Mulligan what types of items he has been working on.

P. Kershaw asked Mr. Mulligan how long he has lived in Town and thanked him for putting his hat in the ring.

D. Dawes stated it is hard to remove yourself on certain items and remove your own personal thoughts and hoping through his work as an Attorney he can do that.

D. Twiss motioned the Board to appoint Mr. Tom Mulligan to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an alternate member until the year ending June 30, 2022, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken All in favor.

G. Fowler stated that an alternative member is still an important position in the committee.

D. Dawes who spoke of the appointment of Mr. Jay Ogden who was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals and was originally appointed to the year ending 2027-2027, there was no vacancy with these dates-administrative changes can be done to have his appoint expire June 30, 2025, this is an administrative change and the Town Clerk needs to be notified.

OLD BUSINESS:

Matt Millander & Troy Bronson from Cultivana / Ayr located at 68 Penney Street, Georgetown, MA came before the Board to present a check to the Town in the amount of amount of \$134, 374.84 from their first-year sales check according to the host agreement.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator asked what does cultivanana sells- Answer- Infused Cannabis Beverages.

D. Twiss spoke on their process to get to this point and stated it was not easy but wished them them the best of luck to them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Chief Updated: Acting Fire Chief Savage spoke on the following:

- Deputy Chief McKay*
- 40% completed / ahead of scheduling*
- Working different shifts*
- 500 hours of comprehensive training.*
- Made a huge difference at the station with the firefighters.*
- New update will be in June of 2022 in front of the Board of Selectman.*
- Former Chief Beasley offered his assistance with anything that may be needed in the future.*
- Deputy McKay is often the Officer in Charge on many shifts.*
- Firefighting trainings are opening back up with the State, becoming widespread.*

D. Dawes inquired if Deputy Chief McKay has been involved in the budget process this year.

D. Dawes stated he was not in 100% of support at the beginning but stated the station is happy and told Deputy Chief Mckay to keep up the hard work.

P. Kershaw asked Deputy Chief McKay how was everything going.

D. Twiss asked if there is any anticipation on available training and is there any road blocks, and appreciates all of his hard work.

A. Smith asked Deputy McKay if he was getting any rest.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

D. Twiss motioned the Board to accept a donation from Mirra Construction to the Georgetown Police Department, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the Draft Salary Increase by Law.

D. Twiss started the discussion on the Planning Director discussion / Reporting to the Town Administrator. The Following was discussed:

- No Consistency / format*
- Create a policy*
- Hard to manage everyone under the same umbrella*
- No one managing the work flow.*
- Everyone has own thoughts and agendas -need someone that is independent to manage those*
- Same vision*
- Need a HUB independent of those to manage their Boards*

P. Kershaw inquired about what the feedback might be from Boards and Committees such as the Planning Board and Conservation, great conversation.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator, reasons why a Board cannot do something that is requested of them -staff working in one direction -Boards can /will follow, Boards are not here every day, reporting to someone should not really mean once a month at a meeting, not a good flow of communication.

A. Smith questioned that some may take it as we are playing big brother.

A. Smith asked how the Planner Director, how would this person work with our town planner was asked for by amy-david explain the difference is they don't report to a Board they report to the Town Administrator.

G. Fowler happy with the discussion, make all parties aware of this dialogue,

communications, monthly reports, Boards should be contacted letting them know we are discussing this, spoke on policy, good discussion, better communications, monthly reports.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke with the Planning Board chair today on these issues -certain things fall under Board and Committee-needs to get hashed out / how do we define reporting /advance goals/needs to get hashed out, Town Administrator not here to manage Boards and Commissions shouldn't impede on these Boards and Commissions.

