

**Select Board Meeting  
March 6, 2023 – 7:00 PM  
Sanford Hall  
155 Village Street**

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

**Staff Present:** Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Peter Pelletier, Department of Public Works (DPW); Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director; Bridget Graziano, Conservation Agent; Sandra Johnston, Communications Director.

**Others Present:** Richard Parrella, Memorial Committee Secretary/Treasurer; Conservation Commission: David Travalini, Chair, Dayna Gill, Vice-Chair; Medway Community Farm: Todd Sandstrum, Carol Collord, Carol Bernstein, Steve Houde; Jeanne Johnson, Historical Commission Chair.

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At 7:00 PM, Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, and reminded all to remember the number 19.

Mr. Crowley requested that the Town Manager explain the issues with the water bills. Mr. Boynton stated an apology was owed to the residents as there was error in the new Tier 1 rates when they were entered into the system in July for new the fiscal year (FY) that affected almost all accounts. Specifically, residents were undercharged typically \$41.06 noting that amount was not across the board. We fixed that but failed to communicate that it would impact the next two billing cycles as the Town recovered that lost revenue. There was also another issue identified for those below the minimal usage that resulted in an overcharge amount of up to \$2.00. We had the best intentions to notify everyone but forgot. He reiterated his apologies to the community. Mr. Crowley asked if we identified where the issue was. Mr. Boynton stated it was an interpretation issue noting the rules to input this into MUNIS are difficult. Mr. Crowley said some are complaining that their bills are over \$1,000. Mr. Boynton said that is not related to this issue, as this is in the \$40 range. That is a usage issue. Mr. Crowley asked that something go into the bills when they go out next. Ms. Pratt identified those impacted with the low usage issue and will call those people directly.

**Public Comments:** Dave Johnson of 163 Holliston Street voiced his complaints about the pothole on Holliston Street noting he has called DPW multiple times with no response. He noted this is between Redgate and Woodland Road. Mr. Crowley noted this road is scheduled to be paved in FY24. Mr. Pelletier stated that due to the weather it does not make sense to fix it now noting it is in the current road and sidewalk plan for a milling and overlay at a cost of \$162,000. Mr. Crowley noted it will be done and requested it be completed in early July. Mr. Boynton noted that hot mix was utilized to patch it. Mr. Johnson stated cold mix was used and so it lifted all up and his issue was he never received a call back from DPW. Mr. Trindade explained how the decisions on road work are determined.

**Approval of Minutes: February 21, 2023**

*The Board reviewed the draft minutes of February 21, 2023.*

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board approve the minutes of February 21, 2023. Ms. White seconded.**

Discussion: Mr. Crowley requested on page 3, that line 108 be changed to add after the first sentence

his question to the candidate regarding how long he has been a Medway resident and the candidate's response of three months. Mr. Crowley requested that on page 6, that line 272 be changed to add "of the unused tax levy" after the \$800,000. **It was voted by roll call: Alessandri abstained; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-1. Mr. Alessandri abstained as he was not present.**

#### **Appointment Considerations:**

- **Memorial Committee – Mark Kelley**
- **Conservation Commission – James Dacier**

*The Board reviewed the (1) e-mail of interest, resume, and e-mail recommendation of the Memorial Committee Chair, and (2) e-mail of interest of Conservation Commission (ConCom) candidate and e-mail notification of Commission's support from Bridget Graziano.*

Mr. Parrella thanked the Select Board for allowing him to represent Mr. Kelley. He stated that the committee had a longtime member and resident pass away, John Larney. Mark Kelley was the first one who came to mind for his replacement on the committee. He was born and raised in Medway, married someone from Medway, and stated his appreciation of his years of service to the country and this committee. He drives the Rojee float every year. Their committee reviewed his resume and are totally in support of his appointment. Colonel Matondi created this committee, and he is proud of his legacy as well as in what has been done by this committee. Mr. Kelley shared his background and interest in this committee. He has lived in Medway his entire life noting both his parents and grandparents have as well. After joining the Air Force, he moved out of Medway but has been back since he left the Air Force. He spent five and a half years in the Air Force and twenty-eight years in the National Guard. Mr. Rossi asked how long they prepare for the Memorial Day event. Mr. Parrella reported they will honor the memory of John Larney posthumously at this year's event and they start right after the event to begin on the following year, as well as working on the Veterans Day event.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board appoint Mr. Kelley to the Memorial Committee for a term expiring on June 30, 2023. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

#### **Conservation Commission – James Dacier**

This was not discussed as Mr. Dacier was not in attendance. Mr. Rossi asked how many are on ConCom. Ms. Graziano stated six with the one open seat. The Board requested that Mr. Dacier's resume be provided for review.

#### **Authorization to Expend Grant Funds: MED-Project LLC Grant - \$1,300**

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

Chief Kingsbury stated these funds are used to fund the unused medication kiosk. This pays for the packaging, as the cost to destroy the drugs is free. He stated seven large bags a month are collected and would like to be able to have one more but has no room to accommodate another kiosk.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the Med-Project LLC grant as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

#### **Discussion/Possible Vote: Ishmael Coffee Bench Installation at Intersection of Main and Coffee Streets**

*The Board reviewed the (1) grant application, and (2) proposed letter of support.*

Mr. Yorkis stated this is an application that would be submitted from the Massachusetts Association of Realtors to the National Association of Realtors to partially fund the project. He is seeking \$7,500 for a bench and associated site work to recognize Mr. Ishmael Coffee who was of Native and African American descent and was distinguished in battle in the Revolutionary War. He noted we have materials donated in storage at DPW. Mr. Crowley said it looks like there is no cost to the Town. Mr. Yorkis stated there is in-kind labor costs of \$5,000 to install the bench noting he received that cost from DPW. The Board asked what comprised the \$4,046 contribution. Mr. Yorkis stated that is landscaping materials to be donated. Mr. Crowley asked who submitted the document. Mr. Yorkis stated he did. Mr. Crowley noted it looks like the Town will be reimbursed the \$5,000. Mr. Yorkis stated no, it would be for in-kind DPW services. There was further discussion about the costs. Mr. Yorkis noted the brick pavers and landscaping materials were donated. The Board noted the form was a bit confusing. Mr. Yorkis stated there are two actions needed, one is to approve the grant request and proposed letter and then to complete the installation. The Board stated they would like to see the site plans and proposed wording for the bench before they approve the installation.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board vote to support the application of the \$7,500 grant for the Ishmael Coffee Bench installation at the intersection of Main and Coffee Streets and to further support the proposed location subject to the Board's approval of the final plans and to authorize the Board to sign the letter of support as discussed. Ms. White seconded.** Discussion: Mr. Alessandri asked for clarification of the motion, and it was provided. **It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Crowley asked for the project timeline. Mr. Yorkis stated he is hoping the installation can be done in May and thanked Mr. Pelletier for his assistance, as well as the Historical Commission and Historical Society.

Mr. Crowley stated that he is hoping that someone from the Historical Commission can attend the next Select Board meeting to address the proposed historical scenes for the Route 109 utility boxes, as he understands Mr. Eustis is under the weather.

#### **Report from the Medway Community Farm (MCF)**

*The Board reviewed the (1) FY22 Financial Update, (2) balance sheet from 2020-2022, (3) profit and loss statement from 2020-2022*

Ms. Collard introduced all MCF attendees present at the meeting. Mr. Crowley noted part of the agreement with the Town is a yearly update from MCF. Ms. Collard thanked everyone in room for helping to get the farm to where they are today and feels they are moving in a positive direction. She stated they have been and continue to actively pursue grants, have been successful, and reported who provided these grant funds. She thanked DPW for the installation of the road signs. They received Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) formally known as food stamps and Healthy Incentives Program (HIP) funding. They work with the Council on Aging, so shares are paid through HIP via SNAP. They are in the middle of applying for additional grants some of which include increased technology for the greenhouse and hunger relief through Walmart. They have spoken with Dr. Sherman to encourage the school district to work on getting farm product into the school meals and the school's vendor, Chartwell, is in the process of deciding on their participation. She gave a shout out to Exelon as this is their third year of funding for the food security program which supports the two food pantries. She said a lot of the great changes are due to the efforts of the farm manager. Mr. Trindade stated that CommCan has donated \$5,000 each year over the past years as well. Ms. Bernstein reviewed the financial update of the comparative profit and loss statement and summative balance sheet. She

