

PRESENT: Selectman Peterson, Selectman Thompson, Selectman Fisher; Town Administrator Sullivan; Assistant Town Administrator Trierweiler; Administrative Assistant Clarke

Chairman Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00PM in the Chenery Meeting Room

Announcement – The Transfer Station is open Sundays in November from 9 AM –4 PM

#### TRANSFER STATION STICKER CHARGE

Superintendent Feeney directed a memo to the Selectmen recommending that they take under advisement increasing the amount the Town charges for a Transfer Station pass for the calendar years 2009-2010. Chairman Peterson queried the amount collected in fees so far. Ms. Trierweiler responded approximately \$163,000 minus police detail and some other expenses. The Selectmen agreed that they would like to have additional information and recommendation from the Solid Waste Study Committee prior to making any decision.

#### KINGSBURY CLUB MEDFIELD

Robert Janjigian, Manager requests the Selectmen vote to send their petition to the ABCC for a Pledge of License. The Club's Board of Directors agreed to pledge the company's alcohol license for a bank loan. On a motion made and second **it was so voted**. Additionally the Kingsbury Club requests an amusement license for live music and television at their facility and **it was so voted** to grant the amusement license, expiration December 31, 2008. Chairman Peterson recused from the vote due to his involvement with the Club.

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to the Norfolk Hunt Club to hold their annual drag hunt through Town land Saturday November 8, 2008

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to the Medfield Music Association to post signs announcing annual Spaghetti with Santa on December 3, 2008

VOTED unanimously to grant a one-day wine & beer license to the Community Singers' organization for their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at The Center on November 23, 2008 6 - 9 PM

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#### OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan commented that the voting polls would be closing at 8:00 PM tonight. From all appearances the steady flow of traffic was handled very well all day and there is plenty of parking at The Center location. Also he reported that the contractor would begin raising manhole covers tomorrow November 5 to prepare for the paving of West Mill Street and Ice House Road.

A Senior Expo is scheduled to take place this Saturday November 8 at The Center 9-1PM. About 10 different workshops will be offered to provide information on items such as pensions, social security, health care, property taxes to name a few.

An email was received from a resident voicing her concerns about emissions from Tresca Bros. trucks. Mr. Sullivan remarked that this is a state issue, not much the Town can do. Notice was received from Comcast regarding increase in fees for services. It should be noted that Comcast recently experienced a 28% in profit.

The High School Student Council members who took part in the "Sleep Out for the Homeless" sent a thank you note to the Selectmen for their support of the event. The event was quite successful. The Selectmen appreciated receiving the note.

#### REPORTS FROM SELECTMEN

Selectman Thompson extended deepest sympathy to the Palermo family on their loss of daughter Lisa. She died from complications caused by cystic fibrosis. Mrs. Thompson commented that the recent Council on Aging yard sale went very well. She inquired if there are any updates regarding the state hospital campus. Ms. Trierweiler said that in fact today she had conversation with Marybeth Clancy, DCAM, who let her know that Commissioner Perini wants to attend a future Selectmen's meeting. It was agreed to invite him to the December 2 meeting.

Selectman Fisher attended the recent Cultural Council's Swing/Jazz Concert at the Dale Street School. The New England Swing Orchestra performed as well as the Medfield High School Jazz Band. It was a great night and the high school jazz band are really amazing, a great musical program.

Mr. Peterson attended the recent Energy Committee meeting, commenting that the Committee is an excellent group with sound ideas.

#### PARK AND RECREATION

Commissioner Toby Burrell was present to update the Board on the status of the plans for the proposed new center. He reported that the Commission voted to table all activity on the plan, as it is not the right economic time to ask the citizens of Medfield to take on this debt. Additionally we lost the \$175,000 green grant from the state. The feasibility study for the Hinkley Pond site will be completed, as it will help us determine if in fact that area makes sense to locate the building. However, please remember Hinkley Pond is only a proposed site. The Selectmen asked Mr. Burrell for an update on the proposed skate park. He remarked that the group requesting this facility is in need of funds and has

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not begun the process to collect the six-figure amount for the building and maintenance of the park.

#### FY2010 BUDGET MEETING WITH WARRANT COMMITTEE AND TOWN DEPARTMENTS, COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Warrant Committee Chairman Robert Morrill introduced his committee, remarking that Moderator Scott McDermott filled the five vacancies. New members Diane Hallisey, Deborah Mozer, James O'Shaughnessy, Thomas Schlesinger and Maryalice Whalen join Warrant Committee members David Fischer, Steve Pelosi and James Shannon.

Mr. Morrill mentioned that there are three items he would like to highlight to the audience about the upcoming budget process; budgets should be submitted to the Town Accountant on time, capital expenditure requests are to be spelled out and he would like to see a friendlier user presentation of the budgets. We all have to be very conscious of the hard economic times that may be ahead. As we know the Governor announced a billion dollar shortfall and we should plan ahead for any cuts from the state.

Department/Commission members present are, Dan Bible and David Temple, Historical Commission; Lou Fellini and Roberta Lynch, COA; Public Works Superintendent Ken Feeney; Park & Recreation represented by Toby Burrell, Tom Caragliano and Mel Seibolt; Library Director Deborah Kelsey and Trustee Maura McNicholas; Board of Assessor Frank Perry; School Committee Debra Noschese and Susan Ruzzo; Charles Kellner, Director of Finance & Operations; Superintendent Maguire; Town Accountant Joy Riccuito and Georgeanne Gerlach from the Police Department.

Mr. Sullivan commented that revenue is being lost at both the state and local levels. Medfield is experiencing a loss in auto excise taxes and a slowdown in building permits. We are ok for this year; however, our concern is that fiscal year 2010 could face major trouble. We may have to experience serious cuts in services rather than across the board budget cuts. For example the library may charge for movies and continue to be closed on Sundays; we may have to eliminate sidewalk construction. It will be very difficult to pass any overrides. The taxpayers are going to expect us to live within our budgets similar to their personal situations. Increase to budgets should be not more than 3% and at this point if there is a general salary increase that is to be included in the 3%. Our debt has vastly improved. Medfield is very fortunate that we did the school project when we did because we have received reimbursement from the school building assistance program. Other towns may not be as lucky.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke