

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
September 14, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

Present: Glenn Trindade, Chair;; Maryjane White Vice Chair; Richard D’Innocenzo, Clerk; Dennis Crowley, Member; John Foresto, Member.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Joanne Russo, Treasurer/Collector.

Participated Remotely: Courtney Riley, Council on Aging Director; Doug Havens, Affordable Housing Coordinator.

At 7:00 PM Selectman Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2020

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of September 8, 2020.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of September 8, 2020 as presented. Selectman White seconded. Selectman Crowley asked for the following changes: (1) on page 4, line 165 a change be made to state the following, “stated he would approve as long as Finance Director Pratt reviewed and approved each listed expenditure prior to submission for reimbursement.”, (2) on page 5 line 219 add the following, “and if we are due any formal payback per the HCA”, and (3) on page 6 line 276 make the following change, “as there is a possibility that twelve of the fourteen members to be appointed could be minorities.” Selectman Foresto asked about the amount of detail required for the minutes. Selectman Trindade stated they should be summation. Town Manager Boynton concurred noting they are not intended to be a word for word transcription of the meeting. However, each Board is different as to their expectations. **No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Appointment Considerations:

- **Council on Aging – Pam Balabanis**
- **Cultural Council – Kim Blenkhorn**

The Board reviewed the (1) Council on Aging Chair’s e-mail recommendation for candidate, and (2) Cultural Council candidate’s e-mail request for appointment and chair recommendation..

Ms. Riley stated that Ms. Balabanis reached out to join the Council on Aging, was present at their last meeting, and the Council recommends her appointment.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board appoint Pam Balabanis to the Council on Aging for a one-year term. Selectman White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Ms. Blenkhorn was not available to speak to the Board.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board appoint Kim Blenkhorn to the Cultural Council for a three-year term. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Authorization to Borrow: Bond Anticipation Note in the amount of \$8,880,900 with Piper Sandler & Company for the following:

- **Urban Renewal Plan - authorized amount \$250,000, Article 29, Annual Town Meeting May 13th, 2019**
- **VFW Land Acquisition - authorized amount \$400,000, Article 10, Fall Town Meeting November 13th, 2017**
- **Water Engineering and Design - authorized amount \$2,330,900, Article 9, Annual Town Meeting May 13th, 2019**
- **Purchase Real Property (13 and 15R Populatic Street) - authorized amount \$400,000, Article 18, Annual Town Meeting June 8th, 2020**
- **Water Infrastructure (Brentwood Area and Wellington Street) - authorized amount \$5,500,000 Article 11, Annual Town Meeting June 8th, 2020**

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Joanne Russo, and (2) bond anticipation note.

Town Manager Boynton stated the Town went out to bid for this borrowing and since we had a short window to approve it, we needed this additional meeting.

Ms. Russo reviewed each of the specific borrowings. Mr. Boynton stated the interest is 1.34% and 3% was utilized for the budget noting he will share the dollar savings based on this lower rate with the Selectmen. Selectman Crowley stated he also requested an impact on the potential feathering of the water rates resulting from this savings.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the September 23, 2020 borrowing of \$8,880,900 from Piper Sandler & Company at a rate of 1.34% as presented. Selectman White seconded.

Selectman Crowley asked why we are borrowing the full budgeted amount when the bids for the work and came in well below \$5.5 million. Mr. Boynton explained that although the contractor work came in lower, we still have \$1.3 million of paving that also needs to be done and explained the breakdown of the paving costs. There was further discussion about why the total amount is being borrowed at this time, first due to the lower interest rate and second in order to have the funds available if needed earlier than projected. **No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Approval: Proposed Letter to State Legislators regarding the Police Reform Bill

The Board reviewed the proposed letter to the State legislators.

Town Manager Boynton stated this letter includes Lieutenant Kingsbury’s specific items and also the importance of getting this legislation right. He stated he attempted to be as factual as possible and to note that while the problems plaguing the country are not necessarily here in Medway, we do understand the need for reform. Selectman Crowley asked the Selectman to consider including an additional paragraph regarding the concern of the inequality in the make-up of the Municipal Police Training Committee. Specifically, the State Police has one representative for 1,500 officers, the MTBA has one representative for only 266 officers, the Boston Police has one for 2,100 officers and the remaining cities and towns across the Commonwealth have only one representative for over 14,000 officers. He thinks there is unbalance of support for the urban and suburban police forces. Mr. Boynton stated he will add an additional paragraph about the disproportionate number of members based on the number of officers they represent. The Selectmen requested a final review of the letter prior to distribution.

Selectman D’Innocenzo moved that the Board approve the content of the letter to the State legislators regarding the Police reform bill with the changes as discussed. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote: Right of First Refusal – 5 Kingson Lane, Unit 3

The Board reviewed the (1) letter from Ann Sherry, and (2) proposed letter to the Citizens’ Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA).

Selectman Trindade stated this is an affordable unit owned by the bank and the Affordable Housing Trust is not interested in purchasing the unit. Mr. Havens stated if the unit is unable to be sold, the Town still has the ability to purchase the unit.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board vote to not exercise the Town’s right of first refusal option to purchase 5 Kingson Lane, Unit 3, and to authorize the Chair to sign the notification letter to CHAPA. Selectman White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote Extension of Temporary Outdoor Dining

The Board reviewed COVID-19 order No. 50.

Selectman Trindade reported the State has come out with additional regulations and the Town Manager is recommending that the Selectmen vote to approve the extension consistent with the State guidelines.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board vote to extend temporary outdoor dining consistent with the orders and approvals issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Selectman White seconded. Discussion: Selectman Crowley noted that both tents and heaters are acceptable but must be approved by the Building and Fire Departments respectively. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

At 7:27 PM Selectman Foresto moved to adjourn. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
Executive Assistant
Town Manager’s Office