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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES
Memorial Town Hall
11/27/17
7:00PM-General Meeting~3rd floor meeting room, Town Hall

Selectmen Present: Joseph Bonavita, Chairman; Steven Sadler, Clerk; Douglas W. Dawes, Gary C. Fowler, and C. David Surface

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

Absent:

7:00PM Call to order

Invocation-Douglas W. Dawes

Pledge of Allegiance

WARRANT

OLD BUSINESS

West Street Fields-ConCom, Water Dept., and Park & Rec to be present

Laura Repplier, Carl Shreder, ConCom, Steve Przyjemski, ConCom Agent; Steven King, Water Commissioner; Joshua Greenblatt, GAA; Jim DiMento, Park & Recreation

Mr. Bonavita stated that he is trying to open communication between the boards. He stated that he would like to see what we can do to make these fields better or other options. He asked what could be put on the fields.

Mr. Shredder stated that they do not limit what can be put down that is from the Water Department. He stated the restrictions are May 30 to June 28 6:30Pm to 9Am no mowing or activity.

Ms. Repplier stated that this is a significant breeding area in MA. She stated that the State tracks the turtles. She stated that the East Main Street Park was given significant waivers so they could reduce use at West Street.

Mr. Bonavita asked Mr. Greenblatt stated he can speak about soccer and that East Main Street is not designed for soccer it was more for baseball. He stated West Street is mostly for practice and some games have been protested because of conditions. He stated East Main Street will mostly be used for practice. He stated GAA is meeting tomorrow and can look at the use of fields.

King asked for the seasons. Mr. Greenblatt stated April to June September to November.

Mr. Bonavita asked Mr. King about discussions with Park & Rec.

Mr. King stated that the P & R came in in July and discussed loam to put down and asked for what the loam material they wanted to put down on the fields and what is in the loam. Need to know if any chemicals. Mr. P stated that 90% of the fields are not in the ConCom jurisdiction and he and the Water Dept. could approve the allowance of loam. Ms. Repplier described areas that they have work to allow the turtles to nest. Discussion on best time to work on the fields.

Mr. DiMento stated that he went to Water Department to top dress the field and they asked for testing of the soil. He stated that the Park & Rec did not want to go this route.

Mr. Bonavita asked if they could look at this again. Mr. DiMento stated that they have \$10K to use for the West Street Fields. He stated that this will be an improvement.

Mr. Fowler asked if artificial turf would work here. Members stated no it would not work.

Mr. Surface stated that they need a long term plan to abandon these fields. He stated that to improve the fields above the Middle/High School. He asked if the National Ave land could be used for fields.

Mr. Bonavita asked Mr. Green about the plans for M/H School fields. He gave some background information on what he knew about the plan for the M/H School fields and will talk with the GAA.

DiMento stated M/H School fields would be best option but will take 3-5 years. He stated to fix the fields and do a road with parking a field with a track would be a 1-2Mil project. He stated Dec 1st is deadline for CPC funds.

Mr. Sadler stated that this meeting tonight is what we need to do more often to get things done.

George Comiskey, Parker River Clean Water stated that DEP has authority over part of the fields and National Heritage also will need to allow a permit. He explained that the water quality and water supply should be our main concern.

Mr. Bonavita stated why we don't start the process now so we can work on the fields until we have a plan.

Mr. Surface stated that we need to have a conversation with the School Committee on the M/H School fields.

Mr. Greenblatt stated would a committee with stakeholders that are involved to move this along. Mr. Bonavita stated that we need to talk with the Schools first.

Mr. Fowler stated that we have to look at all areas.

Mr. Bonavita thanked everyone attending. Discussion on looking for a study by Gale Assoc. and Heather Hartford a GAA member.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Update-Ambulance & Master Box fees, Grants

Chief Mitchell wanted to thank Ms. Pearson from Pond Street and the class of 1977 for their donation to the Fire Department. He stated that Paul Sadoski at Tall Tree Way/Jewett Street has contacted the department and will be adopting the hydrant on the corner to clear snow this winter. He stated that he has received the funds for the IT Grant and will be starting the training and will go live April 1, 2018. He gave out some handouts to the board on Ambulance Service Rate increase and Municipal Fire Alarm Fee Increase.

