

**Select Board Meeting
August 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

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

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director; Jeremy Thompson, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator; Chris Park, Principal Assessor; Police Chief William Kingsbury; Hannah Furno, Director of Public Safety Communications; Rich Boucher, Information Services Director; Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Coordinator; Barry Smith, Water Superintendent; Sandra Johnston, Communications Director.

Others Present: Judi LaPan, Affordable Housing Committee Chair; Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust: Steve Violin, Paul Atwood; David Travalini, Conservation Commission Chair; Medway Energy Center: Ransom Cook, CME, William Martin, CME, Aidan Snyder, Hecate Energy, Lynn Gresock, Haley & Aldrich; Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC): Martin Pillsbury, Senior Project Manager, Kat Kobylt, Project Manager; Colonial Power: Denise Allard, Mark Cappadonna.

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

Public Comments: There were none.

Introduction: Jeremy Thompson, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator

Ms. Saint Andre introduced Jeremy Thompson, Planning and Economic Development Coordinator. He noted he just passed his two-month mark and is getting up to speed with Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB) projects as well as departmental and interdepartmental workflows. Mr. Crowley asked where he worked before. Mr. Thompson stated he worked at the 495 Metro West Partnership for four years. Mr. Trindade explained the importance of his role in the community.

Approval of Minutes: July 10, 2023

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of July 10, 2023.

Ms. White moved that the Board approve the minutes of July 10, 2023. Mr. Alessandri seconded.

Discussion: Mr. Crowley requested that on page 8, line 359 the following be added; "Mr. Crowley asked why we carried \$600,000 when the project came in at \$352,802. Mr. Pelletier stated that labor was not included". **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Appointment Considerations:

- **Board of Assessors – Rita Larrabee**
- **Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) – Michael Billeri**
- **Survey Board (MGL Chapter 143 Section 8) - Peter Pelletier**

The Board reviewed the (1) candidate's letter and e-mail of interest, (2) AHC candidate's resume, (3) Chairs recommendations, and (4) MGL Ch. 143, S.8.

Mr. Park introduced Ms. Larrabee noting she has lived in town for a long time, worked in the schools for 23 years, and volunteers in many Town offices. Ms. Larrabee explained her interest in serving on the Board of Assessors noting she is on the Housing Authority and that you find out a lot by serving on a board. She has worked in the Assessor's office and would like to support the Board and staff as she has the time to volunteer. Ms. White asked if she must take a class. Mr. Park stated yes, she would need to take the class and exam and has one year to complete them. Ms. White noted the confidential information in the office. Ms. Larrabee stated that she understands the confidential nature. She also stated she contacted the ethics commission which noted she would have to recuse herself from any vote relative to senior workers' tax relief.

Mr. Crowley moved that the Board appoint Ms. Larrabee to the Board of Assessors for a three-year term. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-1-0. Ms. White voted nay.

Ms. LaPan introduced Mr. Billeri noting the AHC was pleased with his experience. Mr. Billeri explained his interest in serving on the Affordable Housing Committee as he wants to get more involved in the community. He has been looking at the house production plan and it looks like there is a lot of work to do. He has lived in Medway since 2010 and came as it was financially accessible. Mr. Rossi asked if this position completes the committee. Ms. LaPan confirmed.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board appoint Mr. Billeri to the Affordable Housing Committee for a two-year term. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Boynton explained the need to appoint Mr. Pelletier to the Survey Board noting we have a building that we are not getting any progress on its rehabilitation, and we may need to move to condemn the building. The owners have three weeks to address the issue. This Board consists of the Building Commissioner, Fire Chief, and Department of Public Works (DPW) Director. He noted that normally the third member would be the town engineer, but we do not have that position.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board appoint Mr. Pelletier to the Survey Board. Mr. Rossi seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked if this is because there is an issue that needs to be resolved. Mr. Boynton confirmed and stated if the issue is resolved, this will not need to be done. Mr. Crowley asked why this is not a permanent appointment. Mr. Boynton stated that since this requires Town funds any future issues would come before the Select Board. It was noted that since there is no expiration date it would be a permanent appointment. **No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Authorization to Expend Grant Funds:

- **Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 State 911 Department Support and Incentive Grant - \$42,694 (same as FY23)**
- **FY2024 State 911 Department Training Grant - \$14,230 (FY23 \$12,022)**
- **Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) Grant to Support Digital Learning and Remote Access to Technology - \$160,000**
- **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Grant for Water Treatment Facility - \$2,750,000**

The Board reviewed the (1) notice of grant award forms, (2) grant award notification letters, (3) ECF e-mail explanation, and (4) ECF grant quotes.

Mr. Boynton announced that Ms. Furno is now the Director of Public Safety Communications. He noted that Lieutenant Reardon will be retiring. He had a conversation with Chief Kingsbury, and they determined the need to move her position to a department head position.

Ms. Furno explained that these are yearly grants noting the specific training and 911 departmental support these grant funds allow to be supported. Mr. Crowley noted that Ms. Furno now reports to Mr. Boynton and asked for the rationale. Chief Kingsbury explained that leaving that role with a Police Lieutenant who does not have the expertise of covering both Fire and Police dispatch now, as the role has significantly changed, does not make sense. He prefers to have someone with that specific expertise. Mr. Crowley asked how much time this relieves a Police Lieutenant. Chief Kingsbury stated more than five percent. Mr. Boynton noted that this has always been a separate department. Mr. Trindade noted that department needs specific training and is much different than in the past. Mr. Alessandri asked if these grants increase this budget. Mr. Boynton stated no as we anticipate these grants and build them in during the budgeting process. Mr. Alessandri asked if we expect this grant to no longer be available in the future. Mr. Boynton stated a lot of the funding for these grants come from the surcharge on our cell phones. He noted we will continue to investigate regional 911 with our surrounding communities. Mr. Crowley asked who wrote the grant. Ms. Furno confirmed she did. She was commended on her efforts.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditures of the FY24 State 911 Department Support and Incentive and Training grants as presented. Ms. White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Boucher explained that this is phase three of this grant where we received \$160,000 to purchase more Chrome Books. In phase two, we received \$145,000 and purchased Chrome Books with those funds. We did not anticipate receiving the phase three grant as this arose from COVID. Mr. Trindade asked if there are any students going without. Mr. Boucher stated no. He noted that Verizon and Comcast have reduced rates for access, and they will assist students if needed. Mr. Crowley stated that technology was approved in free cash and asked if it was for this purchase. Mr. Boucher stated no as this comes from the operating budget.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the Emergency Connectivity Fund grant as presented. Ms. White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Boynton stated the Town has been notified by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that we are in the final steps of securing the Federal Earmark which was accomplished by the work with Representative Auchincloss. We need to accept the grant and authorize its expenditure. Mr. Trindade asked if this is for the water treatment plant. Mr. Boynton confirmed. He noted that we don't have to go out and borrow the additional amount. Mr. Crowley asked when we approved the borrowing for the water treatment plant, did it say that it was specifically for that. Mr. Boynton confirmed noting we borrowed \$2,750,000 less than the full amount.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the \$2,750,000 EPA grant as presented. Ms. White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Acceptance of Easement: 7 Sanford Street

The Board reviewed the (1) easement, and (2) plan.

Ms. Saint Andre stated this recently came into the PEDB to turn this location into a multi-family home. The plan showed that the Town paved on part of their property. We asked if they would grant the Town the easement for the area the Town paved allowing the Town to maintain that area and they agreed.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board accept the easement as presented. Ms. White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion: Medway Energy Center (West Street Battery Energy Storage System (BESS)) Introduction
There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Boynton said this partnership was asked to come in to discuss its ideas and concept with the Town and the Select Board. This area is behind Mobile Excavating on West Street, back to the area behind Stone Street, and is on the Medway-Bellingham line. Mr. Martin stated he is President of CME Energy, a Massachusetts based private power development company in business for 34 years. They just completed a \$950 million project near Toledo, OH, and two solar projects in Rhode Island. Mr. Snyder explained Hecate is the largest renewable and energy storage company noting projects work best if they partner with a local company. Mr. Martin stated the project is planned for three stages, initially 300 megawatts in Medway. He stated they prioritize working as partners with the community, safety, and battery energy storage which makes renewable energy possible. He felt the location in Medway would be suitable for an energy application. Mr. Snyder explained the potential design of the 740 megawatts total project, noting 300 megawatts will be in Medway and the rest may be in Bellingham. The project completion is anticipated in 2025. He stated they would ensure in the Host Community Agreement (HCA) that they would maintain and protect the area and minimize community impact. He shared the proposed timeline noting they need to be operational by 2027. He then explained the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) process. Mr. Trindade asked if they are confident that they would clear auction. Mr. Snyder stated they are very confident that they would clear auction. Mr. Alessandri asked what is located there now. Mr. Snyder stated it is a quarry area. Mr. Martin stated there are also wetlands and they are being very respectful of those. He noted they hired Lynn Gresock of Haley & Aldrich. Mr. Ransom noted the location of West Street and the Medway-Bellingham line relative to the location of the proposed facility on the map of the site. Mr. Crowley asked if they have an option on the land. Mr. Martin confirmed. Mr. Crowley asked for an explanation of the relationship between the companies. Mr. Martin stated they are true partners and explained that they needed a real partner with expertise in BESS. Mr. Crowley asked who will own the company once the facility is built. Mr. Martin explained it will be an LLC. Mr. Crowley asked what type of battery will be used. Mr. Snyder stated they have not decided on the exact vendor. Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Boynton if we will be going through the same process as we did with Medway Grid as this is not currently zoned for energy. Mr. Boynton stated he cannot specifically say as it will be based on timing noting a lot of the steps required by the state do not require local approval first. Mr. Crowley asked when they think the auction may occur. Mr. Snyder stated they plan to move through the local process with a zoning or local use exemption prior to the auction. The auction is a separate economic decision. Mr. Ransom stated they are currently in the auction process and anticipate a decision by December. Mr. Snyder stated they are not dependent on the auction to move forward on the project. Mr. Martin stated they want to obtain their permits working cooperatively with the Town and do not want to have to go to the state. Mr. Trindade asked why BESS is coming to Medway. Mr. Martin stated BESS allows storage of all the wind and solar generated energy and you have to go to the substations. He stated Medway's substation is a large one and provides a lot of opportunity for connection to the grid. He noted you can only develop these projects in cooperative communities, and it appeared that Medway was one of them. Mr. Trindade asked where they will connect to Eversource. Mr. Ransom noted where they will connect on the project map. Mr. Trindade asked if it will be above or underground. Mr. Snyder answered in all likelihood underground. Mr. Boynton stated we want to ensure this, and any project is done safely and noted why it is important to the Town is that this will put them as the highest taxpayer in Medway in the millions noting that we have significant upcoming projects. Mr. Crowley said there are so many rumors and

wanted to make this clear that he, Mr. Trindade, and Mr. Boynton met with them a year ago noting no one has had any discussion beyond that one discussion. Mr. Martin confirmed Mr. Crowley's statement.

Discussion: Conservation Restriction for 116 Winthrop Street

The Board reviewed the (1) letter to the Select Board, (2) plot plan, (3) 2007 Conservation Restriction from David Hoag to the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust (UCCLT) (4) Woodsy Walk document, (5) plant list, and (6) professional forestry plan.

