

Meeting Minutes
August 16, 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 announced the meeting is being recorded. He asked for a moment of appreciation for our brave servicemen and servicewomen serving around the world.

Chairman Fisher announced the Selectmen will go into executive session at close of the meeting to discuss potential land acquisition

7:00 PM Public Hearing-Solicitation

Ehren Roder made application to solicit in Medfield on behalf of Solar City located in Marlborough. Solar City is the largest provider of solar panels in the US. Mr. Roder is state licensed and he had conversation with the Police Chief to understand what he needed to do to solicit. He said his plan will be to present information to those homeowners who would like to know about solar panel installation. To help the homeowner qualify for the installation the house roof will need to be inspected; his company works with roofers and some discount in construction price could be offered. When queried about age of a roof suitable for panels, he answered 18-20 years or less. Homeowners will enter into power purchase agreements and should the house be put up for sale, the agreement can be transferred to the new owner. Mr. Roder agreed to notify the Police Department which neighborhoods he will canvass on a daily basis.

VOTE: On a motion made by Selectman Peterson, seconded by Selectman Marcucci it was voted unanimously to grant Ehren Roder permission to solicit on behalf of Solar City for a six month timeframe during daylight hours only excluding Sundays

ADAMS STREET PARKING AND CIVIL SERVICE

Police Chief Meaney would like to make a change to parking on Adams Street by the Dale Street and Memorial Schools. Presently parking is prohibited on the east side of the street. The Chief feels that it would be safer for the children if parking is allowed on the same side as the schools, the side that has a sidewalk, and prohibited on the west side of Adams Street. In this way it will make the neighbors in that area happy also because cars will not damage their property.

VOTED unanimously to amend the Town's Traffic Rules and Order to reflect that parking is prohibited on the west side of Adams Street and allowed on the east side of the street

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Chief Meaney continued saying that as Michelle Manganello will now be the school's resource officer and the department has had two retirements he would like to begin the process with civil service for new hires. The academy will begin classes on October 31.

VOTED unanimously to authorize Police Chief Meaney to request from Civil Service the current list of police officer candidates

The Chief was queried about the status of street parking on Upham Road. He remarked that he feels if the fence and utility pole is moved closer to the grass area it will allow more cars to park and give additional space for vehicles to travel. Chief Meaney was advised to discuss issue with Maurice Goulet, Director of Public Works.

PENDING ITEMS

Net Metering Agreement

Selectman Marcucci reviewed the agreement and offered his opinion that the biggest issue with a 20 year contract is that it would restrict the Town's ability to move forward with other good things that may come about. He feels that perhaps the Town should ask for a five year term and have the right to renew. The Board feels that they are not comfortable with a long term commitment such as this, too much risk involved; discussion continued to next meeting.

Mr. Sullivan commented that the new facilities manager startup date is October and perhaps he should be part of the discussion about this; he will work for both the schools and the town.

ANNUAL APOINTMENTS

The Selectmen reviewed each page that listed members of each board/committee.

VOTED unanimously to reappoint board, committee members as presented with the exceptions of Americans with Disabilities member, Tina Consentino; Community Preservation member Edward Beard; State Hospital Master Planning Committee, Stephen Browne; Permanent School Building and Planning Keith Mozer and further voted to add Senior Housing Study Committee to the list

PHILIP STREET BRIDGE

VOTED unanimously to sign Chapter 90 Environmental Punch List for the proposed work on the Philip Street bridge and as recommended by Director of Public Works Maurice Goulet

WATER BAN AND NEW WATER TOWER

DEP has raised the restrictions of the water ban for some towns/no outside watering. However, Medfield's restriction has not been changed; remains Monday houses with odd numbers may water, Thursdays houses with even numbers; no watering between 9 - 5 PM.

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Selectman Peterson queried if properties with private wells must adhere to our restrictive water ban; was told they do not, but that by annual town meeting (ATM) bylaw change they could be made to do so. Mr. Peterson suggested it probably should be an ATM warrant article.

Mr. Sullivan was happy to report that the new water tank has been filled and it was turned on today August 16, 2016. The old water tank was demolished and all the steel went to Everett. He also mentioned that the Water and Sewer Board recently held a public hearing regarding new rates. The Board voted to raise water rates by 3% and sewer by 2%. New rates will be reflected in the November water billing.

ROCKWOOD ROAD

Town Meeting voted to accept the road as laid out as established by its boundaries. The Selectmen are now requested to vote to accept the deed and grant of easement and sign acceptance plans for Rockwood Road.

VOTE: On a motion made by Selectman Peterson and seconded by Selectman Marcucci it was voted unanimously to accept the deed and grant of easement for Rockwood Road as presented and further voted to sign the acceptance plan

LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant permission to Medfield Coalition for Public Education to place Sandwich boards at specific locations from September 12-24, 2016 advertising the Fall Ball Auction

SELECTMEN REPORT

Selectman Peterson reported that on Medfield Day September 17 the MCAP will display the exhibit "Hidden In Plain Sight" that was presented this spring at the Natick Mall; he attended the SHMPC meeting where homework assignments were given to committee members to come up with a plan(s) for the site; the Planning Board discussed affordable housing at a recent meeting; Energy Committee continues to discuss how to implement the Town's 20% reduction plan. Discussion ensued regarding the Department of Energy Resources grant be allocated to the town garage for the proposed solar array.

Mr. Marcucci had no report

Mr. Fisher was pleased to announce how well the retirement cookout turned out. Good food, good number attending. We were pleased that Senator Timilty and Representative Dooley were there. The last summer concert will take place this Thursday August 18.

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INFORMATIONAL

Mr. Sullivan highlighted that the ZBA has received an application for proposed use of auto repair, auto sales and small engine repair at 50-52 Park Street. Should the auto sales refer to used cars it requires Selectmen approval.

Tomorrow at 10:30 AM a meeting will be held with proponent for a 40B project to be built on both sides of North Meadows Road and Dale Street. Roughly six acres of property involved.

Farm Street resident wrote a letter of appreciation for the good work our Water Department employees did at his property that involved digging up the water service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Medfield Board of Selectmen needs to meet in executive session for the purpose of discussing potential land acquisition. It is declared that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The open session will not reconvene at the conclusion of the executive session. A roll call vote was taken: Mr. Peterson, yes; Mr. Marcucci yes; Mr. Fisher yes. The Board went into executive session at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke