

Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2016
Chenery Meeting Room

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

Chairman Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and reported the meeting is being recorded. He asked for a moment of appreciation for our brave servicemen and women serving around the world.

BOND ISSUE

Treasurer Ms. Colivas reported to the Selectmen that on Monday July 25 the Town received bids for the \$1.5 million, 15 year bond issue to finance the construction of the new high school field and tract construction project. Three bids were received. The winning bidder was UBS Financial Services with the lowest interest rate of 1.633%. The bid included a \$45,000 net premium which was determined to be reserved and use \$3,000 each year to reduce the interest on the bond.

Ms. Colivas continued saying that Moody's Investors Service reviewed and affirmed the Town's AA1 bond rating. Tonight she requests the Selectmen vote to finalize the bidding process and sign the appropriate bonding documents.

VOTED unanimously that the sale of the \$1.5M general obligation athletic facility reconstruction bonds of the Town of Medfield dated July 25, 2016 be awarded to UBS Financial Services, Inc. at the price of \$1,545,000 and accrued interest, if any, be hereby approved and confirmed. The bonds shall be payable on August 1st for the next 15 years

Ms. Colivas confirmed that the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen will sign a certification of the vote taken; certifies that the bonds were issued pursuant to statutes and votes of the Town; certifies continuing disclosure that the Town will provide an annual report and audited financial statements to all of its bond holders; provide a tax certificate detailing that the use of the bonds are qualified as tax exempt.

The estimated date of completion of the project is August 29, 2016. Ms. Colivas remarked that 100% of these proceeds will be expended by the end of September.

NET METER AGREEMENT

Energy/Facilities Manager Andrew Seaman remarked that he is present tonight to discuss the opportunity for the Town to decrease electric bills for some our buildings, i.e. town hall, three elementary schools, library, sewer pumping stations. Carter Mcann representing Syncarpha Capital, company that the Town will work with is also present to answer questions. The agreement is a 20 year contract that could result in a savings of \$540,000 over the term of the contract. It was noted that the towns of Sharon and Freetown have signed on to this

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agreement. The Selectmen are concerned about entering into a 20 year agreement, questioning if it is possible without Town Meeting vote. Town Counsel will look into the law. Also it was questioned if during that contract framework what if credits/charges change.

The Board queried if the school department has been notified; answer is not at this time. The Selectmen agree that this is quite a bit of information and as they only received a copy this past Friday more time is needed for review. Selectman Marcucci offered that he will review the document and suggests that the discussion be continued to the next Selectmen's meeting.

SOUTH STREET RESIDENTS

Selectman Marcucci recused himself from the discussion and did not participate.

Several residents are in attendance to discuss Verizon's plan to construct an outside generator at their property on Pleasant Street. The South Street residents' backyards abut Verizon property. Residents attending are Andrea Shurtleff, Jennifer Puleo-Gibson and Victoria Schepps. The residents are disappointed that they have not been notified about the project as they are very concerned about the generator's noise level and any emissions that may be a health hazard; and if this equipment could be placed inside Verizon's building. Mr. Sullivan remarked that Verizon applied to the Inspection Department and our Building Inspector determined that the proposal was within the Town's building codes; backup generators are typically placed outside any building. It was noted that any utility company making changes to equipment are allowed to do so under the law and only if they conform to building specifications.

As an issue such as this comes under the Zoning Board of Appeals and not the Selectmen the residents were advised to make an appointment with ZBA for further discussion.

STATE HOSPITAL BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

John Thompson, Chair is present to give an update on activities. Building 27 seems to be very attractive to vandals. Installing video cameras at the front gate and the new water tower to deter vandalism may be necessary if the property remains vacant. We will be going out to bid to board up windows on the second and third floors of many of the buildings. Also a request for proposals for a new landscaping contract has been advertised. The committee proposed the idea to create a compost bin that may be maintained by DPW for use by local farms. DPW employee Ed Murray has been very helpful to us with some projects over a period of time.

Discussion ensued regarding potential events and uses of the property. The car show held in June was a great success and they would like to return in 2017. Mr. Thompson remarked that he has received inquiries from motion picture companies, military contractors to use the property. The fee of \$2,000 per day per event was mentioned.

The conversation then went on to the issue of dog control and management. Unfortunately many of the dog walkers do not adhere to the advice of pick up after your dog or those that do

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just leave the bags. John has found a company named "duty calls" that will place barrels at a site, empty periodically. As there is also a problem at the Wheelock School area he suggests two barrels there and four-five at the hospital site. Annual cost for this program is \$8,000.00; something to consider.

Mr. Thompson continued saying that at times owners have their dog(s) off leash; sometimes these dogs become aggressive; there is a recent incident of a dog biting a jogger. It was suggested that Animal Control cruise through the property as a presence. The next step may be to form a committee to study how to proceed with options about dog control. The Selectmen thanked John for his update.

MEETING MINUTES

VOTED unanimously to accept the July 19, 2016 meeting minutes as submitted

NEW BUSINESS

VOTED unanimously to sign the September 8, 2016 State Primary Warrant

Noted: last day to register to vote in the Primary is August 19

VOTED unanimously to sign the Medfield Fireman's Contract for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017

VOTED unanimously to vote to sign Chapter 90 Project Request for repair and construction of the Philip Street Bridge

VOTED unanimously to authorize Town Administrator Sullivan to sign letter addressed to MASS Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship regarding Medfield's commitment to participate in the appeal of the MS4 Permit. Medfield will contribute \$5,000 towards the appeal process

VOTED unanimously to sign appreciation letters to two residents for offering their property for deer culling and as recommended by the Medfield Lyme Disease Study Committee

VOTED unanimously to declare August 4, 2016 as Robert E. Kennedy, Sr. Day and declare Friday August 5, 2016 as Kenneth P. Feeney Day in recognition of their retirements and service to Medfield for over 100 years and voted to sign proclamations from the Town

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LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant Medfield Youth Basketball Organization permission to place signs August 22 to September 12 promoting registration

VOTED unanimously to grant Pederzini Drive neighbors permission to hold a block party Sunday September 12 2-9PM

SELECTMEN REPORT

Mr. Peterson attended the State Hospital Master Planning Committee meeting; reported Community Preservation Act Study Committee is hoping to add new members; received thank you letter from a resident who appreciates his help in directing her to the right person, Ron Griffin who solved her problem. Mr. Peterson queried if properties with private wells must adhere to our restrictive water ban.

Selectman Marcucci had no report.

Mr. Fisher said that we are looking forward to the retirement cook-out for Ken and Bob this Thursday August 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke