

**Select Board Meeting
July 10, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

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

Absent: Maryjane White, Member.

Staff Present: Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Chris Park, Principal Assessor; Carol Pratt, Finance Director; Joanne Russo, Treasurer/Collector; Richard Boucher, Information Services Director; Courtney Riley, Senior Center Director; Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director; Peter Pelletier, Department of Public Works (DPW); Barry Smith, Water Superintendent; Sandra Johnston, Communications Director.

Others Present: Historical Commission: Jeanne Johnson Co-Chair, Annemarie Fontecchio, Isabel Nulter; Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Advisory (IDEA) Committee: Dan Kerls, Chair, Susan Dietrich, member; Medway Hathon Representatives: David Cashman and Ketan Joshi.

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

Public Comments:

Martin Dietrich, of 46 Fisher Street, asked about the third increase in rent for 39 Main Street, as there was no back-up explaining the justification. He stated that since we are included in the Boston calculation these rates are really not relative to Medway. The last time this was voted 4-0-0 and he thinks the property owner should provide this justification. Mr. Boynton noted the staff is not in favor of this and the property owner will address this agenda item this evening.

Approval of Minutes: June 20, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of June 20, 2023.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the minutes of June 20, 2023. Mr. Rossi seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Crowley requested that on page 5, line 215 be changed from “we would not have any free cash at the end of the year” to “this limits our ability to use free cash”. **VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Advance of Funds In Lieu of Borrowing: Asset Management Plan for Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater - \$250,000

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Joanne Russo, and (2) in lieu of borrowing form.

Ms. Pratt explained that this allows us to extend our budget for this project so we can go forward with it noting it was approved at Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Rossi asked what the funding mechanism is. Ms. Pratt stated we are not borrowing the money and this just shows that we have the capacity to spend this money demonstrating liquidity to the Department of Revenue (DOR). Mr. Boynton stated that this will be funded through the Clean Water Trust.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board vote to authorize the advance of funds in lieu of borrowing in the amount of \$250,000 for the asset management plan for water, wastewater, and stormwater approved

at the May 8, 2023, Annual Town Meeting as discussed. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Appointment Consideration: Affordable Housing Trust – Alex Jacobson

The Board reviewed the (1) candidate's letter of interest, and (2) resume.

Ms. Jacobson explained that she currently serves on the Affordable Housing Committee and, since they meet at the same time, is interested in serving on the Affordable Housing Trust as well, as they need members. Mr. Trindade stated that she has been a good addition to the Affordable Housing Committee. Mr. Crowley asked how long she has been a Medway resident. Ms. Jacobson stated since 2021.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board appoint Alex Jacobson to the Affordable Housing Trust for a two-year term. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Appointment Consideration: Board of Assessors (BOA) – Rita Larrabee

The Board reviewed the (1) candidate's letter of interest and (2) recommendation from the BOA Chair.

This was not addressed as the candidate was not present and Ms. White requested that she be here for this appointment.

Appointment Considerations: Resident Applications for the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Advisory (IDEA) Committee (5) - Crystal Buckley, Dawn Budde, Lindsey Colelli, Zoe Rheault, Alan White

The Board reviewed the candidates' letters and e-mails of interest.

Mr. Kerls stated based on the Select Board's recommendation, they sent out a request for applications. They received seven, interviewed them all, and recommended five who are all here tonight.

Ms. Budde stated she has been a Medway resident for eleven years, was born and raised in Hanson, MA, has two children ages twelve and thirteen, really loves the Town, and would like to be part of the growth of the Town. She is a parent of a transgender child so she would like all to be included.

Ms. Rheault stated she has lived here for four years, loves the community, chose to live here with a lot of intention, has an incoming kindergartener, served on the equity committee for the schools, and is looking to further those efforts.

Mr. White stated that he has been a Medway resident for twelve years, is the parent of two Medway High School students, served on the equity steering committee for the schools for several months, and brings twenty years of professional experience in market research and data analytics to determine the current state/situation, impacts, and how implemented action plans have had an impact.

Ms. Buckley stated she has lived in Medway since 2017, was interested when the committee first formed but wanted to have a diverse group initially. She has experience in this with her non-profit work and role in the schools. She has lived in Dubai, was awakened to these issues, and would like to have the ability to address them.

Lindsey Colelli stated that she has lived in Medway eleven years, has four children ages ten, seven, three and almost one, is very excited about this committee as being a mother of children of color she feels the importance of having these issues addressed. She grew up in Jasper, Alabama, noting Medway is very much like where she grew up, very friendly.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board appoint Crystal Buckley and Lindsey Colelli to two-year terms and Dawn Budde, Zoe Rheault, and Alan White to three-year terms on the IDEA Committee. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Discussion - Medway Grid Project – Department of Public Utilities (DPU) Process Update

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Boynton stated we were notified one week ago at 4:55pm that DPU granted Medway Grid the interconnection to the transmission system and a full zoning exemption from the Town of Medway bylaws. The project is currently before the Conservation Commission (ConCom) noting it looks like the plans submitted to ConCom and DPU are not the same. This has been discussed with Town Counsel. This DPU approval triggers a thirty-day appeal period to the Supreme Court. We will continue to monitor this and support ConCom. There is no immediate action the Select Board needs to take. Once all approvals are completed, there may need to be some clean up in the Host Community Agreement (HCA). Attorney Bernstein has stated the HCA remains a binding document. The next step is a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), but we are not sure when this will occur. We plan to put a placeholder article for it on the Fall Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Crowley asked if the difference in the plans were addressed. Mr. Boynton explained Medway Grid is aware of the differences and this was done to protect the resources around that project. Medway Grid will need to resolve this with the Commonwealth. Mr. Crowley asked if legal counsel stated that they must refile a new document. Mr. Boynton stated no. Mr. Crowley asked if they need to sit down and review these differences with DPU. Mr. Boynton stated that is to be determined.

Mr. Myers of 9 Curtis Lane thanked Mr. Boynton for the update. The order of conditions from DPU requires that Medway Grid notify DPU of a certain degree of change. Mr. Myers explained the issues relative to the fans, heat, and location of the units. The ConCom report included repositioning of the units, adding ten units on the Route 109 side. They have not implemented a sound study relative to the location changes nor heat impacts of these changes. He stated in the next to the last paragraph there is an order of condition that they must contain the fire water should it need to be used and that is not included in the ConCom plan. Mr. Boynton stated that piece came from the Town of Medway in the HCA relative to the retention basin and it will also need to be included in our emergency plan once developed with Medway Grid. Mr. Boynton noted that they must meet the state threshold for noise which is ten decibels. Mr. Boynton spoke to Medway Grid about these differences noting that they must be addressed. Mr. Myers asked and suggested that the Select Board during budget development, provide funds to acquire noise monitoring equipment that can be used everywhere in Town, include a cost of training for Medway staff, and the process the Town will use to deal with resident complaints. He stated that this is the seventh largest of this type of facility in the country noting abutters are close to this facility in Medway. He stated there is also a noise reduction sound wall that is required, and the Town will need to work with Medway Grid like they did with Exelon. Mr. Myers asked about the lumens, as well. Mr. Boynton stated our Town Counsel stated Medway Grid received a full zoning exemption noting we do not have a permit granting authority over these types of facilities.

Mr. Crowley asked for clarification of the mega packs. Mr. Myers stated overall they went from 141 to 142 units but relocated ten of those to the Route 109 side. Mr. Myers stated the area designated for future growth allows for six more units to be added. Mr. Yorkis of 7 Independence Lane asked what department is responsible for monitoring sound. Mr. Boynton stated the Building Commissioner and, as we do not have any trained staff, we would need to bring in an expert consultant. There was further discussion relative to the process for sound issues. Mr. Yorkis stated his concern is the enforcement ability of the Town, which is really in the hands of the DPU. He stated he thinks it is important to note,

as Mr. Myers pointed out, that DPU has stated requirements regarding site drainage, and, at the hearings, Medway Grid stated they were not planning to have a location for fire water drainage. He said the Fire Chief should be involved in addressing that. Mr. Crowley asked about the items that they must pay for. Mr. Boynton stated they have already paid engineering costs and there are other items that they will be paying for. Mr. Crowley asked if the HCA could include the cost for noise training.

Discussion/Vote: Historical Signage for Ide House and Garnsey Foundation

The Board reviewed the proposed signs.