reported that the change in assets is due to the incoming grants. They were able to secure a loan from Middlesex Bank for solar panel funding, which has been paid down to \$10,000 and the rest will be paid off this month or in April. She stated it is a very clean balance sheet. She referenced the year over year statement noting that it included operating grants from the state. They are very grateful to our state legislators for their support. Mr. Rossi asked what direct public support includes. Ms. Bernstein stated Exelon funds and share revenue. Mr. Rossi noted that 21% of their income is from grants. Ms. Bernstein stated that the farm manager has sold unused equipment for \$15,600. She stated that they shifted some three-year roll up income and are at \$773,000 noting that is not all available for spending. She feels the farm is in a strong financial position noting, with the addition of the farm manager, there is growth, planning, and maximization of what we can accomplish. Mr. Crowley asked if the change in the asset line for total furniture and equipment was a reallocation. Ms. Bernstein explained that was due to the addition of the irrigation, solar panels, and tractor. Steve Houde reviewed the upcoming events noting they are spread over the year for those that may not normally come to the farm which include: (1) April 22<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day with workshops on composting, recycling, rain barrels, and seeds to plant for children; (2) June 3<sup>rd</sup> barbeque and cornhole tournament noting they partner with one of the local breweries to allow sampling of local craft beer and includes live music, (3) September 16<sup>th</sup> Farm Fest which gets bigger each year and is a family event, noting DPW, Fire, Police, and some Town businesses bring vehicles for touch a truck. There are a lot of activities for kids, live music, five to six local cideries and breweries, and will have food for sale where they try to use their own produce. And (4), the last event in October they plan to use Thayer to showcase their produce with local restaurants planning to serve small plates and will include live music. Mr. Sandstrum thanked everyone who has visited the farm in the past year. He stated their mission is to preserve land, educate communities, and provide an access point for food. They have reengaged with the fourth-grade program with a new bed built with grant funding, as well as engaged with the after-school program. He noted everyone is bracing for an increased need in food access due to the decrease in state SNAP benefits. The farm is making \$50 emergency cards available to both Police and Fire. If they come across someone who needs food, they will have access to these cards. They plan to increase food pantry donations. They have reengaged the seedling sale and it is back on-line. He noted there is a long list of things they are doing, and his door is always open. Ms. Collard noted our food pantries have twice as many people accessing them and the farm donated 4,000 pounds of product to our food pantries. She noted they were asked to participate with the low-income housing as they have transportation issues. Mr. Crowley reported his initial hesitancy when this first started thirteen years ago, as the Town paid \$1 million for the property and gave it to them to run. They were treading water but now they are swimming. Mr. Crowley asked for an explanation of the Walmart grant. Ms. Collard stated they have a grant available to apply for funding in hunger relief and they applied for \$2,500 noting we have received this grant in the past. She stated all their employees are paid \$10 per hour for volunteering at the farm. She reported a \$50,000 grant was received from the state. Mr. Boynton stated that we have submitted earmark requests to the state for the farm for continuation of operations and \$80,000 for facility improvements. Mr. Crowley asked for information about the shares, the number that they would max out at, and how many were sold last year. Mr. Sandstrum said they would max out at a total of 180 and sold 80 last year. Ms. Collard reported that they added a spring share which is almost sold out. Mr. Crowley asked for an explanation of the share. Mr. Sandstrum explained that Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares are available in two sizes, small and large, both are weekly pick-ups, they run from mid-June for a total of nineteen weeks and end in October. The contents each week are based on what is seasonally available, i.e., spring is greens, root vegetables, etc. The cost of a small share is \$350, and a large share is \$700. Once purchased, owners of shares get an e-mail about what is included in each share along with a relevant recipe. They deliver to any business that purchases a share and this will be extended to all municipal buildings. Mr. Crowley asked how much revenue they receive from SNAP. Mr. Sandstrum stated it is one third and the funds come through the state's Department of Transitional Assistance. Mr. Crowley

