

**Select Board Meeting
November 8, 2021 – 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

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

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Pete Pelletier, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director, Sean Harrington, DPW Deputy Director; Police Chief Allen Tingley; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Sandy Johnston, Communications Director.

Other Participants: Todd Alessandri, Finance Committee Chair; Andy Rodenhiser, Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) Chair.

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

Public Comments: There were none.

Vote Recommendations: November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting Warrant Articles 9 & 13

The Board reviewed the (1) November 15, 2021, Fall Town Meeting warrant, and (2) proposed changes to Article 13.

ARTICLE 9: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Environmental Standards)

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board approve Article 9. Mr. Crowley seconded. Mr. Trindade asked if there is a cumulative calculation in this standard. Mr. Rodenhiser asked for clarification. Mr. Trindade stated will multiple businesses impact the total acceptable decibel level. Mr. Rodenhiser stated the background noise is calculated into the level. Mr. Foresto said if there is existing background noise the addition of one piece of equipment may push you over the level. Mr. Crowley stated four Board members do not have an issue with this and he is satisfied with the information provided at the PEDB meeting. Mr. Rodenhiser said no community around us is doing this but does not know about communities statewide. Mr. Rossi stated he heard at the PEDB meeting the companies creating the additional noise are the cannabis companies, one at 38 decibels and one in the low 40's, which is well below the standard level noted here. Mr. Rodenhiser stated the State considers the background noise in its calculation, as well. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Crowley asked if there may be issues at Town Meeting with this and if we should have the consultant available. Mr. Rodenhiser confirmed he will be available.

ARTICLE 13: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Construction Equip./Machinery Sales, Leasing, Rentals)

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board approve Article 13. Mr. Crowley seconded. Ms. Affleck-Childs stated that comments at the PEDB public hearing resulted in crisper language including the additional language related to warranty work. Mr. Trindade stated his concern about the warranty language. Mr. Crowley stated he was satisfied by the language. Mr. Boynton stated Class 1 or 2 auto licenses are

required to provide repair facilities and noted the situation in this case would be the same. Mr. Rossi noted he received a map related to his question about the parcel location relative to the location of Oak Grove and requested clarification. Ms. Affleck-Childs showed Mr. Rossi on the map e-mailed to him where both these parcels are located. Mr. Rodenhiser stated all three companies around this lot have grown their business and include a lot of outdoor storage. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Approval of Minutes: November 1, 2021

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of November 1, 2021.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of November 1, 2021. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0

Authorization to Expend Grant Funds: 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant - \$3,500

The Board reviewed the (1) contract documents, and (2) notice of grant award form.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the 2021 Emergency Management Performance Grant funds as presented. Mr. Trindade seconded. Chief Tingley stated this has been a yearly grant for the past seventeen years and explained the specific planned purchases. **No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0**

Approval: Contract with Ace Temperature Control for the Senior Center HVAC - \$31,170

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) bid results, (3) sketch of proposed work, and (4) contract.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Ace Temperature Control pending the receipt of the appropriate bonds as presented. Mr. Pelletier stated this is to upgrade the Senior Center HVAC. **Mr. Rossi seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Trindade asked for update on the Peace Garden. Mr. Pelletier stated they put the base down on the walkway and need to address the location due to a bench in the walkway. It was noted that the large wall cannot be taken down. The plan is for a mural to be put on that wall. Mr. Trindade asked if the other volleyball area can be addressed. It was stated that they can plant grass there in the Spring.

Mr. Crowley stated he had a discussion with Mr. Boynton about the new projection of the road and sidewalk plan requesting that the updated plan be provided to the Select Board at least one week ahead of the discussion to allow for adequate review by the Board. Mr. Crowley noted there was a major water leak on Green Valley and commended those who worked on this issue. Mr. Pelletier stated it was an older main that broke. Mr. Boynton stated the water needed to be turned off in order to fix the issue.

Approval: Clean Harbors for Household Hazardous Waste Day – Not to Exceed \$13,000

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, and (2) contract.

Mr. Foresto moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Clean Harbors for Household Hazardous Waste Day as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Letter of Commitment – Safe Routes to School Grant

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) Project costs spreadsheet, (3) Concept Design, and (4) Proposed letter of commitment proposed letter of commitment.

