

MINUTES
6-30-08

Chairman opened meeting at 7 PM and began by welcoming those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board welcomed Ed Beaulieu who presented the Board/Town with an 8' photograph that he took of the Cranberry Country Vietnam Moving Wall, which he is recommending be memorialized here in Town Hall. Mr. Beaulieu will have the photograph framed. Chairman Bond suggested hanging it on the back wall of the Selectmen's Meeting room. Chairman asked Mr. Beaulieu if he thought it would be best to ask the Veterans' Council for its opinion, to which he agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Bond read aloud proclamation prepared for the Cranberry Country Vietnam Moving Wall Committee in recognition of having had brought the Vietnam Moving Wall to the Town of Middleborough.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board

VOTED: To approve and sign proclamation.

Unanimous vote.

HEARINGS, MEETINGS, LICENSES

EMS Committee Chairman Bill Warner addressed the Board to discuss the proposed AMR Ambulance contract negotiations.

The original contract asked for a three year Q&I. The Committee has asked for one year with a review at the end of the first year to determine if continuing would be necessary. AMR also agreed to lower the payments. AMR needs the contract to go to its counsel as the contract has to be finalized by July 1, 2008.

According to Mr. Warner, the Fire Chief indicated that he would prefer not to house the ambulances in the north and south stations as those stations are not manned.

Selectwoman Duphily asked where they would be housed if not at the stations. AMR representative answered that AMR is looking for real estate in either the southern or northern part of Town. Selectwoman Brunelle clarified with the representative that all ambulances are actually dispatched out of the central station. The primary ambulance is the central station truck. At the discretion of the Fire Department, the north or south station trucks can be dispatched for emergencies in those locations. Selectman Rogers stated that he believes we should keep the ambulance scheme the way it has been as it has worked best. Chairman asked AMR what would happen if there isn't a signed contract by July 1, 2008. AMR representatives indicated that an extension would be written up. Selectwoman Brunelle strongly suggested that we bring in the Fire Chief to ask him what his line of thinking is regarding his decision on where to house these ambulances. Chairman raised question regarding the Q&I (which is at the expense of AMR). Mr. Warner indicated that AMR is knocking off \$30,000. Mr. Warner stated that AMR would be giving the Town \$50k.

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Chairman recapped that it is agreed that the Town will receive \$6,000 by January, housing needs to be resolved, and that the Q&I scheme set up by the committee with the one-year theory makes sense.

Chairman recognized that the Committee moved the numbers down on the contract.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board
VOTED: To ask the EMS Committee to include in the contract that ambulances be housed in the north & south stations -- for discussion by A. Bond
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board
VOTED: To sign contract, as completed, for the housing of the ambulances at south and north stations, and approve changes to the contract as recommended by Town Counsel, subject to review and approval of those changes by next Monday, June 30, 2008.
Unanimous vote.

Selectwoman Brunelle indicated that the Board will also need to vote to sign a contract with the amended language regarding housing the ambulances.

At 7:51 PM Board welcomed the Middleboro Downtown Business Association. Chairman Bond disclosed that his wife, who was in attendance, is a member of this association and that he, himself, has a business in the downtown area, but does not anticipate any conflict regarding the subject matter being discussed. The association presented samples of banners to be mounted on lamp posts, to be located high above traffic in the downtown business district. The cost to sponsors will be between \$200 - \$300. Banners will be 18" by 3' in size and hung vertically. The association is hoping to get multiple sponsors. Association representatives indicated that the Police Chief has no concerns.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Dughily and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board
VOTED: To support the hanging of the banners in the downtown area, but agreed to wait for various boards/commissions to comment and provide their input for the Board's consideration by July 14, 2008.
Unanimous vote.

For discussion by Jane Lopes, who indicated that the downtown area is a historical area and she hopes that the association would approach the Historical Commission for approval. She doesn't believe that just anyone can decide to hang up banners on lampposts in Town. She asked the Board to get a recommendation from the Historical Commission. Board heard from various individuals in support of hanging the banners.

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Selectwoman Brunelle suggested that the sign by-laws be revisited for review, clarification, and improvements. Chairman Bond indicated that the sign ordinance does not define what a sign is. Victoria Bond spoke and clarified that these banners are not an advertisement, that they can be sponsored by families and Town organizations, and that they are considered decoration.

NEW BUSINESS

Statement of Interest

Board welcomed School Superintendent Dr. Sullivan to discuss the submission of a Statement of Interest regarding the schools, one for the Mary K. Goode School and one for Middleborough High School.

Chairman Bond asked if the state determines that there is a deficiency, can the Town still pull out of the process. Superintendent explained that the Town is simply applying for a grant and the Town can pull out of the process at anytime.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board

VOTED: To sign the Statement of Interest.

Unanimous vote.

Selectman Rogers asked Superintendent Sullivan if he would come in sometime, at his pleasure, to talk with the Board about the future use of the Lincoln Lynch School. He responded that he would, but would also hope that the Facilities Use and Planning Committee would provide input on the matter.

Tobacco Sale Violations

Bart Harrison of the Health Department spoke about the sting operation, during which tobacco sale violations occurred. Mr. Harrison also reported that one additional violation had been found by the Police Department. It was determined that fourteen days notice must be given to all alleged violators notifying them of any potential violation hearing before the Board. The Health department recommends holding a hearing on all four violators.

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded Selectwoman Duphily, Board

VOTED: To schedule a Tobacco violation hearing for July 14, 2008 and to notify all alleged violators.

Unanimous vote.

Approve New Street Name

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board

VOTED: To approve new street name "Amie Lane" for new subdivision to be located off Tispaquin Street, Map 66, Lot 3893.

Unanimous vote

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Town Hall Rentals

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board
VOTED: To approve rental request by Nemasket River Productions on
Tuesday, June 24, from 7:30 PM until 9:30 PM with no custodial fees necessary
as building will be open for a meeting at that time.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily,
Board
VOTED: To approve request to rent the Selectmen's Meeting Room by
Woodslake Proprietorship on Friday, June 27, 2008 from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectman Bond and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board
VOTED: To approve rental of Town Hall Auditorium for The Middleboro
Friends on November 1, 2008 to hold a fundraiser Masquerade party. One-day
Liquor license approved with a waiver of rental and custodial fees.

Upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily, Board
VOTED: To approve rental request by The Middleboro Friends for a fundraiser
on November 29, 2008 to raise funds in memory of Victor Sylvia with waiver of
rental and custodial fees.
Unanimous vote.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board
VOTED: To approve rental request and One-day Liquor license by the Warren
family for a wedding reception to be held on August 30, 2008 from 2:30 PM until
11:30 PM with a waiver of custodial fees.
Unanimous vote.

Edgeway Park Correspondence

Chairman Bond suggested bringing in parties on both sides and holding a hearing as to
what is going on. The parties may make a presentation, in writing, and through its
representatives (15 minutes before the Board). Selectwoman Brunelle requested that
Town Counsel be present. Letters will be sent to both sides telling them we would like to
discuss the ongoing correspondence. All parties can provide anything up to 10 pages for
the Board's packets by Wednesday at Noon, prior to the hearing date. Parties will be cut
off promptly after 15 minutes. The purpose is strictly for informational/understanding
purposes, not for decision making. Board agreed to schedule for July 28, 2008.

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Hiring of a Fire Chief

Selectwoman Duphily stated that she spoke with Emergency Response Systems President Austin R. Sennett and explained how the process of an Assessment Center works. Selectman Bond submitted, for the Board's consideration, that we work with MMA Consultant Mark Morse to review the present job description and provide it to the new Town Manager, who has experience hiring a Fire Chief, to narrow down to a top number, then potentially send those candidates through an assessment center process. The Board could then interview them to get to a quality decision making process and to avoid any potential for political decisions taking place. Board agreed to invite ERS President Austin Sennett and Mark Morse of Mark Morse Consultants in to meet on June 30, 2008, with a backup date of July 14th, to discuss the process of hiring a new Fire Chief.

Award bid re remodeling Jr. High School (Early Childhood Center)

Upon motion by Selectman Spataro and seconded by Selectman Rogers, Board
VOTED: To award bid to Citizen's Bank in the amount \$150,000 of 2.30%
interest rate, with an estimated interest of \$5,387.67.
Unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Completion of Sachem Street Relocation Layout

Chairman announced that Board would sign required documents and Mylar plan. Board had previously voted on the matter.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectwoman Duphily,
Board

VOTED: To send thank you letter to Police Sergeant Robichau thanking him for his presentation on June 16, 2008 and notifying him that the Board is forwarding to the Capital Planning Committee a copy of the communication tower information packet that he had presented to the Board.
Unanimous vote.

Michael Solimini addressed Board with questions regarding the ambulance (AMR) rental space size being proposed for the housing of ambulances. Board will review.

Brian Giovanoni announced the Lion's Club will be holding its Circus on Thursday, June 26th behind the High School and that discounted tickets can be purchased at various locations in Town.

CORRESPONDENCE

#12 Public Announcement – Health Department

Selectwoman Brunelle read aloud announcement regarding Middleboro Area MRC meet and greet to be held on June 28, 2008 at 11 AM, Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

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At 9:38 PM OECD Director A. Nalevanko addressed the Board to discuss Community Development Block Grants awarded to low/moderate income families.

Upon motion by Selectwoman Brunelle and seconded by Selectman Spataro, Board

VOTED: To authorize Chairman to sign.

Unanimous vote.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager had nothing to report.

OTHER

Selectwoman Brunelle requested that both the Violence in the Workplace and Sexual Harassment policies be circulated again to all departments.

At 9:46 PM, upon motion by Selectman Rogers and seconded by Selectwoman Brunelle, Board voted by Roll Call to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy relative to contract negotiations. Roll Call: S. Spataro, Yes; P. Rogers, Yes; M. Brunelle, Yes; M. Duphily, Yes; A. Bond, Yes. Chairman announced Board would not return into Open Session. Ended at 10:10 PM.

Jackie Shanley, Confidential Secretary
Board of Selectmen