Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2016
Chenery Meeting Room

PRESENT: Selectmen DeSorgher, Fisher, Peterson; Town Administrator Sullivan; Assistant Town Administrator Trierweiler; Administrative Assistant Clarke

Chairman DeSorgher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reported this meeting is being recorded. We want to take a moment of appreciation for our brave servicemen and servicewomen serving around the world

Mr. DeSorgher remarked that February 21 is the 340th Anniversary of the attack on Medfield during the King Philip War (2/21/1676) when half the Town was burned.

FIVE SELECTMEN INSTEAD OF THREE

Resident Abby Marble remarked that as the Town has grown, responsibility has also grown and she feels that a five member board will serve the needs of the residents and help lessen the work load for the board. Mr. DeSorgher said that he thought of proposing a warrant article last year to find out if the residents would agree to expand the board. However, Town Moderator's feeling was that this proposal needed more in depth discussion before bringing it to Town Meeting. DeSorgher continued saying that due to the Open Meeting law the Selectmen cannot speak to each other outside of a regular meeting whereas with a five member board it is possible. Also the work load would be dispersed more evenly.

Selectman Fisher said that from personal experience five member boards tend to get more political; sometimes a candidate has the desire to be on the board and has an agenda item and has that fulfilled and then resigns. His feeling is "if it ain't broke don't fix it." Ms. Trierweiler reviewed the Town Charter and it was determined that a meeting with the town moderator and charter and bylaw committee should be scheduled for discussion on the subject.

SIDEWALK PRIORITIES

The school Superintendent, Superintendent Feeney and the Police Chief submitted their recommendations as to preferences for future sidewalks. Discussion ensued and the Board agrees that their priorities are Metacomet Street, Dale Street at Charlesdale and Adams Street from Dale Street to West Street. Mr. DeSorgher queried the status of the sidewalk on East Main Street; Mr. Sullivan responded that a request for sidewalk layout was mailed to the County Engineers. Superintendent Feeney is compiling construction costs.

MEETING MINUTES

VOTED unanimously to accept the December 1, 2015 minutes with edits and accept the minutes of January 19 and 26, 2016 as submitted

MEMA REQUEST

Fire Chief William Kingsbury request the Selectmen vote to authorize Chairman DeSorgher sign a letter confirming Ray M. Burton, Jr. is Medfield's Community Emergency Response Coordinator and **it was so voted.**

SOLAR GENERATED ELECTRICITY

The Medfield Energy Committee requests the Selectmen vote to sign a letter supporting solar generated electricity to be sent to Senate President Stanley Rosenberg and Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo and **it was so voted.**

MEALS TAX MONEY

Mr. Sullivan suggests that the Selectmen give thought as to potential projects for use of the meals tax that the Town receives. Mr. DeSorgher would like to have the results of the February downtown summit to get lead ideas for our downtown area. He requested that Town Planner Sarah Raposa contact MAPC for the information.

WEST STREET BRIDGE

VOTED unanimously to sign a letter to our Boston delegation regarding their assistance in receiving state funding for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of the West Street bridge

ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERS AGREEMENT

VOTED unanimously to execute Amendment No. 2 for the Hospital Road Water main and storage tank

BREAKFAST MEAL ALLOWANCE

Superintendent Feeney requests the Selectmen vote to increase the allowance from $8.00 to $10.00 and **it was so voted**

LICENSES & PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant the Garden Club permission to post signs advertising the Annual Art N Bloom to take place March 17 to March 20 at the Library

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to MEMO to hold the annual Summer Concert Series on Thursdays June 12 through August 18, 2016 and additionally permission to hang the banner across Main Street promoting the event

SELECTMEN REPORT

Mr. Fisher mentioned that he enjoyed being at the Zullo Gallery on First Thursday.

Mr. Peterson reported that discussion took place at the Energy Committee meeting about the Town replacing street lights with LEDs and taking ownership from Eversource. This would save the Town about $26,000 annually. It makes good sense to me. Mr. Sullivan said that the Town only spends $42,000 on street lights. Should we own the lights there is much to discuss about maintenance, a utility truck, personnel.

Mr. DeSorgher said that he has had conversation with a Boy Scout about his proposed Eagle Scout project concerning street lights; have neighbor "adopt a street light" that is close to their property. The resident would then be responsible to report any outage.
Selectman DeSorgher thought that the Downtown Summit was well attended and he is looking forward to good information.
Mr. DeSorgher reported that Lt. Governor Karyn Polito came to Medfield today to sign the "Commonwealth Community Compact". Senator James Timilty was also present. We are very pleased that Medfield is the 144th Town in the Commonwealth to receive this award. This agreement with the state will provide Medfield with resources to develop a capital plan that includes financial management; a transparent strategy, easy to understand the budget process; citizen engagement, communication with residents through technology.

INFORMATIONAL

The Selectmen are invited to attend a Historical Commission Regional meeting in the Sherborn Town Hall on Wednesday March 9, 2016 7:30 PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke