

May 25, 2010

With a quorum present, Mr. Swartz called the meeting to order at 7: 05 PM
Selectmen Present: Lawrence Swartz, Chair; Harriet Davis, Vice Chair; John Clemenzi, Secretary
Also Present: Jeff Chelgren, Town Administrator; Catherine Tinsley, Minutes Secretary

Abbreviations used
BOS Board of Selectmen

Public Information
Agenda

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stretch Energy Code Presentations – April 7, 14, 21

Mr. Swartz announced the dates for the Stretch Energy Code Presentations and noted that the Power Point presentation is available on the town web site.

School Superintendent Search – Focus Group Meeting Schedule

Mr. Swartz announced the Focus Group meeting schedule and it was noted that this schedule is available on the town's web site.

Ms. Davis encouraged people to attend and to email concerns to the School Committee.

PRESENTATIONS BY GUESTS OR STAFF

Civil War Monument Fence – Review of Status

Ad HOC Committee members present: Bill Tyack; Jim Howard, Don Bannon

Mr. Howard said that the Committee has raised \$32,000 for the repair of the Civil War Memorial Fence and said that the committee received three bids for the work. He noted that the repair bid of \$49,000 includes the portion of the fence along the road for casting of the posts and all the rusted pipes and the painting the portion of the fence repaired; the back side is in excellent shape and just needs to be scraped and painted.

The bid of \$32,000 does not include painting, although it includes the paint and supervision of volunteers but it was noted that it is expected that there is lead paint present which presents issues in having volunteers (boy scouts, perhaps) do the work.

The Welding Company's bid at \$21,000 is the lowest bid and when the cost of painting is added, the committee will need to raise an additional \$450.

The Selectmen discussed the consideration of the more cost effective and longer lasting aluminum material as opposed to iron.

Beverly Welding has informed the Town that he can start the job immediately before he takes on another commitment.

Mr. Howard spoke about the fund raising saying the bulk of the money has come from CPA; additional funds were raised privately with contributions from the WVIS (\$5000), Wenham Museum donation, and local citizens. Mr. Bannon suggested that the Cassidy Brother's be informed of the lower bid and noted concern to cast the posts in aluminum and asked the BOS to consider that Cast Iron be used.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the bid of W M A Welding services in Beverly dated January 15, 2010 to refurbish the fencing surrounding the war memorial as per the letter. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the bid for \$ 11,450 in a memo dated March 25, 2010 from Industrial

Service Gloucester, MA for painting and sandblasting the back of the fence so the two bids make a completed project. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Chelgren briefly went through the Warrant identifying those articles on which the Selectmen have taken a position and asked that the BOS talk about the remaining articles.

Article 2 – The Board noted that information is not ready but the School Committee is meeting regarding the final budget and will report later.

Article 7 - \$147,000 for Dump Truck with Plow – 10 Year bond.

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 7. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 10 – Authorize to Bond ESCo Funding

Mr. Chelgren noted that Green Community Grant Money can be used to buy down this bond.

Ms. Davis made a motion to recommend favorable action on Article 10. Mr. Clemenzi seconded. Discussion followed. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Article 13 – Regional School Committee Agreement - School District

Complete information was not available at this time. Ms. Davis noted the Town of Hamilton is not supporting certain wording. It was the consensus of the Board to report later.

Article 14 – Regional School District Agreement - Citizen Petition

Complete information was not available. It was the consensus of the Board to wait until discuss it later.

Article 15 – Authorization to Establish Stabilization Fund

No opinion as of yet.

Article 16 – Zoning Ordinance Amendments—no opinion as of yet.

Rail Trail

Mr. Swartz reviewed that authorization was given to solicit permission from the MBTA to allow the removal of the rails .

Present: Win Dodge

Mr. Dodge updated the Board and provided them with a copy of the recent Rail Trail Committee meeting agenda. He talked about the progress of the adjoining towns of Topsfield and Danvers saying the Iron Horse Co. has begun removing rails from the bed in preparation of the trail.

Mr. Dodge stated that the Rail Trail Committee is requesting the BOS sign a letter to be sent to Iron Horse Co. to establish contact and request information from them to engage in a contract later.

Mr. Swart requested Town Counsel review the letter prior to the Board signing.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the wording of the letter.

The BOS Chair will edit the letter and post it by the end of the week.

There was a discussion regarding the National Grid utility poles which run through Wenham Swamp and that these poles currently cannot be accessed with a vehicle; it was suggested that National Grid be asked to assist in the cost of the repair to the trail.

It was the consensus of the Board to send a letter to National Grid to inform them of the situation.

Mr. Dodge talked about a new effort from MAPC to get federal funding for the three towns for the trail; the Selectmen were provided with this information. Mr. Dodge noted that other communities north of Topsfield to Newburyport received funding leaving Wenham, Topsfield, and Danvers to seek funding elsewhere. The Board asked for Representative Hill and Senator Tarr be consulted regarding federal funding.

Mr. Tyack was concerned that using TIP money will require the path to be certain criteria e.g. 20 feet wide, paved etc.

NEW BUSINESS

Gordon College Triathlon – Authorization for road race

Mr. Swartz acknowledged a request from Gordon College to hold the road race portion of the Triathlon Saturday, April 17, 2010 creating a loop on Hull Street, Essex Street, and Grapevine Road. The police department has been consulted and has indicated no concerns with the race as indicated.

Ms. Davis made a motion to grant permission to Gordon College to run the bike portion of triathlon using the Hull Street loop on Saturday, April 17th. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

WISSH Committee

Ms. Davis presented the recommendation of the WISSH Committee Chair to appoint Melanie D’Orio and Linda Rich to the WISSH Committee.

Ms. Davis made a motion to nominate Melanie D’Orio and Linda Rich to the WISSH Committee with Ms. Rich’s term through to June 30, 2013 and Ms. D’Orio through to June 30, 2012. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Senior Care Funding - Deferred to the next meeting

Mr. Chelgren reported that the Town recently received \$3600 from the insurance company for reimbursement from fire calls.

Mr. Chelgren told the Board that there are organizations requesting rides in fire and police vehicles as part of a fund raiser. It was the consensus of the Board to allow this as part of the fund raising event.

REPORTS

MINUTES March 24, 2010

Ms. Davis made a motion to approve the minute of meeting minutes of March 24, 2010. Mr. Clemenzi seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (ES)

The purpose of the ES under MGL chapter 39 section 23B was to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the governmental body; to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel; and to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel

Ms. Davis made a motion with three members present to enter into ES for the purpose of discussing Collective bargaining and to return to open session for the purpose of adjourning and that Molly Martin, Selectmen Candidate is present.

Mr. Swartz offered an amendment to include the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Ms. Davis accepted the amendment.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clemenzi and all members voting in the affirmative and non in the negative on roll call vote it was VOTED: to enter into ES.

9:37 pm - The Board returned from open session and on a motion by Mr. Clemenzi adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Catherine Tinsley