

Memorial Town Hall, 1 Library Street, Georgetown, MA 01833

Meeting Minutes 10/17/2022

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Memorial Town Hall

7:00PM-General Meeting

Verizon Channel 42/Comcast channel 9

Selectmen Present: *D. Dawes, Chair, Vice Chair P. Kershaw, G. Fowler, and D. Lamonica was attending on ZOOM.*

Others Present: *Orlando Pacheco, Town Administrator.
D. LaMonica participating on Zoom.*

Absent: *Board of Selectman Member Amy Smith & M. Shultz, Administrative Assistant*

7:00PM CALL TO ORDER

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance-Douglas W. Dawes

NEW BUSINESS:

Georgetown Cares Fund / Nationwide Opioid Settlement to fund the Georgetown Schools to participate in the PASS program.

Carol Jacobs, School Superintendent and Jeffrey Carovillano , Principal of the Middle School both were present and spoke on the following program:

- Started working last year with the PASS program*
- Strong emotional challenges, counseling is provided, used as needed basis*
- These resources are not presently at the schools.*
- Program can be used in lieu of a suspension-used as needed.*
- In conjunction with the Beverly-YMCA & the Beverly Recovery High School, examples of circumstances that might come up with a student were spoken of, provides academic support, untreated mental help substance abuse issues,*
- Transportation in the program is included in the program cost.*
- Outside therapy after the program.*
- Program is for K-12 grades, spoke of tiers that are available for help.*
- Voluntary program.*
- Requested from Georgetown Cares to help fund this program - but they do not have the money -they have already commitments for the budget.*
- Program for vaping which kids are still doing, nine students participated in the program from last year, parents are encouraged to go the program.*

- *\$10, 000.00 yearly fee-if we don't use the entire amount, they will credit us money for next year*

D. Dawes asked how much of an issue do you have in the schools.

D. Dawes asked if the detectors are still being used to detect vaping.

D. Dawes asked if the fee of this program includes transportation.

D. Dawes asked if there is any fall out from COVID.

P. Kershaw stated this is a complicated issue but asked how the family is involved in this, is there some approval from the parents, asked if the Town has received settlement money from the Opioid Settlement yet.

P. Kershaw asked what is the anticipation of use for the next year and asked what is the interaction with the students when they are told of this program.

D. LaMonica inquired about the two students currently using this program and how is that being funded, asked for clarification on what is in the Opioid fund asked for the amount currently in there.

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator stated that the Town currently has some funding from the Opioid Settlement and the use of this program is an allowable use, this use is needed and asked the Board to support use of this funding-long term funding is going to be available for next year.

G. Fowler asked for clarification if this is held during the day or after school -and if more service where needed how would that be funded asked if it would come out of Special Education, did Georgetown Cares have any comments on this since they were first to be asked to fund this.

D. Dawes stated it makes sense to use the opioid money and stated his opinion since he was not in attendance for the last meeting of Georgetown Cares but he thinks that Georgetown Cares would have voted unanimously on this request.

Carol Jacobs, School Superintendent and Jeffrey Carovillano , Principal of the Middle School stated they will come back to the at a later time with an update.

P. Kershaw motioned the Board to allow the use of \$10K from the Opioid Fund to be used to fund the PASS program for the Georgetown School Department, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

DISCUSSION:

P. Kershaw asked how long the PASS Program has been in place.

VOTES OF THE BOARD:

P. Kershaw motioned the Board to approve the meeting minutes from October 3, 2022, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Fire Department -Radios:

Deputy Chief Matt McKay was present and spoke on the following:

Current request on their capital plan \$27K replace a majority of their portable radios.

Requesting for additional funding in various ways such as including grant and capital request, cost of radios have gone up.

Around the year of 2004-the standardized radio communication across the country changed -new mandate for radios after 911.

Hazardous environment, infrastructure up to speed, multiple radios currently fire truck radios do not have the ability to talk to surrounding communities -digital P25 created for public safety to ask data to be cleaner, data transfer cleaner.

Run cards is a mutual aid agreement which is controlled by the Chief of the Department.

Ambulance request has increased mutual aid runs

75 plus another 11- running card-mutual aid agreements, two different frequency -high frequency -ultra high frequency which can create challenges.

Technology changes all the time

Fire Fighter research / investigation on fire fighter fatality

Dish 5 -line of duty death -communications is key.

NFPA -1802 portable radios specific specs, fire service -heat and water rated -catching up to these standards now.

\$27K estimate is what our costs would be towards the grant it is 10% of their cost to the grant.

Grant applied for 2 years regional grant -not funded last year -still waiting for this year and we do plan to apply again next year.