Ms. Nulter stated the Commission has had a list of historical areas that they wish to acknowledge through signage. She noted that the Garnsey house foundation can still be seen in the area by the dog park. She explained this project is for two 24x18 signs to be placed, noting Panier will develop the design, and both will have a black frame. Mr. Crowley asked how they will be mounted. Ms. Nulter stated it will be a pedestal frame and DPW will install both. Mr. Crowley how this was funded. Ms. Nulter stated via Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding at Annual Town Meeting. Ms. Johnson stated she supports this project, and the entire Commission has been pleased with the work they have done. There are more sites that the Commission would like to address moving forward. Mr. Trindade stated his support of this project and it moving forward to include other locations in the future.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the historical signage and their location for the Ide House and Garnsey foundation as discussed. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Mr. Crowley asked about the timeframe for the historical wraps. Ms. Saint Andre stated those are being designed and there is quite a bit of work that goes into the design as each electrical box is not the same dimension. She believes they will be ready in a couple of months.

Acceptance: Stormwater Management System Easement – 33 and 39 Main Street

The Board reviewed the easement.

Ms. Saint Andre stated one of the conditions of the comprehensive permit requires 39 Main Street to provide us access in the case of an emergency for stormwater management purposes. This just gives us the right to go in, fix the problem, and bill them for any work done. She stated we have a license to do this now, which is temporary. This would provide us permanent access.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board accept the stormwater management system easement at 33 and 39 Main Street as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Medway, Hathon 2023 Affordable Housing Rent Increase Request

The Board reviewed the 2023 Department of Housing and Community Development's (DHCD) Affordable Housing rates for 39 Main Street.

David Cashman, Affordable Housing Consultant for Hathon, stated his company has been assisting them for years, as well as on their forty affordable housing units at this location. He explained the rents are a DHCD formula based on the numbers from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which are recalculated yearly, noting renters should not be spending more than thirty percent of their income. He stated that Medway is part of the Boston-Cambridge-Quincy group. He noted that rents are maximums, and owners have the ability to decrease them based on the demand. Mr. Boynton stated this topic came before staff and noted we were here not that long ago. He stated that they "shall" report rents to the Town and there is a "may" in this as well. He stated just because rent is allowed to

go up does not mean that they shall go up. It requires an approval of the Select Board. His opinion is it is premature. Mr. Alessandri asked about the current rents. Mr. Cashman stated: (1) one bedrooms are at \$2,104 and proposed at \$2,246, (2) two bedrooms are at \$2,322 and proposed at \$2,484, and (3) three bedrooms are at \$2,528 and proposed at \$2,709. Mr. Trindade asked how many affordable units have been rented. Mr. Cashman stated ten out of forty-eight. Mr. Crowley asked if they are slow in filling these units. Mr. Cashman stated it is a little slower but not out of the bell curve and they need more marketing. Mr. Alessandri asked about the utility rates. Mr. Cashman stated the utility rates are from a housing authority noting if they have a high use of utilities, they may be paying more than thirty percent of their income. Mr. Rossi asked how many non-affordable units were rented. Mr. Joshi reported they have forty percent leased out of the total of 190 units noting they just got their phase two approval last week. Mr. Crowley asked if the 2023 rent increases are not approved, would they ask for the 2024 rates the next time. Mr. Boynton noted that we have had a good relationship with the developer, and this is more of an issue with the local impact. Mr. Rossi noted that these increases are at six to seven percent. Mr. Crowley asked how many of the ten affordable units are Medway residents. Mr. Joshi stated he will provide that information. Ms. Jacobson commented on the rising prices noting that although inflation is very high, she feels that whoever owns this large development does not feel their rates will be increasing at the rate that individual homeowners are. She said that stating that if the residents don't like the rent increase, they can leave is not an empathetic way to treat people. She stated the need to reevaluate the formula is a good idea. She asked what percent of whoever owns these types of buildings go to the maximum rent amount. Mr. Cashman stated they often do go to the maximum, but if there is not a market for that rate, they can bring it down. Mr. Trindade stated it is a tough time to raise rates. Mr. Cashman stated there are not many tenants so these rates may not impact existing but future residents.

Mr. Crowley moved that the Board not approve the 2023 affordable housing rent increase request for Hathon as discussed. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Discussion/Vote: Host Community Agreements (HCAs) for Marijuana Establishments

The Board reviewed an excerpt of Mass. General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3, Subsection (d) relative to HCA community impact for marijuana establishments.

Mr. Boynton stated the state issued new regulations relative to marijuana establishments. He read a section of the Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) memorandum that says if the establishment feels the Town has been unreasonable with fees, they can go to the CCC. He noted that we are obligated to invoice these establishments, but since we have only incurred minimal costs, we have chosen not to charge for them. He stated that we spent a lot of effort negotiating these HCAs. He is recommending that we let the existing HCAs expire. He said we were anticipating \$800,000 to \$900,000 in revenue that will not come in. Mr. Crowley asked about who appoints CCC members and what our legislators are saying. Mr. Boynton stated the governor and legislature appoints these members. Mr. Trindade asked if we cannot allow further growing facilities. Mr. Boynton stated at this point they can come to Town based on existing bylaws and, if we do not want to allow any more, we would need a bylaw change. Mr. Rossi asked when the existing HCAs expire. Mr. Boynton stated CommCan expires this year and others are expiring in four years noting that one is not online yet. There was further discussion about the impact of these new regulations to the revenue generated.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Select Board direct the Town Manager not to exercise invoicing to existing HCAs for the duration of the agreements. Mr. Alessandri seconded. VOTE: 3-1-0. Mr. Crowley voted nay due to the changes implemented by the CCC and the negative impact on towns.

Discussion/Approval: Proposed Social Equity Policy for Licensing of Cannabis Establishments

The Board reviewed the (1) June 29, 2023, memorandum from the Cannabis Control Commission, and (2) proposed policy.

Mr. Boynton stated as long as we have these facilities, we must have this policy. Mr. Trindade asked where we got this policy. Ms. Potter stated we worked with Town Counsel to develop the policy and it was recommended to keep it simple.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the Social Equity Policy for Licensing of Cannabis Establishments as discussed. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-1-0. Mr. Crowley voted nay due to the state overruling regulations, which is overruling towns.

Approval: Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Greater Attleboro-Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) Contract

The Board reviewed the (1) contract.

Mr. Boynton stated this is our yearly contract and explained the price gap relative to MBTA funding. Mr. Crowley asked what the MBTA assessment was. Ms. Pratt stated \$108,000 noting it behooves us to approve this contract. Mr. Crowley stated the buses are ten years old. Ms. Riley stated they updated one noting we are always provided with used buses. Mr. Trindade asked about ridership. Ms. Riley stated the Norfolk shuttle slowed down due to COVID but is up to twelve per day. Dial-a-Ride is utilized a lot, conservatively averaging twelve rides a day.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the FY24 GATRA contract as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Dorothy P. Santoro for Council on Aging Nursing Services

The Board reviewed the (1) contract.

Ms. Riley stated this is her second year, she does a great job, and the seniors love her.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Dorothy Santoro as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Authentic Landscapes for Senior Center Landscaping and Patio Construction - \$39,500

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) bid results, and (3) contract.

Ms. Riley stated this money was available through the Hoag gift and the plan is to create a concrete patio, make it more accessible, as well as including drought tolerant plantings. She stated the lowest bidder was not selected as they could not meet the plans and could not have done the work at their quoted pricing using prevailing wage. We have not used this contractor before. Mr. Crowley asked if the other three bidders were notified. Mr. Pelletier confirmed that they were all notified.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Authentic Landscapes as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Mr. Crowley asked about the Lions plaque. Ms. Riley stated it will remain where it is.

Approval: Contract with Southeastern Telecom., Inc. for Telecommunication Systems - \$146,949

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Rich Boucher, (2) bid results, and (3) contract.

Mr. Boucher stated this is to replace all six phone systems (Town and School) and over six hundred phones noting Panasonic does not want to service our existing system and it is not 911 compatible. This new system allows for expansion and advanced features allowing support of 911, etc. This is one unified platform versus the three we have now. Mr. Alessandri asked why the low bidder was not selected. Mr. Boucher stated he has worked with this vendor for fifteen years and the recommendations were outstanding regarding ease of deployment. He reported that most systems are now cloud-based which would cost \$50,000 and our existing costs are \$5,000 noting the need to go out to bid three times to find something at a reasonable cost. Mr. Alessandri asked for the implementation timeline. Mr. Boucher stated the end of August for the school and the end of September for the Town. Mr. Rossi asked about the cloud-based systems. Mr. Boucher explained the cost of those systems. Mr. Crowley noted that we are awarding this to the lowest bidder if you add all fees and asked if this was funded out of free cash. Ms. Pratt confirmed at \$150,000. Mr. Crowley stated this is under budget and asked if any additional funding would be needed. Mr. Boynton stated any overages with the budget for this project will be funded out of the Information Services budget.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Southeastern Telecom., Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc. for Engineering Services for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Systems Asset Management Plan Phase II – \$200,000

The Board reviewed the contract.