asked about other shares available. Mr. Sandstrum stated they look to local farms to provide other shares some of which include Medway's Pumpkin Farm for eggs, mushrooms from Fat Moon Farm in Westford, and the humanely raised meat and poultry shares are sourced locally. The corn is brought in due to the amount of labor required and soil nutrition impact. It is from Flint Farm in Mansfield. Mr. Crowley referenced a discussion with the Briggs family about the ability to raise some cattle. Ms. Bernstein stated they are not ready to pursue that at this time. Mr. Sandstrum stated they when they are ready, they would do a smaller breed. Mr. Crowley asked what is grown on Adams Street. Mr. Sandstrum stated that is where popcorn and potatoes are grown. They yield more than a small school bus in potatoes. Mr. Crowley reported that the Town does support the community farm referencing a warrant article for Annual Town Meeting to complete a kitchen renovation, paint the house, repair the chimney, and replace the garage roof via available free cash. Ms. White noted how lucky the residents are to have this available and thanked the volunteer board. She asked if it has been advertised at the Senior Center that they can use their benefits. It was noted that they are aware. Mr. Sandstrum stated he has been working with Ms. Johnston and Medway Cable Access to let them know about their access. Mr. Trindade explained the history of the farm and how the current board and farmer have completely rebuilt the farm. He encouraged all residents to participate. Mr. Rossi asked if the opening on the board and available shares are posted. Ms. Johnston stated she will put this information out. Mr. Rossi stated there are a lot of big events but also a lot of small events. Mr. Houde explained that Juneteenth was celebrated on the farm. It is also used by the Girl and Boy Scouts and the Medway Business Council. Mr. Rossi noted parking is an issue. Mr. Houde stated Mr. Briggs has been very kind and allowed parking on his field. Mr. Crowley asked for the farmstand hours. Mr. Sandstrum stated Thursday and Friday 12pm to 6pm and 10am-4pm on Saturday and Sunday. Mr. Crowley thanked those in the past that kept this alive noting this is all volunteer. Mr. Alessandri asked if there are a lot of restaurants that purchase shares. Mr. Sandstrum stated their share numbers are included under wholesale noting that was held back last year due to the drought.

#### **Discussion: Road and Sidewalk Plan**

*The Board reviewed the proposed road and sidewalk plan.*

Mr. Crowley stated his appreciation of how this data was presented. Mr. Boynton stated a lot of work goes into this plan noting this is a living/changing plan especially due to road damage caused by the weather. The benefit is we have road maintenance software and outstanding staff and a right of way supervisor monitoring this infrastructure. Mr. Trindade asked about the West Street sidewalk project start date. Mr. Pelletier stated it is slated for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Rossi asked for the location of the Holliston sidewalk (Main Street to) project in FY24. Mr. Pelletier stated that is up by Redgate and is a replacement. Holliston Street is in FY23 and Village Street to Main Street was completed as that was badly damaged over the winter. He noted we received Winter Recovery Assistance Program (WRAP) funding from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for that project. Mr. Crowley stated we have always put \$750,000 in the budget for roads and sidewalks and asked for the rationale for why this was decreased to \$500,000. Mr. Boynton stated it was due to the budget bandwidth, other needed projects, and the higher cost for items. Mr. Crowley asked the Select Board that if we find we have available free cash, if they agree that we should put that money into this budget. The Board agreed. Mr. Crowley noted that in FY23, we completed \$2.7 million worth of work, but the actual cost was \$3.7 million so we overran by \$1 million. Mr. Pelletier stated that we added streets and added projects including the West Street Bridge and the redesign of the Milford Street bridge. Mr. Crowley said then no further work is planned. Mr. Pelletier stated no that they will still be doing further work. Mr. Crowley asked what the dark lines signify in the document. Mr. Pelletier stated those are contingency projects. Mr. Crowley referenced FY24 noting the plan to spend of \$1.9 million and below is planned projects for FY24 that are over the \$1.9 million. It was his understanding that the \$420,000 from 39 Main Street and \$550,000

from the West Street grant was taken out of the budget so you do not have a \$40,000 carryover but close to \$1million to carry over to the next year. Ms. Pratt stated that those funds were included in FY23, so they are not available for carryover to FY24. Mr. Rossi stated in prior years there was an eight-year plan. Mr. Pelletier stated this goes out to FY27. Mr. Rossi asked that it be posted. Mr. Alessandri stated that if we can find the added money to put the full \$750,000 in this budget, he would agree to trying to keep that funding as consistent as possible. Mr. Pelletier reported that we completed an asset management plan for all our roads noting we are above eighty percent in the road quality index, which is unheard of. It is usually in the seventies. Mr. Boynton reported that we held \$250,000 of free cash for snow and ice and that can be reallocated if not utilized and reiterated that this is a changing and living plan noting other areas and streets that need to be addressed that will be very expensive, i.e., Summer Street, Clark Street, and Milford Street. There will need to be discussion before next February about addressing and planning for these large projects. Mr. Trindade asked about engineering work to implement a right turn lane in front of the fire station on Summer Street. There was further discussion about this implementation.

