

**Select Board Meeting
March 4, 2024 – 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; Deputy Fire Chief Michael Fasolino; Stephanie Carlisle, Sustainability Coordinator; Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director; Peter Pelletier, Department of Public Works (DPW) Director.

Others Present: Jyoti Ranjan, Cultural Council Member; Palak Yadav, Cultural Council candidate for appointment; Richard Parrella, Memorial Committee Secretary/Treasurer; Frank Ward, Memorial Committee candidate for appointment; Katherine Hanley, Medway Pride Day candidate for appointment; Asmae Cherkaoui, owner of AAA Auto Brokers; Scott Richardson, Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects.

At 7:00 PM, Mr. Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance and noted that he had to leave to attend the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting, turning the running of the meeting over to Vice-Chair Rossi.

Public Comments: Tracy Stewart of 21 Lovering Street addressed the Select Board regarding the awarding of the base bid of \$1.79M for the Hanlon field and track replacement. Ms. Stewart noted the history of the field replacement. She requested that the Select Board along with the Board of Health, Energy and Sustainability Committee, Conservation Commission, and Finance Committee thoroughly investigate the data relative to this product. She referenced the bid specs and Gale and Associates' report to the Select Board at their meeting last October noting that per-and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) was stated as non-detectible. She then referenced an article published on February 23, 2024, by investigators at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* noting a specific field was stated as PFAS free and referenced the experts that asserted this was a false statement, as well as their explanation regarding the fault with the PFAS testing methodology. She then stated that the runoff from Hanlon field's crumb rubber has contributed to the PFAS contamination in the wetlands behind the field. She stated that we should demand to see the specifications for the materials used as well as the full lab testing results and detection ranges to ensure truthful reporting. She noted that the Town should bring in the Northeastern University PFAS experts as well as the others she previously referenced. She noted the past issues related to the fields including prioritization of private usage versus Medway Lacrosse and the lighting costs. She requested that a turf grass audit be conducted with a turf grass scientist and turf grass installation expert. She noted that between 2017-2021, 40-45% of synthetic field use was by the community, municipality, and Town sports organizations. The other percentage was private usage some whose public tax returns show \$7-\$8 million in profit. She inquired that as a Green Community, should we not investigate this usage publicly. She referenced North Andover's Superior Court case from 2021 and the judge's decision to block the use of artificial turf as it incidentally profited the public school. She referenced other matters that she will follow up on including the MS4 permit relative to impervious surfaces as artificial turf is one of these. She requested further conversation addressing these matters.

Appointment Considerations:

- **Cultural Council Youth Member – Palak Yadav**
- **Medway Pride Day – Katherine Hanley**
- **Memorial Committee – Frank Ward**

The Board reviewed the (1) Cultural Council Chair's recommendation for Palak Yadav, (2) Cultural Council Youth Member description with application requirements, (3) Cultural Council candidate's resume, (4) Cultural Council candidate's statement, (5) Medway Pride Day Committee candidate's e-mail of interest, (6) Medway Pride Chair's e-mail recommendation, (7) Memorial Committee candidate's e-mail of interest, and (8) Memorial Committee's e-mail recommendation.

Ms. Yadav explained her interest in serving on the Cultural Council noting she is a junior in high school, and specifically her ideas of cultural and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) events that could be organized with this committee. She noted her service as the student member of the School Committee and therefore her understanding of both the student and organization side of issues. Ms. Ranjan reported that the Cultural Council supports Ms. Yadav's appointment. Ms. Ranjan explained the role of a youth member noting that this is a new role. The Board thanked Ms. Yadav.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board appoint Palak Yadav to the Cultural Council for a three-year term. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Ward stated he has lived in Medway for four years, his wife is a school psychologist in Medway, his children attend both the Middle and High Schools, he is employed by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, is a navy veteran with over twenty-two years of service, can bring new and fresh ideas to the committee, and can assist with attendance of other veteran groups at no charge to Town events. Mr. Parrella stated that he is the secretary/treasurer of the Memorial Committee which is in support of this appointment. It was noted that Gordon White passed away, which resulted in this open position.

