

Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2016
Chenery Meeting Room

PRESENT: Selectmen Fisher, Peterson, Marcucci; Town Administrator Sullivan; Town Counsel Cerel; Administrative Assistant Clarke

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order and announced this meeting is being recorded. He asked for a moment of appreciation for our brave servicemen and servicewomen serving around the world.

SCHOOL SUPERINDENT JEFFREY MARSDAN

Dr. Marsden reported to the Selectmen on the status of the Wheelock School boiler project. The boiler was over 40 years old and was removed safely from its location. Asbestos abatement was completed two weeks ago. Epoxy painting has begun and the concrete pad has been installed. The contractor who is from Medway is doing a great job; the project is ahead of schedule.

New field project at the high school is on schedule to be completed by the opening of school. A good amount of work has been accomplished for the past 27 days. The old turf and grass were removed along with 10" of gravel and 120 yards of unanticipated fill. The Highway Department is a tremendous help, we can't say enough about their good work.

With the new field there will be good drainage over the entire field; a 10 inch pipe will carry the water and will go down into the sewer line. We have a very good contractor who has 30 years' experience and travels all over the state doing field construction. He is at the job site each morning making sure of its progress; Dr. Marsden is very impressed with the company as a whole. When queried about the life span of the field, he replied that the turf could be resurfaced in perhaps 10-12 years.

The Selectmen appreciate the School Superintendent's report.

NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

Committee member John Nunnari is happy to report that the project is on schedule, about 85% complete and currently under budget. There has been about \$280,000 in change orders. We are looking forward to the installation of solar panels on the roof and have received two quotes in the \$250,000 range. Furniture, fixtures and equipment should be arriving in early September.

Both Fire Chief Kingsbury and Police Chief Meaney are extremely pleased with the contractor, G&R Construction; very easy to work with and cooperative. Not one disagreement or voice raising through the whole process. Now that the outside walkways are laid out and interior dry walling is under way, it is easy to see where everything will go.

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An open house is planned for all residents before the move is complete.

Conversation ensued about the size of the building and why the Dale Street side of the building seems to be more elevated. Mr. Nunnari replied that the building is the same height as the Dale Street School; it is only the unfinished landscaping that makes it appear higher. It was noted that a new basketball court is planned right where the old one is now.

The Board extended their appreciation for coming by to give an update.

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

Ron Griffin said that the federal government has developed a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. They will partner with towns, cities and communities across America to recognize the Vietnam veterans and families giving them support and honor for their service. The Town will be required to have two events in 2016, 2017 and 2018 to pay tribute; one event planned for 2016 is the Veterans Day Breakfast on November 11.

Mr. Griffin respectfully requests that the Selectmen vote to have Medfield join the program.

Selectman Peterson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Marcucci that the Town of Medfield registers as a Commemorative Partner with the Federal Government to honor Vietnam Veterans on the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War. Vote was unanimous

The next part of the discussion pertains to the Veterans Home Act 2016. The Governor has not yet signed into law. This bill mostly deals with housing. A few highlights include that currently veterans have preference at Tilden Village if they are Medfield residents, however, veterans from other communities would have preference over non veteran residents of Medfield; excise exemption while deployed; real estate exemptions for surviving spouse of a veteran for death related to service (this is for life and not remarry). A fund to be established to help vets with food, heating expenses, etc., funds may be raised through the property tax bills. Veterans Officer feels that Agent Orange will result in a tremendous impact on the bill.

The Board thanked Ron for his report.

PROPOSED CELL TOWER

Wireless Communication Study Committee member Dave Maxson informed the Board that the utility pole on Main Street (close to Rt 27) and a second pole on Robert Sproul Road and Pound Street are the two locations selected by Verizon to install a cell tower because of the demand for service in those areas. The "cell tower" actually is a box and will be installed about 10 feet from the ground with extended antennae at the top of the pole.

These are just two locations, additional areas may be added. Mr. Sullivan queried if this is a revenue product for the Town and should Verizon be making application to the Town for

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installation and hold a public hearing. Town Counsel Cerel remarked that he will do some research and gather information for the Board.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

VOTED unanimously to appoint Karen Shapiro to the Transfer Station and Recycling Committee and as recommended by Committee Chairman Megan Sullivan

NEW TREE PLANTING PLAN

The Selectmen would like to move forward with tree planting in the downtown area. Highway Foreman Bob Kennedy, Jr. was to put together a plan for the project. It was suggested that he be contacted to find out where he is with the project and come before the Selectmen for discussion.

CONSULTING SERVICES

The Board is requested to sign Agreement for Consulting Services with Durkee, Brown, Viveiros & Werenfels Architects for the Cultural Arts Facility at the state hospital site. Their fee for services is not to exceed \$18,000. The Town has received a grant for half of the fee cost.

VOTE: Selectman Peterson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Marcucci to sign Agreement as noted above. Vote was unanimous

MAPC MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Energy Committee will be working toward all Town buildings reducing energy by 20%. The MAPC will apply for a Municipal Energy Technical Assistance grant on our behalf that will help in preparing the reduction plan. The grant is in the amount of \$7,500. The energy reduction plan is a necessary step in the process for the Town to be designated a Green Community. The Board is requested to vote to authorize Chairman Fisher sign the MOU and **it was so voted.**

PROPOSED 40B PROJECT ON HOSPITAL ROAD

As the developer Larkin Real Estate Group applied to MASSHousing they require that Medfield submit comments, issues or concerns about the proposal as part of their review of Larkin's application. Comments must be mailed by July 29. The Board is requested to authorize Chairman Fisher sign the comment letter to be mailed to MASSHousing and **it was so voted.**

COUNCIL ON AGING GRANT APPLICATION

This is an annual application and the funds are used to pay the salary of the COA Volunteer Coordinator and several other expenses incurred. The Board must authorize his signature.

VOTED unanimously to authorize Town Administrator Sullivan sign the FY2017 Formula Grant/Allocation as pertains to the Medfield Council on Aging

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to the High School Football Team to hold a Fundraising car wash behind Town Hall Sunday August 28, 2016 11 AM to 2 PM

VOTED unanimously to grant the Girls Varsity Ice Hockey team permission to hold a Fundraising car wash Saturday October 8, 2016 9AM – 1PM behind Town Hall

VOTED unanimously to grant Kenney Road neighbors permission to hold a block party Saturday September 10 3-7PM; rain date September 11

VOTED unanimously to grant Ledgetree Road neighbors permission to hold a block party Saturday September 17 4-9 PM; rain date September 18

VOTED unanimously to grant Wildwood Drive neighbors permission to hold a block party Saturday September 24 3-8PM

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to resident Colleen Sullivan permission to place sandwich boards for two weeks July 24 to August 7 promoting the annual St Edward's Golf Tournament

VOTED unanimously to grant the Thomas Upham house permission to use the Baker's Pond area for the annual Grandparent's Day celebration Saturday September 10 and Sunday September 11 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Selectman Peterson commented that the Straw Hat Park grand opening celebration drew a nice size crowd, a good event. He attend the recent MCPA meeting where it was discussed that the committee is working on developing a more disciplined approach to educate our young people about substance abuse. Also attended the Medfield State Hospital Master Plan meeting; discussion focused on the model that the consultant presented, that appears to be satisfactory to the committee.

Selectman Marcucci said that he hopes the residents will enjoy the Straw Hat Park. The Town's share in developing the area is \$32,000. The work was well done. He has received residents' comments about bicycle riders on Pine Street and their safety. Perhaps signage is needed; he will discuss with Chief Meaney.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted, Evelyn Clarke