

MINUTES

For approval at the 3-19-12 meeting

**Middleborough Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2012

Chairman opened meeting at 7:00 PM by inviting those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were: Selectmen A. Rullo, S. McKinnon, S. Spataro, A. Frawley, and B. Quelle, Town Manager C. Cristello and Confidential Secretary J. Shanley.

The meeting was broadcast live by Verizon and MCCAM and recorded by MCCAM.

UNANTICIPATED

Lincoln Andrews addressed the Board to present concerns with the MG&E Commission and its department. Mr. Andrews outlined the issues in question. Mr. Andrews explained that requests from various individuals for documents and executive session minutes have been ignored by the MG&E. Mr. Andrews represented that concern exists that the MG&E Commission is expected to discuss a new contract with its general manager, John Granahan, which would include discussion regarding a possible salary increase. Mr. Andrews listed numerous expenses incurred by Mr. Granahan and Commission member Donald Triner, for which they have been reimbursed, for travel and hotel accommodations. Mr. Andrews explained that Mr. Granahan has been reimbursed for frequently staying in local hotels and noted that it has not been on the same nights as MG&E Commission meetings. Selectman Frawley noted that the MG&E has cancelled its meeting for tomorrow night because it anticipated a large crowd. Mr. Frawley had offered them the Selectmen's hearing room and the Planning Board had re-arranged its meeting schedule to make the room available. Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman McKinnon, Board voted unanimously to send letter to the MG&E Commission, with some suggested language changes by Selectman Spataro. The letter requests that the Commission postpone discussion about Mr. Granahan's contract until after Town elections on 4/7/12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/RECOGNITIONS

Mimi Dughily addressed Board to speak about her partnering with the OECD re beautification of the downtown area. She updated the Board on their plans to fundraise. There is a specific separate fund established for these donations. Selectman McKinnon asked and Ms. Dughily confirmed that the Committee is a 5013C organization and suggested putting something on the Town's website. Checks may be made payable to the Town with "for Beautification Committee" written on them.

Selectman McKinnon announced that Massasoit Community College will hold a course re Concepts and Practices of Drinking Water Distribution from March 22 – May 31, 2012 on Thursdays from 6 PM to 9:35 PM. The cost of the course is \$657 and will be taught by former Water Superintendent Richard Tinkham.

Kevin Cook, volunteer of "All Are Welcome", addressed Board to announce grand opening on Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at 60 Union Street, Parish Hall. The church has offered the use of its facilities until they establish a permanent location. They welcome the public.

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Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted to approve 3/5/12 regular meeting minutes with the addition of Chairman Rullo as having had been in attendance at the 3/5/12 meeting. Four in favor. Selectman Spataro abstained.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve & authorized Chairman to sign inspectional services contracts for Wood Street & Tispaquin Street Culverts.

Michael Nash of the Farmer's Market addressed Board. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve the Farmer's Market dates and the Fall Festival on 10/13/12. Selectman Quelle suggested that they be mindful of the Veterans' Memorial Park. Mr. Nash offered to set up as far away from the Park as possible. Selectman Quelle responded that he doesn't think it's Mr. Nash's responsibility and that the Board should direct the DPW to set something up to close off the Veterans' Park as there had been prior reports of folks cutting through the Park to attend the Market. Selectman Quelle suggested placing a sign might be all that is needed. Bob Burke of the Veterans' Memorial Trust addressed the Board to note that individuals were cutting through the shrubbery and the Park to get to the stands. He noted that the Park is to be open for the public to view, but having the Farmer's not set up in front of the Park would be helpful. The Veterans Council suggested self-monitoring. Mr. Nash noted that there are other vendors, such as crafters present. He offered to set up cones from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Selectman Spataro suggested that they can always use the Town Hall Parking lot, if necessary.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

At 7:45 PM Chairman opened public hearing on application by Byrnes Sand & Gravel to amend its license for Above-ground Storage of Flammables by reading aloud public hearing notice. Don Gallant representing Byrnes Sand & Gravel addressed Board. Chairman asked to hear questions or comments from those in attendance. Hearing none, Chairman declared hearing closed. Upon motion by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve.

NEW BUSINESS

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve Disabled American Veterans Forget-Me-Not Drive on dates as presented.

Motion was made by Selectman McKinnon and seconded by Selectman Frawley to send letter to the Governor re the I.G.A. with the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe. Selectman McKinnon read letter aloud. Selectman Spataro offered some suggested changes to the letter. He motioned to remove section pertaining to school building & infrastructure. Motion seconded by Selectman McKinnon. Board voted unanimously to remove this language. Motion made by Selectman Spataro, as an amendment, to take out word "disrespect" and replace with "dismissively". Motion was not seconded. Motion did not carry. Chairman offered that he thinks the Board has been more than fair over these last few years and these terms should be in there, noting that the Board has been very

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quiet and very respectful for five years. Mark Belanger read aloud section of the I.G.A. pertaining to schools. Town Manager offered that, to be accurate, while we did have active planning going on for water, wastewater, and planning, we didn't have active planning taking place for the schools. Diane Bassett offered that she would like to see wording re-written to be clear that the land was purchased and not given to the Tribe. Selectman Frawley offered that he thinks this letter is very well written and accurate and it tells the Governor where the Board stands, and if he has any questions, he can get in touch with the Board. Board voted unanimously to send letter to the Governor.

Jane Lopes asked if the Board has received a letter from the Tribe's attorney. Town Manager responded yes. Chairman offered that the letter basically advised the Town to stop talking about the outstanding issues with the Tribe.

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Town Manager's Budget Recommendation

Town Manager presented his recommended changes and offered that we shouldn't have any controversy going to Town Meeting. He recommended voting all budgets except for I.T. and the School department. Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Frawley, Board voted unanimously to approve.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Manager's appointment of Kristopher Belken of 257 North Main Street as a member of the Historical Commission with a term to expire in 2015.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Manager's appointment of Leslie Corsini of 267 Wareham Street as a member of the Historical Commission with a term to expire in 2015.

Upon motion by Selectman Frawley and seconded by Selectman Quelle, Board voted unanimously to approve Town Manager's appointment of Jane Lopes of 61 Everett Street as a member of the Historical Commission with a term to expire in 2015.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:18 PM Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy re Collective Bargaining and not to return into Open Session. Roll Call: S. McKinnon, Yes; B. Quelle, Yes; A. Frawley, Yes; S. Spataro, Yes; A. Rullo, Yes. Ended at 9:15 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
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