

**Select Board Meeting
November 15, 2021, 6:00 PM
Medway High School, Room 138-3
88 Summer Street
Agenda**

Present: Maryjane White, Chair; Dennis Crowley, Vice-Chair; Frank Rossi, Clerk; John Foresto, Member; Glenn Trindade, Member.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Carol Pratt, Finance Director, Fire Chief Jeffrey Lynch.

Other Participants: Mark Reich, Town Counsel; John Farrell, Member, Parks Commission; Mark Der Garabedian, Medway Gridiron Boosters.

At 6:03 PM Ms. White called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

Discussion/Vote: Select Board Sponsorship of Medway High School (MHS) Gridiron and Youth Football Bonfire at Middle School Gravel Parking Lot – November 24, 2021

The Board reviewed the (1) e-mail request for sponsorship from John Farrell, and (2) PowerPoint presentation depicting the event plans.

Mr. Farrell explained the background of this event noting that Dan McNamara of Medway Gridiron spoke with Chief Lynch about reviving the bonfire. He then explained the clean-up plans noting the event will start at 6pm in the gravel parking lot and end at 8pm. It will start as a pep-rally with the head football coach speaking about the season. He reported that Chief Lynch stated he would like the bonfire to begin at 6:30pm and he expects 100-200 attendees. Mr. Der Garabedian stated that he does not know if they will have enough volunteers. Mr. Trindade stated he spoke with Chief Tingley who anticipated 100-200 attendees based on past experience but thinks we should be prepared should a lot more attend. Mr. Rossi stated he thought more than 300 would be in attendance. There was further discussion about the anticipated attendance. Mr. Crowley asked about any issues that any Select Board members had regarding the event. Mr. Rossi stated his concern about the parking. Mr. Farrell reviewed where the parking volunteers would be located based on the location of the bonfire and designated parking locations. Mr. Trindade reviewed the process for volunteers directing the parking. Mr. Der Garabedian reiterated his concern about having a sufficient number of volunteers. There was further explanation by Mr. Farrell of the specifics of locations of volunteers directing the parking. Mr. Boynton stated the Police will take control if a crowd control issue ensues and the Department of Public Works (DPW) will tape off the grass in front of the Middle School as well as the fields to prevent parking in those locations. Mr. Crowley suggested placing event signs up the day before the event noting that they can borrow them from the Medway Lions. Mr. Trindade stated that post event, volunteers need to manage people on the fields. It was stated that drop off is discouraged. Mr. Der Garabedian asked who was chairing the event. Mr. Farrell stated he will chair the event. Mr. Boynton stated that our insurer stated they would cover this event.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Select Board vote to sponsor the bonfire for 2021 at the Medway Middle School in support of Medway High School Football and that the committee be chaired by John Farrell,

a member of the Parks Commission. Mr. Rossi asked about the planned height of the fire. Mr. Farrell stated approximately 15 feet. Mr. Crowley asked about traffic control by the Police. Mr. Boynton stated they will be stationed on both ends of Holliston Street. Mr. Foresto noted that vendors are not allowed on the property, but they are allowed on the street and that they tend to show up uninvited to these types of events. **Mr. Rossi seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Der Garabedian requested the Town put together communications of what is not allowed, i.e., do not drop off your children, no alcohol, etc. Mr. Boynton stated that Ms. Johnston will work on this list and advertise this via the Town's social media platforms. Mr. Trindade asked when this will be announced to the residents suggesting it be closer to the actual event date.

Review November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant.

This agenda item was not addressed.

At 6:31 PM, Mr. Crowley moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
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Town Manager's Office