Mr. Atwood of 148 Lovering Street stated this was granted to the UCCLT in 2007 with frontage on Winthrop Street and Cider Mill Road. Before the transfer of ownership of the property to the UCCLT, they maintained the conservation restriction but now that they own the property, they cannot hold the conservation restriction, which is why they are approaching the Town to hold it. The Town owns properties using Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds which means someone else needs to hold the conservation restrictions on those properties. Mr. Crowley asked if the Hoag Trail is open to the public. Mr. Atwood stated no as there is no parking or access to that area for the public. The plan is that it will be made accessible to the public. Mr. Crowley asked if the house is part of the 15 acres. Mr. Atwood stated it is not included. Mr. Violin stated in order to take on the property, they would like to find someone to take on the conservation restriction. Mr. Crowley asked about the access connections. Mr. Violin stated via Winthrop Street and Cider Mill Road. Mr. Rossi asked how we accept the conservation restriction. Mr. Boynton stated ConCom votes first and then the Select Board. Mr. Trindade asked Mr. Travalini if he anticipates ConCom not accepting this. Mr. Travalini does not anticipate any issues with this acceptance. Ms. Saint Andre stated it needs to go to ConCom first and then the Select Board noting there is not a conservation restriction before the Board yet. Mr. Trindade suggested that the Town work with them on making this accessible to the residents. Mr. Atwood noted that Ms. Graziano has walked the property and they have discussed this with the Open Space Committee and the Trail Club.

Public Meeting Workshop #1 for Medway Hazard Mitigation Plan Update with Local Planning Team and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

The Board reviewed the memo from Stephanie Carlisle.

Mr. Pillsbury explained his role in the project and turned the presentation over to Kat Kobylt, the environmental planner, who is working with Ms. Carlisle and the local team to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. She explained the role of the MAPC. She then explained that the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 required cities and towns to have this plan in place and it must be updated every 5 years, which allows access to Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) funds. She explained the goal of reducing impacts from natural hazards through strategies including policy, programs, and projects. They look at past, present, and future actions as well as natural hazards and the impacts of climate change. Specific examples would include rivers and brooks that are flooding, dams that are vulnerable and lots of old trees that are at risk. She reported that the team has identified hazards, assessed risks, reviewed existing mitigation, and identified critical facilities. She reviewed the next steps and timeline of the project and the local team involved. She reviewed the map of identified areas, i.e., chicken brook and hopping brook for flooding, critical infrastructure identified as well as existing mitigation measures. She noted there is a survey available for residents to provide input and information on the Town website. The next steps will be to attend the December 4th Select Board meeting to review the draft plan and then submit the Plan to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and FEMA at the end of the year. Mr. Alessandri asked if Eversource is included in this process. Mr. Boynton stated that they have a plan that they must follow through FEMA. Mr. Alessandri asked if we are duplicating efforts. Mr. Boynton stated that we are not. Mr. Rossi asked

if they did the 2018 report. Mr. Pillsbury stated he was involved and each time they look to enhance their prior plan and for this one, climate change will have more of a focus. Mr. Crowley asked how this is being funded. Ms. Carlisle stated from a FEMA grant and a Town match for staff time noting it was approved for \$27,000 and will cost \$22,000. Mr. Trindade asked if we have a Town wide notification system. Mr. Boynton stated we do have a reverse 911 that we use judiciously, and Police cruisers have loudspeaker broadcasting capability. He noted the flooding last week was classified as a 50-year storm and was like the 2010 storm and that was classified as a 100-year storm. Mr. Trindade asked if there were any public comments. Blair Hamilton of 121 Main Street asked about the large new project, 39 Main Street's impact on flooding, as now his lot is flooded. Ms. Kobylt stated that is exactly the type of comment they are looking for from residents.

Discussion/Vote: Community Choice Aggregation Plan prepared by Colonial Power

The Board reviewed the (1) e-mail from Colonial Power, (2) Community Choice Aggregation Plan, (3) proposed website language, and (4) language access document.

