

**Select Board Meeting
November 14, 2022 – 6:00 PM
Medway High School, Room 138-3
88 Summer Street**

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

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Barbara Saint Andre, Community & Economic Development Director; Carol Pratt, Finance Director.

Other Participants: Mark Reich, Town Counsel; Laura Mullen, Town Moderator.

At 6:05 PM, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

Vote Recommendations: November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant – Articles 8 and 24
The Board reviewed the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

Article 8: Fund High School Tennis and Pickle Court Lights from Free Cash and/or Community Preservation (CPC) funds

Mr. Boynton stated CPC did not vote to support this and wanted it delayed. The three options for the Select Board are to: (1) go forward with the \$240,000, (2) reduce the amount to \$48-\$50,000 to just do pickle ball court lights, or (3) wait until spring. Ms. White asked if CPC was presented with the option to light the pickle ball court and lay conduit for the tennis court. Mr. Boynton noted there was support for that option, but more members wanted to delay this until spring. Mr. Alessandri asked if we are sure CPC funds can be used if they agree. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Mr. Crowley stated there was concern that abutting residents could hear night activities from their house. Mr. Boynton stated they voiced the concern that this is just a passing fad, and this is a substantial amount to spend on just a fad. Mr. Crowley noted that Mr. Alessandri wanted to go to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC), but he thought of all other projects we did without going through CIPC noting some from last year: (1) \$100,000 to study Battery Energy Storage Systems, (2) \$25,000 for the baseball fence, and (3) \$35,000 for the security cameras. Mr. Alessandri stated that he was uncomfortable doing this outside of the CIPC process and that CIPC is less relevant if CPC will fund this at a later date and asked why rush this. Mr. Crowley asked Attorney Reich if we vote this for \$50,000 or \$200,000 could we go to CPC next year for funding after the project is completed. Attorney Reich stated that once funds are spent, he does not see the ability to go to CPC to then fund the project noting this is not generally done. Mr. Crowley explained the rush because residents came before us, Parks uses these courts, and if we wait until spring, they will lose a year. Mr. Rossi noted that Ms. Harrington sets up temporary lights. Mr. Crowley asked about money for the track and fields. Mr. Boynton stated CPC would not fund replacement. Mr. Rossi asked if we pass only pickleball court lights and tennis court conduit when the project would start. Mr. Boynton stated spring. Mr. Crowley asked Attorney Reich if we go for the \$240,000 and it doesn't pass can someone make a motion right after it is defeated. Attorney Reich said if the motion is defeated and someone makes a lesser motion, that is acceptable when this is a reconsideration and not a new motion. He stated his opinion is if the difference is a large amount, then the larger difference is

acceptable. He noted this is at the discretion of the moderator. There was further discussion about if the Finance Committee (FinCom) does not support the motion, does the Select Board want to ask for the \$48,000. The Board agreed. Mr. Boynton stated the reason we put in the \$240,000 is he thought there would be pushback for just pickleball and not tennis. Mr. Alessandri asked for the cost of the conduit for the tennis courts. Mr. Boynton stated he does not think it is a substantial amount of funding and guesses that \$50,000 would be enough for the project. There was further discussion about the specific amount to change this to just do the pickle ball court lights and tennis court conduit, what would be specifically included in the tennis conduit and the potential cost, and if this could just wait until the Spring.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Town Meeting appropriate \$55,000 for this project. Mr. Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

There was discussion about the FinCom motion as Ms. Potter noted there is a positive motion for the use of free cash, but the amount has been left blank.

Article 24: (Street Acceptance: Newton Lane)

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve Article 24. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote: Planning and Economic Development Board's (PEDB) Request for a Motion to Refer Fall Town Meeting Warrant Article 21 Back to the Board

The Board reviewed the (1) the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant, and (2) e-mail from Barbara Saint Andre regarding Article 21.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to support the Planning and Economic Development Board's request to have Article 21 of the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant referred back to the Board. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Review November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant

The Board reviewed the November 14, 2022, Fall Town Meeting Warrant

This agenda item was not discussed.

Discussion/Vote: Approval of Consent to Housing Reserve Assurance Program Loan & Modification of Loan Documents for Glen Brook Way Apartments, LLC

The Board reviewed the (1) Consent to Housing Reserve Assurance Program Loan & Modification of Loan Documents, and (2) e-mail chain with Town Counsel's approval of documents.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the Consent to Housing Reserve Assurance Program Loan and Modification of Loan Documents for Glen Brook Way Apartments, LLC as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

At 6:32, Mr. Trindade left the meeting to attend the Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Crowley asked how the Board should handle the motion for Article 8. Attorney Reich stated if FinCom does not support the article and if they choose not to make a motion, then the Select Board motion would be same as was made above. Mr. Crowley asked if the Select Board should make the motion or a resident. Mr.

Boynton stated the Select Board. Attorney Reich stated he will write the specific language for the motion for the Select Board.

At 6:36 PM, Mr. Alessandri moved to adjourn. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Langley
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