Ambulance Service Rate Increase

Chief Mitchell stated that he reviews the rates once a year and has the current rates in the area from their vendor Comstar.

Mr. Dawes stated that he has heard there is legislation to cap ambulance rates. Discussion

Mr. Surface stated the insurance company pays these fees and Medicare. Chief Mitchell stated that is correct and rates have not been adjusted since 9/2015 and we are in the middle of the pack.

BLS Emergency Rate: from \$1,319.12 to \$1,401.41

ALS Emergency Rate: from \$2,014.02 to \$2,107.76

Mileage rate: \$35.00 increase to \$38.00

BLS-Medicare Rate (\$373.71 plus 275% or \$1,401.41 (6.2% increase)

ALS-Medicare Rate (\$443.78 plus 375% or \$2,107.96 (4.6% increase)

Mr. Surface moved to increase the *Ambulance Service Rates* as presented effective January 1, 2018.

Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Master Box Fees

Fire Chief Mitchell explained the master boxes are at businesses and we have 15 boxes. He explained the fees and how much they bring in.

Mr. Surface stated that he does not see the increase from \$250 to \$300 maybe to \$275 and increase the connection fee to \$250.

Mr. Fowler asked what type of businesses pay the fee. Chief Mitchell stated that it is the same price for all businesses. He stated that some of this wiring is in the old fire house on Middle Street which is now a private residence.

Mr. Sadler asked about false alarms and are there additional fees. Chief Mitchell stated that they do not have false alarms. He stated that a goal is to be \$1 a day. Discussion

Mr. Sadler moved to increase the Municipal Fire Alarm fee from \$250.00 to \$300.00 effective December 1, 2017. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was not approved by 2-3 vote.

Discussion

Mr. Surface moved to increase the Municipal Fire Alarm Annual fee from \$250.00 to \$275.00 and the Connection Fee from \$200.00 to \$250.00 effective December 1, 2017. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by 4-0 vote. Mr. Bonavita abstained.

Mr. Dawes thanked the department for the lock box program and smoke detector program.

Board Business

Mr. Surface stated that he just received a text message from Jeff More that he will submit to CPC a request to redo the top fields at the M/H School.

Winter/Spring Meetings: Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23; May 7, 21, 2018
Mr. Bonavita read the dates.

CORRESPONDENCE

Winter Parking Ban Notice 12/1/17 to 4/1/2018 from Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor
Mr. Bonavita read the notice.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

National Ave. Update

Mr. Farrell stated that we are moving forward with the State for more information and a site assessment study that they will do for us. He stated that the Town Planner John Cashell is working with him on this. He stated that MVPC Regional Economic Development is going to focus on National Ave. He stated that it is one of 8 sites they are working on. He stated that by spring we may have something to work with. Mr. Bonavita stated that Mr. Cashell is working on the spite strip. He stated that we may be able to gain some access to the property.

Health Insurance-Update

Mr. Farrell stated that he has been working with Sue Shillue from Cook & Co. and she has been in contact with MIIA and is gathering health insurance information. He stated that he would be talking with her later this week and will have something from her by February.

Mr. Surface stated that he wants to be sure she is shopping around and not just looking at MIIA. Discussion on the process.

45 Central Street

Mr. Surface asked about the demolition of the home at 45 Central Street. Mr. Farrell stated that he has an estimate that is high and Mr. Durkee is getting him another estimate. Mr. Surface asked how short we are. Mr. Farrell stated that we are short \$20K. Mr. Surface asked when we

get first payment from Healthy Pharms we may be able to use these funds towards the demolition.

Email on Penn Brook School Access Road

Mr. Surface stated that he has heard that someone has plans to use the Penn Brook School access road to reach a piece of property abutting the access road. He stated that this access road was never to be used as a road. Mr. Farrell explained that the Attorney Jill Mann says they have access and the disputes the access and have not seen proof. He stated that the BoH gave them permission to do perk test.

