

Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2016

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

The meeting convened at 7:00 PM in the Chenery Meeting Room
Chairman Fisher announced this meeting is being recorded

He asked for a moment of appreciation for our brave servicemen and servicewomen
serving around the world

MEDFIELD STATE HOSPITAL MASTER PLANNING COMMITTEE

Present: members Brandie Erb, Teresa James, Pat Casey

Ms. Erb highlighted the recent activities of the seven member committee. She noted that we send out a newsletter to keep the residents up to date on our activities. Over the summer the committee worked to refine the financial model presented by Town hired consultant Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) to be submitted to the Town. Among our remaining tasks is to finalize a concept plan for the 130 acres including the Hinkley property and Lot 3. Our goal is to have a target date to present a new master plan for the hospital property at a special town meeting in the fall of 2017. Ms. Erb remarked that the committee has agreed to part ways with the consultant VHB and prepare a new Request for Proposal for a new consultant.

The discussion then turned to Parcel A-1. This parcel is state owned land, designated agricultural and the state proposes to lease it to Tangerini Farm. The lease would be for one-year with optional renewal. DCAMM let the Town know about their plan as a courtesy.

Mr. Peterson has an issue with this plan citing it is not a compatible use of this parcel that is surrounded by residential homes. He can't believe that one individual went to DCAMM telling them the parcel should be used for farming and they acted upon it.

Mr. Fisher said that personally I would like to see farming back at the hospital site; that land is zoned agricultural. Tangerini Farm is a reputable family organization.

The Selectmen request the hospital committee review this issue and look forward to their comments.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman Pat Casey opened his discussion by announcing that member Chip Wakely has resigned. Interested residents to fill the vacancy please contact Town Hall. He then continued remarking that the Downtown Summit conducted in February 2016 provided the committee with initiatives to work on such as parking in the downtown, aesthetics (includes signs); infrastructure (roads, sidewalks, utilities). A Phase I parking study was completed in 2014 and the committee will be making application for a grant to help defray the \$70,000 cost to complete the study. Mr. Casey said that the committee intends to apply for grants that will help create a better pedestrian experience and delve into the issue of burying utility lines.

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Selectmen Peterson mentioned that in past conversations it was suggested that the Economic Development Committee and the Downtown Study Committee should meld together to provide more efficiency in planning and perhaps help to achieve similar goals. Mr. Casey will reach out to the DSC for discussion. Selectman Marcucci offered that they should also reach out to the Townwide Master Plan Steering Committee to coordinate future plans.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFFING

Police Chief Meaney presented his proposal to fill the position of Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Meaney explained that the position has previously been approved by the Personnel Board and funding for the position is in his FY17 budget. He said that this is a good step to make the organization run very smoothly. By having a Deputy Chief it will allow Chief Meaney more time to devote to much needed administrative work including budget preparation, community relations and traffic management. The Deputy Chief will be in charge of the department during Police Chief absences instead of a sergeant supervising other sergeants. Chief Meaney recommends Sergeant John W. Wilhelmi be appointed Deputy Chief.

VOTE: Selectman Peterson made a motion, seconded by Selectman Marcucci to accept Police Chief Robert Meaney's recommendation for the position of a Deputy Chief and appoint Sergeant John W. Wilhelmi as Deputy Chief of the Medfield Police Department. Vote was unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING – VERIZON WIRELESS REQUESTS GRANT OF LOCATION

Mr. Marcucci recused from the hearing due to a conflict of interest.

Selectman Peterson, Clerk declared the hearing open; read the Legal Notice regarding the petition of Cellco Partnership, dba Verizon Wireless for the purpose to issue a Grant of Location to locate small wireless antennas and necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures on two existing utility poles; pole #6X, located on Main Street and pole #79/6 located on Robert Sproul Road and Pound Street.

Attorney Daniel Klasnick represented the petitioner and explained that these are the only two poles in Medfield designated at this time. These locations were selected due to high demand in those areas. A small converter will be placed about 10 feet high on the pole with an antenna at the top of the pole.