Mr. Trindade moved that the Board appoint Frank Ward to the Memorial Committee for a term expiring on June 30, 2024. Mr. Alessandri seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Trindade exited the meeting.

Ms. Hanley stated that she is the Shaw's store manager in Medway. She noted Shaw's has participated in Medway Pride Day for years, so in serving on this committee would be even more involved than in the past. The Board stated its appreciation for her interest.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board appoint Katherine Hanley to the Medway Pride Day Committee for a one-year term. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Approval of Minutes: February 5, and February 9, 2024

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of February 5, and February 9, 2024.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the minutes of February 5, 2024. Ms. White seconded. Discussion: Mr. Crowley asked about the meaning of bandwidth on page 2, line 54. Mr. Rossi stated capacity due to time available to commit to the role. **VOTE: 4-0-0.**

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the minutes of February 9, 2024. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Discussion/Vote: Approval of Community Events Budget Usage by Memorial Committee

The Board reviewed the e-mail from Richard Parrella.

Mr. Parrella thanked the Select Board and Mr. Boynton for their support over the years. He stated that he is not sure what is going on with the Medway VFW, noting their specific donations to both the Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies in the past. The Memorial Committee's total budget was \$4,000, cut down from \$4,500, and they do not have money in the budget to cover the VFW's past donations. He spoke to Mr. Raymond at the state level and, based on their study, there are no funds available. He spoke to our Veterans' Agent and there are no funds available. He contacted Amanda Webster, the band instructor at the High School, to see if she had funds to cover the t-shirts the VFW provided in the past with no response to date. He has spoken to Karen Marshall, the caterer at the VFW, who would be happy to assist, but is not sure how much she could at this point in time. He noted all expenditures are from April to June, including engravings on the monuments, but they do not know how many that will be. He reported the t-shirts cost \$600 and not knowing the number addressed at the collation he estimated \$1,000. He asked if the Select Board could provide any financial support. It was noted the ask was for \$1,500. Mr. Boynton stated the funds are available and require a Select Board vote of approval. Mr. Crowley asked if they are anticipating spending the entire \$4,000 in the existing budget hence the need for additional funds. Mr. Parrella confirmed. Mr. Crowley noted the specific funding available in the Community Events budget of \$17,500 budgeted and \$10,132 has been spent. Mr. Boynton stated \$10,000 is for Family Day, \$5,000 for Indigenous Peoples' Day, and \$2,500 for miscellaneous expenses. Mr. Parrella noted that he considered this expense in next year's budget request, which was \$6,000.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the Memorial Committee's usage of the Community Events Budget in the amount not to exceed \$1,500 as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Authorization to Expend Grant Funds:

- **Firefighter Safety Equipment Grant Program - \$18,955**
- **Green Communities Competitive Grant - \$84,828**

The Board reviewed the (1) notice of grant award forms, and (2) grant award letters.

Mr. Boynton commended Deputy Chief Fasolino on his efforts. Deputy Chief Fasolino stated this is a competitive grant through the Department of Fire Services and explained the specific equipment to be funded by this grant. It was noted that this is a yearly grant, and it was increased last year however not everyone who requested funds received them.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the firefighter safety equipment grant as presented. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

There was further discussion about the potential lead time on these safety equipment items.

Ms. Carlisle stated this is a yearly grant we attempt to obtain and explained the specific items to be purchased with this funding. It was noted that the Nissan Leaf costs \$23,000 and \$7,500 is the maximum available via this grant. Mr. Crowley asked where the rest of the funding was coming from. It was noted that the \$15,000 is on the capital improvement list. It was noted that this contract expires in September of 2025. Mr. Boynton noted that this is one of the grants that would go away if we are not MBTA adjacent certified.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board authorize the expenditure of the Green Communities Competitive grant as presented. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Presentation – Fire, Police and Town Hall Feasibility Study Report – Gorman Richardson Lewis Architects (GRLA)

The Board reviewed the presentation.