**Discussion: Complete Streets Program Participation**

*The Board reviewed the PowerPoint presentation.*

Mr. Pelletier stated he needs approval from the Board to start the process which includes a letter of intent that allows us to get \$35,000 to begin creating the policy. Mr. Crowley asked if we could get grants to do a street and not have a bike lane and sidewalks. Mr. Pelletier stated yes if there is a justification as to why that cannot be accommodated. He stated you can get up to \$400,000 for many other items noting it was a misunderstanding about what was specifically required. Mr. Crowley asked if Mr. Pelletier saw any drawbacks. Mr. Pelletier stated that he saw none. Ms. White asked if there would be any cost to the Town. Mr. Pelletier stated his time and \$38,000 for a consultant. Mr. Alessandri asked if this participation would require us to do specific things. Mr. Pelletier stated no, as long as what we have in the policy justifies not doing it.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board vote to authorize the DPW Director to submit the letter of intent to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board vote to approve the road and sidewalk plan as presented. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Mr. Boynton noted the need to discuss the Safe Routes to School Program, as this may cost more due to program and right of way requirements. It was noted that this program is federal money and would only be from the entrance to the middle school to Pine Street. Mr. Boynton wants to get a true analysis of what it would cost for the Town to complete versus using this program. There also needs to be further discussion on the timing of this project. We will plan to discuss the completed analysis at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Select Board meeting.

**Approval: Contract Amendment with Haley & Ward for Oakland Transmission Line Design & Construction - \$188,300**

*The Board reviewed the contract amendment.*

Mr. Boynton stated we have the money that was approved at Town Meeting and explained the specific work that will be completed. This has been funded, but he is not authorized to sign the change order.

**Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract amendment with Haley & Ward as discussed. Mr. Trindade seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Approval: License Agreement with 39 Main Street**

*The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Barbara Saint Andre, and (2) license agreement.*

Ms. Saint Andre stated this is needed for the project to proceed noting these are easements for the stormwater at 39 Main Street.

**Mr. Trindade moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the license agreement as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

**Discussion: Topics to Address and Next Update to the Select Board by the Energy and Sustainability Committee**

*There were no materials for the Board to review.*

Mr. Crowley stated Ms. Langley reached out to the Select Board via e-mail and the decision of the Select Board was focus on electric vehicles and solar panels. She notified Mr. Dietrich, Mr. Travalini, and Mr. Fair of the Board's decision. Mr. Trindade said recycling came up as a potential additional item in the budget meeting on Saturday. Mr. Rossi requested that Mr. Travalini take this to their next meeting for discussion and consideration.

**Discussion: May 8, 2023, Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants (Excluding Planning Board and Zoning Articles) Limited to 20 Minutes**

*The Board reviewed the draft warrants.*

ARTICLE 40: (Amend General Bylaws: Add New Tree Preservation Bylaw)

Ms. Gill stated the overall goal is to protect trees in zoning setbacks of a certain size or greater to preserve their environmental impact on carbon, clean air, shade, wildlife, and cultural resources. They are proposing the tree preservation area should be protected the same as existing zoning setbacks as long as the tree is a least six inches in diameter. They would be preserved during construction, demotion, and land clearing. If triggered, a plan would be submitted to ConCom which could come with a notice of intent (NOI) and would be processed with the tree warden's support. Prior to submission, the plan would need to be signed off on by a certified arborist including the mitigation plan and if a location cannot be found to plant a tree on that property, we would create a tree fund where a tree can be planted elsewhere. This is not for work related to decks, patios, sheds, fences, only projects that what would be increasing the structural square foot of the dwelling by fifty percent. Mr. Trindade thinks this is a very good idea. Mr. Rossi said that this would have impacted the 39 Main Street project. Ms. Gill explained the proposed process. Ms. Graziano noted that 39 Main Street is already doing this with ConCom due to the wetlands area and noted that the Planning Board also has existing regulations, and ConCom and Planning would work together. Mr. Rossi asked who would manage the tree fund. Ms. Graziano stated ConCom. Ms. White asked the amount of the setbacks. Ms. Gill stated fifteen feet to the side and back and thirty feet in the front. There was further explanation of possible scenarios. Mr. Alessandri stated his main concern was who and how this tree fund would be managed. Mr. Crowley asked if there are a lot of communities that have this. Ms. Graziano confirmed noting some include

Arlington, Concord, Sudbury, and Wellesley. The Board asked for a list of the communities that have implemented this.