D. Dawes stated this discussion is to improve Town Government.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

D. Twiss motioned the Board to vote in the manner described on the succeeding pages to issue General Obligation School Bonds in the amount of \$14,105,000 dated March 22, 2022, seconded by Kershaw. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

D. Twiss motioned the Board to approve the inclusion of informational material with the fiscal year 2023 real estate and personal property tax bills, seconded by P. Kershaw. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

ARPA update from February 2, 2022-O. Pacheco, Town Administrator updated the Board with current and changed figures for items on the Arpa request from Departments including \$23,000.00, previous cost for a code compliant curtain for the school auditorium which has changed from previous amount of \$31,000.00, stair treads at school department now \$52,000.00 previous cost was \$60, 000.00.

Sidewalk machine-Highway Department \$169,505.00 which was changed from previous amount of \$176,600.00, and \$75,000.00 request ambulance finance buydown, new addition of \$40,050.00 for chipper for the Highway Department, new addition of \$15,200.00 reimbursement for the Georgetown baseball -American legion park field improvements cost include no labor-the above are additional price changes to the original request at the February 28, 2022 Board of Selectman meeting that was presented.

D. Twiss spoke on the baseball field at the American Legion Park which was in disrepair including Homeplate -the team had an original quote to do the work which was very high, all got together to complete the upgrades did all the work themselves, regraded the infield, new pitches mound, sod and seed were planted - \$28,220.00 was the full amounts but due to the efforts of all the coaches and volunteers the cost ended up being \$15,200.00 in reimbursement which did not

include any labor costs, due to the volunteer efforts , which provided the labor at no cost. Head baseball coach very passionate and proud of this town and he was thanked.

D. Dawes thanked all the coaches.

G. Fowler motioned the Board to approve the ARPA Spending request with changes to pricing as presented by O. Pacheco, Town Administrator, seconded by P. Kershaw. The Board voted 4-1 in favor on a roll call vote with G. Fowler abstained from roll call vote.

D. Dawes asked what the total amount is, Per D. Twiss the amount is \$593, 155.00

P. Kershaw was asked if any of these requests could have been funded by grants or any other sources.

Snow and Ice / Authorize Deficit Spending.

G. Fowler was asked about past practices on authorizing deficit spending, G. Fowler stated he believes we have in the past authorized an amount and suggested to do the same.

D. Twiss motioned the Board to approve up to \$250, 000.000 to authorize deficit spending for snow and ice / Highway Department seconded by P. Kershaw.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: O. PACHECO, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SPOKE ON THE FOLLOWING

Wage & Study / Update-will have final discussion and review on the Board of Selectman agenda in April, 2022- Work is 99% complete, memo being sent out to staff to review job descriptions -we are asking for our staff to know we have to have resources to be available for these recommendations.

Lisa Lane -Update was given by O. Pacheco, Town Administrator -22 bids for Lisa Lane were received One bid in the amount of \$810, 000.00 was accepted -pre-qualified –no contingency’s -accepted and reviewed in open session, April 15, 2022 will be the closing date as of now, this funding/ payment is to go back to the Community Preservation Committee account, and maybe if there is enough time to get a warrant article to get these funds returned to the Housing authority as a block grant.

Town applying for a \$500K small bridge grant to replace the bridge at Mill Street over Penn Brook, bridges need some TLC before anything happens, trying to address before a problem arises trying to stay ahead of that. there is a problem - stay ahead of that -small bridge grant applying for it.

G. Fowler asked if any of the bridges in better shape than others.

SELECTMAN TIME:

D. Dawes mentioned the following volunteers and thanked them for their service, Gina Thibeault, Jeff Moore, Sheila Ruth, Sean Deane

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator stated he was impressed with ZBA members who have stayed on to conclude their business at hand.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator eagerly awaiting on the bid deadline /review on National Avenue.

G. Fowler spoke on April 5th -done electronically CPC given public informational on April 5th will be done electronically.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Fowler moved to adjourn with D. Twiss seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09PM. Minutes transcribed by Maureen Shultz, Administrative Assistant

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Documents used in Meeting:

Application for a common victualler from Sun & Soul, 37 W. Main Street.

Development Plan Roadmap/ Georgetown Fire Department.

Town Administrator Report.

ARPA Spending request.

Application from Tom Mulligan for a position on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Budget board meeting memo.