D. Dawes mentioned that it seems like every year the Board hears about the need for new radios for the Fire & Police Department

Regional grant including a new portion of the grant -mobile section outfitting dual band radios plus 8 dual band radios –going to other place -including Groveland often would not be covered -dual bands 7 of those 8 P-25 Radios.

Without any grant the figure would be \$250-\$300K just for radios if the grant is not included, a Capital Plan request would need to be approved at town meeting.

D. Dawes inquired when the Fire Department might hear about this grant.

O. Pacheco stated that we need emergency management blended in together with the Water and Highway Department regarding Emergency responses.

Radios can be an after thought at times.

D. Lamonica asked about the turnaround time and the lifetime on new radios.

Deputy Chief Matt McKay stated that no action is needed from the Board at this time.

O. Pacheco, has requested from his department's that their Capital request be submitted by mid-November.

D. Dawes briefly spoke on the internal job posting of the Fire Chief was posted on September 13, 2022 for a thirty- day posting, one applicant submitted their paperwork and that was Deputy Chief Matty McKay. The Board will review at the next meeting. Matt McKay was thanked by D. Dawes for putting in his paperwork and recognized him for all his hard work.

Will advise on what date of the meeting this will be discussed at.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: *O. Pacheco, Town Administrator spoke on the the Following:*

Green Communities Competitive Grant: The Town had applied for another Green Communities Grant in the amount of \$96,944.00-The grant will cover the installation of weatherization measures at the Municipal Light Department and Highway Facilities- there is also \$30,000.00 for Electric Vehicle Charging stations -however these may not be covered using the Green Communities funding and Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program funding from the DEP at the same time. Energy reduction plan.

MedEx Retiree Health Plan: Requested this be added to a future agenda item for the Treasurer/ collector to discuss the Medex plan for certain retired employees. Advanced benefit for the retiree. The Board will be asked to take action on this.

Opioid Funds: An account has been created with the settlement funds of the distribution of the National Settlement Funds in the amount of \$10,447.45. (Second payment).

G. Fowler asked if this funding does not go in the general fund-under the Boards discretion.

Draft Public Comment Guidelines: The Board was given a draft version of public comment guidelines -The Baird was asked to review and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting. Time limit was discussed briefly. Final Draft will be ready for the Boards next meeting.

G. Fowler questioned if the Board should be answering questions during public comment.

P. Kershaw stated it might be hard for people to interpret a time limit, a three-minute segment could turn in a ten-minute dialogue.

ALP Parking Kiosk update: The Parking Kiosk are scheduled to be delivered October 28, 2022 at American Legion Park-Flow Bird will do the set up and installation, pictures will be sent to the Board at some point in November.

P. Kershaw asked about the plan and how is it going to be deployed, questioned if there will be sticker program for residents to be able to use the Kiosk.

Basement Floor:

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator asked the Board to take a look at the new flooring in the basement ,brightness & flow, looks good.

APPOINTMENTS:

P. Kershaw motioned the Board to appoint Noreen Berkland, 14 Chestnut Street as a crossing guard for the Town of Georgetown with a term to expire June 30, 2022, seconded G. Fowler. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

P. Kershaw motioned the Board to appoint Glenn Silva, 56 Main Street, Georgetown, Mass as a crossing guard for the Town of Georgetown with a term to expire June 30, 2023, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

P. Kershaw has motioned the Board to appoint Peter Durkee, Dave Schofield, Joe Bonavita, Jeff Boragine and Mary Jansen, to the Holiday Committee with a term to expire on June 30, 2023, seconded by G. Fowler. Roll call vote was taken all in favor.

Town Administrator /Community Event:

O. Pacheco, Town Administrator informed the Board that he attended with his family an event at the Congregational Church for an antique appraisal night, commented that the Historical Society did a great job with this is a very interesting event.

SELECTMAN'S TIME:

D. Dawes informed the Board that the Council on Aging Director Colleen Ranshaw Fiorrello recently received the Home Town Award and and Mr. Dawes and Mr. Pacheco were in attendance.

P. Kershaw spoke on volunteer forms that have been received and where a central location is that that these are kept. O. Pacheco, Town Administrator suggested interested candidate for Board appointments suggested they sit down with him so he can inform a candidate on what the expectations of that Board would be.

G. Fowler asked about the process of appointing and meeting the Building Commissioner.

Spoke on an adding a new date for a meeting to only make appointments.

ADJOURNMENT:

G. Fowler moved to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. with P. Kershaw seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken all in favor.

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Documents used in the meeting:

Town Administrator Report

Appointment request

October 3, 2022 Meeting Minutes

PASS program informational Material

MedEx Retiree Health Plan-Informational handbook