Resident John Thompson queried what is contained in the device, is it hazardous. There are no chemicals or heat energy; the device does not act as a transformer. Resident Teresa James queried about the time to do the work, will it disrupt the traffic particularly on Main Street. The work will take approximately two hours using a bucket truck and police detail will be requested. A motion was made at 7:55 PM to close the hearing. On a motion made and seconded it was

VOTED unanimously to grant Verizon Wireless permission to install antennas and

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necessary fixtures on pole #6X located on Main Street and on pole 79/6 on Robert Sproul Road and Pound Street

STATE HOSPITAL GROUNDS CONTRACT

Ms. Trierweiler requested the Board vote to award the landscaping contract to Shady Tree Landscaping in the amount of \$89,500.00 and **it was so voted**

TOWN GARAGE SOLAR PANELS

Mr. Sullivan explained that bids were recently opened and Greenskies Renewable Energy, Middletown, CT was the low bidder. It has been discovered that there is a problem with their bid that needs to be clarified prior to awarding the bid. Selectmen agreed to hold item until next meeting.

ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT SERVICES

Mr. Sullivan explained that the Town's carrier Events EMS went out of business giving us (and other towns they serviced) very short notice to find a way to provide ALS (paramedic) services. Fire Chief Kingsbury has arranged with Brewster Ambulance Service to serve Medfield with an initial 60 day emergency contract; it will automatically renew for successive one month terms. Mr. Sullivan went on to say that he discussed with Chief Kingsbury the possibility of our firefighters becoming paramedics. The cost of this program would be quite expensive, \$1.6m. This program would be something for the Town to consider in the future. We would all agree it is a needed service, however it may be better provided by a private company. The Selectmen are requested to vote to authorize Town Administrator sign the Brewster Ambulance Service Agreement and **it was so voted**.

LEGAL SERVICES / MEDFIELD CONCOM

Town Counsel Cerel said that with the Selectmen's previous approval he has engaged attorney Margaret Stolfa of Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP. She will represent the Conservation Committee's in their decision to deny LCB build assisted living facility near perennial stream, Main Street. LCB has filed an appeal with DEP. Ms. Stolfa specializes in wetlands and environmental litigation. Selectmen are requested to sign the legal services agreement and **it was so voted**.

PROPOSED 40B DEVELOPMENT, DALE STREET

A letter received from MASS Housing informing the Selectmen they will conduct a site visit on Wednesday September 28 at 10 AM.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

VOTED unanimously to appoint Jeremy MacPherson as a member of Medfield Historical Commission and as recommended by the Commission

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CHAPTER 90

VOTED unanimously to sign Chapter 90 Project Request for Green Street in the amount of \$50,000 and a second Project Request for North Meadows Road, Pine Street, Winter Street In the amount of \$50,000 and as recommended by Director of Public Works Maurice Goulet

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PUBLIC FORUM

It was noted that this meeting will not be a public forum but rather a working session. Counsel Cerel remarked that he discussed Medfield's situation with Attorney Jason (Jay) Talerman, of Blatman, Bobrowski and Mead. Attorney Talerman will attend the workshop. It was noted that Roberta Cameron, consultant from Community Opportunities Group (COG) will give a presentation on the Housing Production Plan and Strategies

VOTED unanimously to authorize Town Counsel Cerel engage Attorney Jason Talerman, as Counsel with respect to the proposed Dale Street project

MEETING MINUTES

VOTED unanimously to accept the September 6, 2016 minutes as amended

PRELIMINARY FY 18 BUDGET AND ARTICLES

Mr. Sullivan gave a brief overview of the budgets remarking he has planned for a 6% increase for health insurance and a 3% increase in the school budget. He distributed a draft of warrant articles and requested the Selectmen review and make comments/any additions.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

VOTED unanimously to grant the Medfield Lions Club permission to display signs October 21 to November 5 promoting their annual Chowder Fest to be held at the CENTER

VOTED unanimously to grant a one-day wine and malt beverage license to the Council on Aging for their event Poker Pizza Party October 19 4-8PM

VOTED unanimously to grant Medfield Youth Lacrosse permission to display signs November 1-10 advertising Spring 2017 registration

VOTED unanimously to grant Medfield Green Committee permission to place signs September 28 to October 12 to advertise October is Medfield Green Month at the Transfer Station

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SELECTMEN REPORT

Mr. Peterson said that the Energy Committee is happy to report Solarize Medfield program has reached Tier 3; Medfield Cares About Prevention "Hidden in Plain Sight" display was a good success at Medfield Day and all in all Medfield Day was a great event, congratulations to MEMO

Mr. Marcucci enjoyed Council on Aging's Volunteer Dinner held at Primavera Restaurant attended by an impressive group of people that make it all work.

Mr. Fisher commended MEMO on the 37th Annual Medfield Day, well organized, great attendance and so fortunate to have beautiful weather.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Selectman Peterson, seconded by Selectman Marcucci the meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Clarke