Mr. Pelletier stated this is the grant that we received two years ago. Part of the grant acceptance is we incur the right of way expenses, which he anticipates will be \$100,000 noting the project will not begin until 2024. Mr. Boynton stated this is a Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MA DOT) project and they are doing the design, but they need the commitment from the Town to handle the easements. He noted most of these are construction easements and there may be some right of way takings involved. He reported the project runs from Kelley Street to Cassidy Lane and from Cassidy Lane to the Memorial School. There will be sidewalks on both sides. The State will handle the west side, and the Town will handle the east side from Kelly Street to Main Street and from Cassidy Lane to Pine Street. He noted the State is not doing milling and overlay from Holliston to Pine Streets but will do from Cassidy Lane to the Memorial School. He stated that we are hoping Holliston Street can hold out until 2024 as part of the roadway plan, which is funded at \$750,000 from free cash, \$800,000 from Exelon, and \$400,000 Chapter 90. We will need to push some projects out. Our anticipation is that we will continue to use \$800,000 of Exelon funds year over year for the road and sidewalk plan. Mr. Boynton explained the reason to do an entire neighborhood was due to the cost of moving equipment to mobilize elsewhere. Mr. Trindade asked for the cost from Kelley to Pine Streets. Mr. Pelletier stated he originally looked at Village to Main Streets and that was at a cost of \$800,000. Mr. Crowley asked what specific sidewalks will be done. Mr. Boynton stated where the sidewalks currently are located and from Kelley Street to Cassidy Lane and up Cassidy Lane to the Memorial School. Mr. Crowley asked how much in total we need to take out of our road and sidewalk plan. Mr. Boynton stated he anticipates \$1.6M. Mr. Pelletier noted this is still the concept plan phase. It was noted 40% of the project will be paid by the State. Mr. Crowley asked the earliest the project can start. Mr. Boynton stated May of 2024.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chair to sign the letter of commitment for the Safe Routes to School grant as presented. Mr. Foresto seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the (1) action items dated September 20, 2021.

This agenda item was not discussed.

Town Manager's Report

There were no items for the Board to review.

Veterans Day – Observance 11AM – Town Offices Closed: Mr. Boynton reminded all of the holiday and observance at Matondi Square. Mr. Rossi and Ms. White stated they will not be able to attend.

Town Manager Out of Office: Mr. Boynton stated he has no plans to be out of the office.

NEXT Select Board Meeting – Monday, November 15, 2021, pre-Fall Town Meeting.

Select Board's Reports

There were no items for the Board to review.

Mr. Crowley gave a shout out to and thanked the School Committee, Superintendent, and Athletic Director who heard the residents and changed their ticketing policy. Mr. Crowley stated that via the Massachusetts Municipal Association, he was aware that the House passed a bill and Senate is doing its own bill where there is money for clean water. He stated that we are looking at \$3.6 billion in combination of Federal funds and surplus funds from last year. The Senate bill had a higher amount than the House and asked if it would be wise for us to write a letter in support of the higher amount in

the Senate bill. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Mr. Crowley recommended a call to our legislators and a letter from the Select Board. Mr. Crowley noted that of the \$1.2 trillion bill that the Federal government just passed, \$11.7 billion over five years was allocated for clean water. He asked if we have positioned or spoken to our Federal or State legislators to allow us access to that funding. He stated of the \$11.7 billion, 49% is slated for principal forgiveness and 51% for loans. Mr. Foresto stated it depends on where the community stands on existing projects. Mr. Boynton stated the State will probably go the same route they do with their State Revolving Funds (SRF). There was further discussion, using Flint, MI as an example on which communities would get principal and loan forgiveness and funds. Mr. Boynton explained how this process has been implemented in the past. Mr. Foresto stated that if we have qualified for the loan from this program, we are not sure if the interest rate is higher than what we would normally get bonded. Mr. Boynton stated that we will also look at what is eligible for reimbursement. Mr. Boynton stated he anticipates guidance from the Federal government at the earliest in January or February of next year. Mr. Crowley asked where we are with the Norfolk County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Mr. Boynton stated he anticipates we will receive 50% of our allotment of funds as only 50% is being released to the county with the following 50% anticipated to be released next summer.

Mr. Trindade stated he has a last-minute item. There is a group of residents, youth football and Medway High School (MHS) Gridiron, who would like to have a bonfire at the Middle School on the night before Thanksgiving tied to the Thanksgiving football game. It would be in the gravel lot. He stated Lieutenant Kingsbury noted the last ones were in 2001, 2002, and 2003. Mr. Trindade explained who met this evening to discuss this event noting the school does not want to sponsor the event. It was noted there was more of an issue with insurance. The youth groups stated they would have volunteers to assist with parking. The event would be planned from 6-8 pm and the bonfire size would be pallets 20 feet high and in diameter. He noted that Chief Lynch will have staff available. He reported Matt Applebaum of Framingham Salvage would assist with clean-up and the youth groups committed to clean up of the area on Thanksgiving morning. In order to make it a Town event, a Board of the Town needs to sponsor the event. He asked if the Select Board would consider being the sponsor. Mr. Boynton noted the first step is a formal inquiry to the insurance company to see if they agree to cover the event in writing as well as having proper police and fire coverage and the proper volunteer load to handle this. Mr. Rossi stated this is a huge undertaking with only two and a half weeks to plan. Mr. Crowley asked if we should have an e-mail from the MHS Gridiron and Mr. Rossi noted that it should include a plan. Mr. Foresto agreed with Mr. Rossi noting that plan should include the commitment for managing the event. It was decided to add this as an agenda item to the pre- Fall Town Meeting Select Board meeting and to begin the meeting earlier at 6pm. Mr. Crowley asked that we inquire about the cost of an additional insurance rider if they won't agree to cover the event. Mr. Rossi asked about the cost for Fire and Police details. Mr. Rossi asked that this group come before the Select Board to present their plan at the next Select Board meeting prior to Fall Town Meeting.

At 8:08 PM, Mr. Foresto moved to adjourn. Mr. Trindade seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0

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