Mr. Cappadona stated all they are looking for is a vote noting the local process will be completed but the state Department of Public Utilities (DPU) process is extended by 24-36 months. Ms. Allard noted there are 35 plans in place awaiting approval by DPU. It was noted that Representative Roy and Senator Spilka are aware of the extended wait time for state approval. Mr. Cappadona stated the plan goes to the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) first and then DPU. It was noted that the Town did this for seven months in 2017 and residents saved \$142,000. It was stopped due to changes in the market. Mr. Alessandri asked if residents automatically opt-in. Mr. Cappadona said they have the option to opt-out. Ms. Allard noted that anyone who already has a third-party supplier are not automatically in and must act to opt-in. Once approved by DPU, they then go out to the marketplace to determine if there are any savings that truly benefit the residents. Mr. Crowley asked in 2017 how many users were at the beginning and how many at the end. Mr. Cappadona stated there were initially 3,400-3,600 users and they usually catch those who leave due to relocation in the next round.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board adopt the Community Choice Aggregation Plan as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Contract with New England School Services for Senior Center Exterior Doors - \$23,500

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Pete Pelletier, (2) bid results, (3) schematic plan, and (4) contract.

Ms. Carlisle stated they were the lowest bidder and had good references. Mr. Crowley asked what was budgeted. Ms. Potter stated \$39,600. Mr. Alessandri asked if they have been used before. Ms. Potter stated no.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with New England School Services as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Contract with TEC, Inc. for Bridge Asset Management Services - \$65,000

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

Ms. Carlisle stated this is to evaluate eight bridges. Mr. Trindade asked if there are more. Ms. Carlisle stated just those eight. Ms. White asked if they are inspected based on a certain timeline. Ms. Carlisle confirmed. Mr. Alessandri asked how this was funded. Ms. Potter stated \$70,000 from free cash.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with TEC, Inc. as presented. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc. for On-Call Engineering Services

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

Ms. Carlisle stated when they are used for on-call services, the funds come out of the budget of whoever is requesting their services. Mr. Alessandri asked if someone monitors usage, so we are not going over budget. Mr. Boynton confirmed.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Woodard & Curran, Inc. as presented. Ms. White seconded. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Contract with Denis L. Maher for Oakland Street Well Replacement - \$115,272

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

Mr. Smith stated this is for the replacement of the entire well noting we will keep the existing well for redundancy. Mr. Rossi asked how we are paying for this. Mr. Smith stated from Fall Town Meeting, and he believes it was funded at \$150,000. Mr. Crowley asked for a quick update on the waterline. Mr. Smith stated is it completed except for over the bridge and should be completed in October/November. Mr. Boynton noted we have not gone out to bid for the pump house yet.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve and execute the contract with Denis L. Maher and authorize the Chair to execute the notice to proceed as presented. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Approval: Change Order #3 for Water Treatment Facility Additional Electrical Services

The Board reviewed the change order.

Mr. Boynton stated we are 54% done with the water treatment facility noting the challenge is there is a piece of equipment, a main switch gear, that due to supply chain issues could potentially cause a shutdown of the project for three months. He thanked Griffin Electric and Mr. Harris noting we have an avenue to expedite the delivery at an increased cost of \$110,000 to the manufacturer to accelerate the speed of production noting that they will also share in the cost. Mr. Smith noted it will cost the Town \$58,600.31. Ms. White asked if that is definitive. Mr. Boynton confirmed noting we will still be 1% under the project cost for change orders. Mr. Alessandri asked how this is paid. Mr. Boynton stated we pay the General Contractor, and they pay the manufacturer noting all the timing on ordering this was appropriately carried out. Mr. Crowley stated we still have \$850,000 remaining in the contingency and are halfway through the project relative to his previous statement of 1% under project cost. Mr. Boynton stated that they go off the total project cost.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the change order for the water treatment facility additional electrical services as presented. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Vote: Open November 13, 2023, Fall Town Meeting Warrant

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Rossi moved that the Board open the November 13, 2023, Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Consideration of Public Event Permit Application: Medway Community Church 5K Road Race – 8/26/23

The Board reviewed the (1) application, and (2) departmental approvals.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the Medway Community Church 5K Road Race subject to the Police Chief's recommendations and proof of appropriate insurance coverage. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the action items dated July 10, 2023.