Mr. Boynton explained the scope of what was requested by the Town for this feasibility study and the process undertaken by GRLA. He noted that GRLA completed our facilities study three years ago at a cost of \$250,000, so had a lot of the baseline information available. The cost for this study was \$75,000. It was noted that they are also working on the Ide House project. Mr. Richardson stated they looked at the Fire, Police, and Town Hall and, based on future growth, if the existing facilities could support that growth, noting each of these facilities are constrained in some way, as well as the potential usage of 120 Main Street as an alternative location. The existing Fire and Police Stations are also less central in Town so the 120 Main Street location would be beneficial in response times. Relative to the Fire Station, it was noted that over the next 25 to 50 years it is anticipated that there will be a doubling in staff to accommodate the growth in residency. The existing building cannot accommodate its current equipment and hinders the purchase of future equipment. He noted the existing square footage of approximately 10,000. Future need will be over 34,000 sq ft and would include seven equipment bays, increases and improvements in staffing quarters, and adequate storage. He reviewed the potential buildout on the existing site and the associated issues. Mr. Crowley noted the cost of this option is projected at \$35 million. It was noted the cost to build new would be \$29 million and both of these estimates were based on \$800 per square foot. Mr. Richardson explained the process used to determine these cost estimates noting that escalation and contingencies are included. Mr. Boynton noted that the current facility does not allow the existing twenty-six staff members to function as modern-day firefighter-paramedics. It was noted the total public safety facility would be 76,000 square feet.

Mr. Richardson then reviewed the existing Police Station and its current limitations. Mr. Crowley noted the cost of \$17 million to renovate and add to the existing building and \$19 million to build a new facility. Mr. Richardson stated that the existing building with renovation would be at 24,000 square feet with some inefficiencies in the building footprint and the new building would be 22,000 square feet. Mr. Richardson noted the deficiencies of the existing building including location in a residential area, cannot accommodate full fleet of vehicles and trailers, lack of office space, training space, and meeting space, poor access if they need to apprehend perpetrators, inadequate storage, etc. With the projection for community growth, the current space would not accommodate the need for added staffing associated with that growth. It was noted that both the Fire and Police Stations do not meet current state codes for these types of facilities. Mr. Alessandri noted the disruption that would occur for a renovation project. Mr. Boynton explained the difficulty and operational challenges of relocation of the dispatch personnel during a renovation project. Mr. Crowley noted that the architect and Owner's Project Manager (OPM) costs are not included in these estimates and projected these to be at \$19 million to renovate and \$21 million to build a new facility with a delta of only \$2 million.

Mr. Richardson then reviewed Town Hall options with the need to expand the existing Town Hall at 10,000 square feet to 20,000 square feet, as well as the existing deficiencies. Mr. Crowley noted the estimated costs to renovate at \$15,000 million and to build new at \$17 million with a delta again of \$2 million. Mr. Richardson noted that the cost estimates are based on current projects but do include escalation and contingency costs.

He then reviewed the potential facility plans on the eight-acre site at 120 Main Street for all three. He noted that this allows for a three-story Town Hall, as well as a “Town green” with space for expansion, secure access and area for Fire and Police vehicles, 20,000 square foot Police Station with space for expansion, 34,000 square foot Fire Station with seven equipment bays and space for expansion. He reviewed the positives of building new including the lack of disruption to existing operations, optimum square footage for each, ease of site for development relative to topography, a combined Public Safety Complex allowing for efficient operations, ease for future expansion, etc.