Mr. Boynton stated this is what the borrowing was approved for earlier. Mr. Pelletier stated this will do the remaining portion of the Town and include the stormwater. He stated they did the first portion and did a good job. Mr. Crowley asked where the funding came from. Mr. Pelletier answered it is being paid through a grant.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Gale Associates, Inc. for Engineering Consulting Services for Hanlon Track and Field Complex - \$85,465

The Board reviewed the (1) contract.

Mr. Pelletier stated this is to redo the high school complex. We have worked with the vendor a lot, this was added to the capital plan, and they are ready to start. Mr. Trindade said this is for the track and the turf. Mr. Pelletier confirmed noting that we may have some drainage issues affecting the track and therefore need to determine appropriate infill on the field relative to the heat of the field. Mr. Trindade asked if the Select Board can get information on the different types of infill. Mr. Boynton wants the output of this to be the pros, cons, and costs of various options. Mr. Alessandri asked if we are changing the footprint and, if so, that could be considered new construction, allowing the use of CPA funds. Mr. Alessandri asked where the funding came from. Mr. Boynton stated Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Rossi asked if this includes the scoreboard. Mr. Pelletier confirmed. Mr. Rossi asked what they do with the old turf. Mr. Pelletier stated that he will need to investigate that. Mr. Crowley asked if this went out to bid. Mr. Pelletier stated it was not needed as this is for engineering services. Mr. Crowley asked for the timeline. Mr. Boynton stated the summer of 2024. Mr. Rossi asked about the lights on Hanlon Field.

Mr. Pelletier stated they talked about replacing them with LCDs. Mr. Crowley asked if we included the lights in the cost which was \$1.2-\$1.3 million. Mr. Pelletier stated that this was not included in the cost.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Gale Associates, Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with P.J. Albert, Inc. for Asphalt Sidewalks for Various Streets - \$352,802

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) bid results, and (3) contract.

Mr. Pelletier stated we have worked with this vendor quite a bit and they do a great job. This project will include from the Charles River Pollution Control District to Island Road on Village Street, Holliston Street from Pine Street to Kenart Road, and Holliston Street from Main Street to Ellis Street.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with P.J. Albert, Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked what this was estimated at in the road plan. Mr. Pelletier stated \$600,000. Mr. Crowley asked why we carried \$600,000 when this is just \$352,802. Mr. Pelletier stated that labor is not included. **VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Authorization to Expend Grant Funds: MassDOT Complete Streets Program Tier 2 Technical Assistance - \$38,000

The Board reviewed the (1) notice of grant award form, and (2) notice to proceed from MassDOT.

Mr. Pelletier stated this was part of the Complete Streets program prioritization and will determine where we need to add sidewalks and will include an implementation plan.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the MassDOT Complete Streets Program Tier 2 grant as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with TEC, Inc. for MassDOT Complete Streets Program Project Prioritization Plan - \$38,000

The Board reviewed the contract.

Mr. Pelletier stated they have worked with MassDOT a lot and had great references.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with TEC, Inc. as presented. Mr. Crowley seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval: Contract with VP Décor, Inc. for Painting of 50 Winthrop Street - \$21,500

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) bid results, and (3) contract.

Mr. Pelletier stated this is to paint the outside of house, front stairs, ramp, and remove the lead paint. He noted the vendor had great references. Mr. Trindade asked for the timeline to begin the project. Mr. Pelletier stated as soon as we have the contract executed. Mr. Trindade noted this is the building at the Medway Community Farm. Mr. Crowley asked if this is from free cash. Mr. Boynton confirmed noting the total was \$80,000 and included all the other work that needs to be completed.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with VP Décor, Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Discussion: High School Driveway Culvert

There was nothing for the Board to review.