APPOINTMENTS and APPROVALS

Sealer of Weights & Measures Services-Contract

Mr. Farrell explained that we did not renew the previous Sealer of Weights & Measure. He stated that he was not keeping his license and equipment up to date. He stated that the State will do the job for the same price and he had a contract for the board to approve.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the Sealer of Weights & Measures Services Contract with the State to be signed by Mr. Farrell. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion.

Mr. Fowler asked about Mr. Rose and how he was notified. Mr. Farrell stated that he will notify Mr. Rose.

The motion was approved by a 4-1 vote.

License Approvals-Business and Liquor

The Board voted on the list of renewals.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the All Alcohol Package Store license for C & J Liquor dba Johnnies Place and Georgetown Liquors, Inc. to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the Beer & Wine Package Store license for Crosby's Markets, Inc. dba Crosby's Marketplace to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the All Alcohol Club license for VFW Post 7608 to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the All Alcohol Restaurant license for Another Spot, Inc. dba The Spot; Georgetown Flatbread, LLC dba Georgetown Flatbread; and Rybo's Bistro II, Inc. dba Black Swan Country Club to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-2 vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the Common Victualler license for Johnnies Place, VFW, Crosby's Marketplace, The Spot, Georgetown Flatbread; and Rybo's Bistro II, Inc., Boston Pie, Inc. dba Domino's, Mystra, LLC dba Dunkin Donuts, Pomodori Georgetown, Lola's Mex

Cocina Corp., Kallies Kones to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Fowler moved to approve the *Common Victualler* license for *Charles C. Dame Lodge, AFAM* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 4-0 vote. Mr. Surface abstained.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Automatic Amusement* license for the *VFW Post 7608* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Sadler seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Sunday Entertainment* license for the *VFW Post 7608, The Spot, Rybo's Bistro II, Inc., and Georgetown Flatbread* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Weekly Entertainment* license for the *VFW Post 7608, The Spot, Rybo's Bistro II, Inc., and Georgetown Flatbread* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Bowling* license for the *Georgetown Bowling Lanes* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Second Hand Shop* license for the *Pratt Hobby Shop* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Trap Shooting* license for the *Georgetown Fish & Game Association, Inc.* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Bonavita seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a 3-0 vote. Mr. Sadler and Mr. Dawes abstained.

Mr. Surface moved to approve the *Class II Used Car* license for the *B & B Auto Clinic, Inc.* to expire December 31, 2018. Mr. Dawes seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

LED Lights

Mr. Fowler asked when the board would be discussing the LED lights.

Mr. Farrell stated that this is on the agenda for December 18th.

KP Law Notice

Mr. Fowler stated that he was very disappointed reading the notice on funds from Marijuana businesses. Mr. Farrell stated that the memo just went in Mr. Fowler's mailbox and he would be emailing it to members tomorrow.

Selectmen's Report

Mr. Bonavita asked the board to send him items that they have accomplished this year and objectives for 2018. He asked for these by the first meeting in January.

Mr. Dawes stated that they agreed to do the Town Administrator review in January. Mr. Bonavita stated that they did and asked Mr. Farrell to send out the forms.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7PM, 3rd floor meeting room

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sadler moved to adjourn. Mr. Surface seconded the motion and the motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12PM.

Minutes transcribed by J. Pantano.

Minutes approved December 18, 2017.

Documents used in this meeting:

- Winter Parking Ban Notice 12/1/17 to 4/1/2018 from Peter Durkee, Highway Surveyor
- Fire Chief Update-Ambulance & Master box fees, Grants
- SAAP Reorg letter-D. Dawes
- Winter/Spring Meetings: Jan. 8, 22; Feb. 12, 26; Mar. 12, 26; Apr. 9, 23; May 7, 21, 2018
- National Ave. Update
- Health Insurance-Update
- Sealer of Weights & Measures Services-Contract
- Rock Pond Committee formation update-Police Chief
- License Approvals-Business and Liquor