Mr. Boynton noted that there is no funding allocated for this project and public input is needed. He reviewed the expectations thirty-years ago when the existing buildings were built and some of the current challenges. Mr. Boynton noted the initial anticipated cost of the Water Treatment Facility and that the final cost number doubled. He noted that 3.5 years ago the cost of the new Department of Public Works (DPW) facility was \$350 per square foot and now the costs are over \$800 per square foot. He noted that we need to address the inadequacies of these facilities with the next steps including what does the community want and see as the needs, and do they support the concept as we do not currently have a plan in place. He noted the need to talk to our legislators as the OPM costs are still at ten percent and just because the cost of goods has increased that does not change their efforts. He noted that this is the biggest issue that needs to be addressed from a community perspective, noting this was addressed in the Master Plan and we have major facility issues upcoming on these existing facilities.

Mr. Rossi noted that thirteen years ago he began his involvement in the Town and toured the Fire and Police Stations. They were inadequate then and currently the apparatus barely fits. He stated that the Fire Department had 2,900 calls in 2023, which translates to nine to ten per day, so they are very busy. He reiterated that there are accreditation issues with the existing Police Station. He feels that building new versus renovating makes sense if the delta is only \$2 million. Mr. Crowley wanted to discuss priorities as the total cost is \$67,000 and OPM costs of \$6-\$7 million need to be added. He stated, in his opinion, the top buildings that need to be addressed include Fire and Police noting that the Police Reform Bill resulted in new standards for the Police Station. These are not currently being met, so when we apply for accreditation, we probably will not pass. He feels both the Police and Fire Stations are at equal priority. He stated his disagreement with the need for a new Town Hall as the Town cannot afford the entire cost of all three facilities. He stated if you add the size of the proposed new Fire and Police Stations it is at 56,000 square feet. He spoke with Ashland who just built a new Fire/Police Station at 42,000 square feet noting they are a like Town and thought that perhaps we do not need the size that is proposed, which would decrease the cost. The onus is on the Select Board to at least address the engineering issues in the next year and a half and construction-wise in the next three years for a Fire/Police Station. Mr. Rossi reminded all that debt does fall off so capacity will increase. Mr. Alessandri stated that the square footage seemed high but does not want to hurt the Town twenty-five years later if we decrease the size as long as we leave the ability to expand. He does believe this needs to be address now. Mr. Rossi stated that costs will only continue to increase. Ms. White stated that we are past the time of needing a new Fire and Police Station and feels that we need to build it with the next thirty-years in mind, so we are not in the same position then as we are now. Mr. Crowley asked how we can accomplish this without burdening the taxpayers and stated the Select Board and Town Manager need to come up with a plan that is acceptable to the residents at Town Meeting. Ms. Stewart asked how the existing buildings play into the new project. It was noted that this has not been discussed at this time. Mr. Boynton stated that, in the past, we were considering selling the locations as they are perfect locations for commercial businesses and demolishing the Fire Station behind Town Hall and use any funds towards the cost of the project. Mr. Rossi asked about the process moving forward. Mr. Boynton stated that the Select Board and Department Heads need to schedule open houses and asked about using the existing Facilities Committee to work on this project. Mr. Boynton stated his agreement

and support with the Fire and Police Station priority but wanted to reiterate the disjointed municipal operations with staff at 120 Main Street, staff at the Middle School, and the existing Town Hall. He would hope that the plan would include non-disruption of Fire and Police when ready to address municipal operations all under one roof. Alex Jacobson of 9 Evergreen Street asked for the average lifespan of Fire/Police Stations since we are looking up to fifty-years out and suggested we build to that span. Mr. Crowley noted that we do not know that at this point, but the Town has a finite growth capacity number. Mr. Boynton stated one of the biggest challenges is we went from on-call to full-time firefighters. The increase in the size of the equipment is also an issue but we are no longer seeing a large increase in the equipment size and would anticipate in the future we would most likely be looking at a renovation versus a new building. It was noted that we have not looked into grant funding as of yet. Mr. Alessandri reiterated that we are not ready to move forward as we still need a plan, and these costs are long-term debt funded and not operating expenses.

Approval: Contract with Capra Planning to Execute Baseline Documentation for Town Owned Open Space – Not to Exceed \$22,900

The Board reviewed the contract.