This agenda item was not discussed.

Town Manager's Report

There were no items for the Board to review.

Public Safety Communications Staffing Update: Mr. Boynton noted he previously stated that Hannah Furno has been promoted to the Director of Public Safety Communications.

Boston MPO Election – Medway Up: Mr. Boynton stated that Medway's position is up as SWAP representative noting: (1) we have held that position for the past fifteen years, (2) Mr. Pelletier is our representative, and (3) he does not see any immediate benefit to apply for re-election. Mr. Crowley stated we went on it for the Route 109 project and believes Bellingham is interested. Mr. Trindade stated that in the past Medway was the only member speaking up. Mr. Rossi asked if we had any projects that would benefit us to apply for re-election. Mr. Boynton stated no noting the Transportation Improvement Project (TIP) process changes the entire character of the roadways and there are many requirements. Mr. Crowley noted we also have to pay for engineering costs first, which are high costs with no guarantee of construction funding. Mr. Rossi asked if Mr. Boynton is asking the Board to give up the seat. He confirmed. The Board agreed to give up the seat.

Sidewalk Construction Update: Mr. Boynton stated this has been delayed due to weather and the contractor is due in tomorrow or Wednesday to complete the sidewalk from Holliston Street to Pine Street and Kenart Road noting it will not be done before school starts. Also, to be done is Holliston Street from Main Street to Coffee Street and Island Road to Walker Street.

High School Driveway State House Meeting – August 22nd Mr. Boynton stated he, Mr. Pelletier, and Dr. Pires will be going to the State House to talk about the high school driveway to see if we can obtain any state support.

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

- Tuesday, August 15th – Tri-County Project Discussion – Walpole
- Wednesday, August 16th – Norfolk County Managers – Medfield
- Friday, August 18th – Fire Academy Graduation – Stow
- Tuesday, August 22nd – State House Visit – Boston
- August 23 – August 29 – Vacation
- Wednesday, August 30th – Deputy Assessment Center - Rutland

Select Board's Reports

There were no items for the Board to review.

Mr. Rossi stated the Monday night concerts are great noting it is a great free community event. He and Mr. Trindade worked at Celebrate Medway Day. It was a great event noting they were the bouncy house monitors, and the fireworks were accompanied by an orchestra. He requested that the Investment Advisory Committee present to the Select Board at their September 5 meeting.

Mr. Crowley noted there was a problem at the new medical center site. Mr. Boynton said the issue was that CVS would not give us permission to address the drainage issue when we did that work in that area in the past. Water was coming down from Medway Plaza and DPW, Fire, and the Water department were down there dealing with it. He is aware of the issue with the residents at Fisher Street and Village Street and will follow up with the one on Main Street who reported issues at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Crowley asked about the post office. Mr. Boynton stated that his first notification was from a resident last Thursday that they are closing at the end of the month. He then spoke to the Postmaster who reported that they could not successfully connect with the Meehan group since May. The post office group is working with a third-party broker on renewing the lease and the Meehan group has e-mails noting that. Mr. Boynton received a call from the Postal Service Clerks Union noting the post office is not following their own rules and regulations including a thirty-day notice prior to closure. Mr. Boynton called Congressman McGovern and provided them with a bulleted timeline on what was known and spoke to them on Friday. He also spoke to the Meehan group Friday. He provided Congressman McGovern with all the e-mail correspondence from the Meehan group noting the congressman is currently out of the country. He is hoping they will be able to delay closure or cancel it altogether. The Meehan group is saying they can stay where they are and then move to their first building when completed. Mr. Crowley asked if there is anything the Select Board can do. Mr. Boynton reported the Town is doing what can be done.

At 9:21PM, Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board enter Executive Session for Exemption 3 - To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body with no intent to return to open session and the chair so declares (FY24 collective bargaining). Ms. White seconded. No discussion. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Crowley aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye.

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