Mr. Boynton noted that these warrant articles will all be modified before the Board officially votes on them.

#### Special Town Meeting Warrant

This was not discussed.

#### Annual Town Meeting Warrant

##### ARTICLE 7: (Free Cash Appropriation: Capital and Other Items)

Mr. Boynton stated the only question is if we add more money to roads and sidewalks.

##### ARTICLE 11: (Capital Stabilization Transfer: McGovern School Roof Replacement)

Mr. Boynton stated this \$3.8 million is a placeholder based on the last estimate. Mr. Crowley stated he had asked for a second opinion and if the roofing company came out and provided it. Mr. Boynton explained the process to date for this second opinion. Mr. Crowley stated the first estimate that came in had elements missing including the cost of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and architectural fees and he wanted someone with more experience to provide an estimate. Mr. Boynton stated the plan is to transfer the funds from the capital stabilization fund.

##### ARTICLE 12: (Field Stabilization Transfer: Hanlon Track & Field Design)

Mr. Trindade asked if this can include options for replacing the turf. Mr. Pelletier reported that has already been requested.

##### ARTICLE 15: (Appropriation: Community Preservation Committee)

Mr. Boynton stated the gravestone restoration is estimated at \$60,000.

##### ARTICLE 17: (Acquire Right of Way Easements for Holliston Street and Cassidy Lane Improvements)

Mr. Boynton stated this is a placeholder awaiting the Board's decision on participation in the Safe Routes to School Program.

##### ARTICLE 18: (Amend Zoning Bylaws: Central Business District)

Mr. Boynton stated this has been updated relative to affordable housing.

Mr. Crowley stated his concern about the number of planning articles. Mr. Boynton shared an alternative the way that this can be done making the warrant shorter. Mr. Trindade and Mr. Rossi felt the need to invite the Chair of the Planning and Economic Development Board for a discussion, as they did a lot of work on their articles, before any decision on changing the warrant occurs. Ms. White felt there was nothing wrong in asking them if anything can be pushed to the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Boynton noted that most of the articles are General Bylaw changes.



### **Action Items from Previous Meeting**

*The Board reviewed the action items dated January 3, 2023.*

This agenda item was not discussed.

### **Town Manager's Report**

*There were no items for the Board to review.*

Chapter 61A Discussion: Mr. Boynton stated this is the planned location of the new Milford Regional Medical Center, which is part of the Cassidy property to be moved out of Chapter 61A. The Select Board will need to vote this to be removed from 61A at their next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Website Enhancements – IDEA Follow-Up: Mr. Boynton stated he met with Ms. Johnston and Mr. Boucher who are working on updates to the website noting it is challenging as it is older technology. Therefore, we are looking at a potential substantial update on the website at a cost of over \$40,000.

Library request for additional hours: Mr. Boynton stated he received a call from a member of the Board of Library Trustees looking for additional money for additional hours for library staff. He noted that we are at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the budget and wanted the Board to be aware of this request.

Town Manager Out of Office: Mr. Boynton stated he will be off as follows:

- March 23-31 – vacation – Allison Acting Town Manager

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### **Select Board's Reports**

*There were no items for the Board to review.*

Mr. Alessandri requested a future agenda item to look at and discuss the school budget process as we do not get to see or comment on the school budget. He would like to explore a joint meeting. Mr. Crowley would suggest the school make a financial presentation to the Select Board after their Budget Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Rossi stated his wish that all Select Board members and the Town Manager were included. Mr. Crowley stated that he felt the process should continue as is with two Select Board and FinCom representatives to the Budget Advisory Committee and then have School present to the Select Board.

Mr. Crowley noted that he read related to Medway Grid that Mr. Myers believes that the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) is leaning towards having them meet the state versus Town noise by-law standards. Mr. Boynton stated he does not know that specifically. Mr. Crowley asked him to contact Attorney Bernstein.

**At 9:42 PM, Mr. Trindade moved to adjourn. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

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