Ms. Saint Andre stated this is the second phase of baseline documentation reports we are working on. We have completed four and are using the same vendor moving forward. She explained the increase in cost was due to the size of the parcels they will be documenting, including Choate Park to the High School. The rest are smaller parcels. When you own conservation land, you are supposed to have a baseline documentation report which details the existing conditions. This allows a baseline for the annual review of the property by the Conservation Agent including any encroachments, invasive species, dumping of trash, etc. She stated this funding was approved at Town Meeting as a capital item for \$24,000. She reviewed the other specific locations were donated parcels to the Conservation Commission as part of a subdivision or multifamily housing development.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the contract with Capra Planning as presented. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Vote: Close May 13, 2024, Special Town Meeting Warrant

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to close the May 13, 2024, Special Town Meeting warrant. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Vote: Re-open May 13, 2024, Annual Town Meeting Warrant; Insert Energy Resources District Article, Close Warrant, Refer This Article to the Planning and Economic Development Board (PEDB)

The Board reviewed the draft Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Ms. Potter stated this article was on the warrant when the Board closed the warrant previously, but the PEDB had not officially approved this article to move forward. This makes it official technically for the article to be referred to back to the PEDB. Sue Roarke of 34 Ellis Street wants to know when the warrant will be posted for residents to see. Ms. Potter stated it is posted in the Select Board meeting materials.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board re-open the Annual Town Meeting warrant, insert the energy resources district article, close the warrant, and refer this article to the Planning and Economic Development Board. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 3-1-0. Mr. Crowley opposed.

Approval: Class II Auto Dealer's License for AAA Auto Brokers On-Line Business - Office at 89 Main Street

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

Ms. Cherkaoui and her partner explained that this would be an on-line business only making asset movement as easy as possible for on-line auctions, car dealers, state fleet auctions, and rental car companies. Their contracted repair servicer is Medway Mobil. Mr. Boynton noted that there will be possible redevelopment of that entire site including the Mobil station and they will need to identify an alternative contracted repair service at that time in a reasonable proximity to their place of business. Mr. Alessandri asked about the issue of outside storage based on the zoning of this area. It was confirmed that this business would not violate that zoning.

Mr. Trindade returned to the meeting.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the Class II Auto Dealer's license as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion: Unaccounted for Water Loss and Charles River Pollution Control District (CRPCD) Volume Update

The Board reviewed the (1) unaccounted for water loss data, and (3) CRPCD volume data.

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

Discussion: Water Projects Status Update

The Board reviewed the memo from Peter Pelletier.

This agenda item was postponed to the next meeting.

Approval: Complete Streets Policy

The Board reviewed the proposed policy.

Mr. Pelletier stated this is the first step before we can submit the prioritization plan in that we must have a policy in place. This states that we will use Complete Streets design concepts in any projects where we utilize this funding including any new businesses, developments, and construction projects through the PEDB. Once the policy is submitted and approved by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), we can then submit the prioritization plan and be eligible for funding. Mr. Crowley asked for the deadline for the Select Board members' top five choices. Mr. Pelletier stated ideally two weeks ago. Mr. Crowley stated that two of the five members submitted their lists. The Board requested that Ms. Potter forward Mr. Crowley and Mr. Alessandri's lists to the other Board members to make sure they concur in order to meet the deadline of tomorrow.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board approve the Complete Streets policy as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote to Advance: High School Track and Field Reconstruction Project

The Board reviewed the bid review letter from Gale Associates, Inc.