Mr. Boynton asked for a high-level discussion from Mr. Pelletier. There is a compression of the culvert, and the roadway is visibly sinking. This was set up on muck and there is no true foundation holding this up. The culvert needs to be replaced and is sinking below the roadway into the soil. Mr. Boynton stated it is \$1million to complete the work and there will be issues with timing and accessibility to the school. This is a 2025 project as there needs to be a funding request for the design and engineering and a layout for an alternative access plan via Adams Street including an accelerated plan to complete the project while school is not in session. He noted he and Mr. Pelletier meet with Superintendent Pires so the school department is aware of what is happening. This is a substantial project. Mr. Crowley asked if this would be something to put forward to our legislators as an earmark. Mr. Boynton agreed. Mr. Crowley requested that the Board have a meeting with Dennis Giombetti. Mr. Pelletier stated this is a yearlong design with multiple entities involved including the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), ConCom, and MassDOT. We will need a small bridge grant. He noted that Tetra Tech and Haley and Aldrich estimated a cost of \$1.2 million.

Consideration: Villa Drive Land Donation

The Board reviewed the (1) map or proposed land to be donated, and (2) land gift guidelines.

Mr. Boynton stated there is a lot of wetlands in this area and the realtor stated it is not buildable. Ms. Pratt stated they are in tax title for tens of thousands of dollars. Mr. Boynton asked what the desire of the Board is. Mr. Trindade said they will receive a tax benefit, and asked if they would be willing to provide the Town funds for what we would need to expend. Mr. Boynton stated communities that take properties to tax title can only take the amount of monies in tax title. Ms. Pratt stated it is owned by a Robert Levy. There was further discussion about potential next steps. Ms. Pratt would like to know the total tax hit, as she believes each of the nine lots is in arrears of approximately \$80,000, before the Board votes. This agenda item was moved to the next meeting until Ms. Pratt can provide the Board with the total amount of taxes owed.

Approval: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Transfer Request for Legal Account Deficit - \$12,326.50

The Board reviewed the budget transfer request.

Ms. Potter stated we received a surprisingly large final bill for Fiscal Year 2023 from Town Counsel. Mr. Alessandri asked how much we budgeted for next year. Ms. Potter stated we budgeted same amount for next year.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approved the FY23 end of year budget transfer request as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the action items dated May 15, 2023.

Status of Lead Line Survey Action Plan: The next due date for this was moved to September 2023.

Town Manager's Report

There were no items for the Board to review.

Weights & Measures Updates – Drafting IMA w/ Millis & Medfield: Mr. Boynton stated we met last week with Millis and Medfield and made a change to our sealer of weights and measures appointing Erika Robertson to this role. We have purchased our own equipment and Medway will lead this effort. He noted we have not completed any certifications since 2021. This is similar to what we do with Millis with Animal Control.

October Select Board Meeting Dates – Need to Change to 10/10 and 10/23: Mr. Boynton stated since the administrative team will be at the ICMA Conference October 2nd, we have changed the October Select Board meeting dates to Tuesday, October 10th, and Monday, October 23rd.

Town Manager Out of Office: Mr. Boynton stated he will be out of the office as follows:

- Friday July 14th – Out of Office
- Wednesday July 19th – Norfolk County Managers – Dedham
- Thursday July 20th – MMMA Meeting – Sandwich
- Friday July 21st – Out of Office

NEXT Select Board Meeting – August 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting

Select Board's Reports

There were no items for the Board to review.

Mr. Crowley stated had an e-mail conversation with the Tri-County Superintendent and has a meeting set up with her and her budget people regarding the new building project. He will come back and report the results of the meeting to the Board. He told her we are concerned about them coming back for more funding beyond the \$283 million.

Mr. Rossi stated tonight would have been the first concert in the park, but it was moved to tomorrow night. It was noted there would be food trucks.

Mr. Alessandri stated he is looking forward to Medway Day this Saturday. It starts at 2pm with fireworks around 9pm.

Mr. Crowley asked if we heard from the Feds on the Water Treatment Facility Grant. Ms. Pratt stated no but, she is positive we will receive the funds. Mr. Crowley asked if there was anything new with the Medway Plaza. Mr. Boynton stated no.

At 9:38PM, Mr. Alessandri moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

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