Mr. Boynton stated this is simply notifying the contractor as the low and responsive bidder that pending the vote of Town Meeting, we intend to award the contract to that contractor. This is done so that the

bid does not disappear, and the contractor can begin to plan the work. He noted that we did this with the new DPW Facility and the Water Treatment Plant. He noted there were two pieces, the original bid and then the additional fencing around the site. Most of the cost is the track replacement. Mr. Crowley asked about the timing. Mr. Pelletier stated as soon as graduation occurs, they will start the project. Mr. Crowley asked if completion would occur before the start of school. Mr. Pelletier stated that is the goal. It was noted that weather could have an impact on project completion. It was noted that away games were scheduled at the beginning of school in case the project is not completed by the start of school.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote its intent to award the High School Hanlon track and field reconstruction project to David W. White & Sons, Inc., as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Discussion/Vote: Acceptance of Massachusetts General Law (MGL) Chapter 166 Section 32A – Allowing Electrical Inspectors to Work for Hire in the Town in Which They are Appointed

The Board reviewed (1) MGL Chapter 166, Section 32A, and MGL Chapter 142, Section 12.

Mr. Boynton stated it became clear to us that we have not accepted this and that MGL already allows plumbers to work in the town in which they are appointed but we must accept this to allow electrical inspectors to as well. It was noted that they will never inspect their own electrical work.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to accept MGL Chapter 166, Section 32A, as discussed. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the action items dated January 18, 2024.

Unaccounted for water loss status report & CRPCD Volume Report: Mr. Crowley requested that this be moved to September of 2024, but keep the CRPCD update at the next Select Board meeting. The Board agreed.

13 & 13R Populatic Street--Decision on Home on Property once Treatment Plant is completed: Mr. Crowley would like to have the Facilities Committee's take this on. Mr. Boynton stated that we need a decision from the Land Court before we can move forward and anticipates this may take a couple of years.

Begin Planning Use of 123 Holliston Street: Mr. Crowley reported on his discussion with the Conservation Agent and in order to determine the potential usage of the property we need to understand the wetlands situation. He stated that the Conservation Agent informed him a survey of the wetlands would be approximately \$4,000. He would therefore suggest that we move forward with this out of any free cash funds available. The Conservation Agent is unable to complete this survey herself within the next three to four months. Mr. Trindade stated that Ms. Graziano must still approve this. Mr. Boynton stated that he is not sure of the value of getting this done. Ms. White agreed with Mr. Crowley. It was noted that we already have a plan showing the wetlands and all that needs to be done is to have it staked out. There was further discussion about the information needed to provide to the Facilities Committee. Mr. Boynton offered to discuss this with Mr. Harris and decide if further information is needed.

Trotter Drive/109 Intersection Improvements: Mr. Crowley asked if this date needs to be moved forward. Mr. Boynton stated that there is no immediacy to that item. The Board agreed to move this forward to March of 2025.

Town Manager's Report

There were no items for the Board to review.

Medway Grid Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT): Mr. Boynton stated the draft PILOT agreement with Medway Grid will be posted to the Town website tomorrow. There is an article on the proposed Town Meeting warrant relative to this PILOT. Mr. Boynton explained the difference between the EXELON PILOT and this one and the determination of the valuation of this type of facility. The total would be \$47 million over twenty-years. He noted that Host Community Agreement was at not less than \$42 million but we were able to increase this based upon valuation. It is a level annual payment of \$2.2 million and change on the tax side and \$69,000 on the Community Preservation Act funds side once this facility comes on-line. Once this is posted to the website, we will ask for comments, and this will be on the next Select Board meeting agenda for approval.

Snow and Ice Budget Update: Mr. Boynton stated we have spent \$324,000 to date out of the \$535,000 budgeted. Mr. Rossi noted that any excess in this budget line falls to free cash.

Sanford Mill Dam: Mr. Boynton reported discussion has begun with the Office of Dam Safety regarding the Sanford Mill dam. There was further deterioration noticed so we looked at prior reports and it is an owner unknown structure. The Town does not own or have control over that structure but there are both up and down stream concerns if the dam was to breach. We need to proceed with further safety investigation, and he explained the impact to the Town if this dam was to breach. Mr. Rossi asked who deals with dams in the state. Mr. Boynton stated that the state would like the towns to be responsible.

Legislative Breakfast, Friday, March 8th at 8am at the Medway Public Library: Mr. Boynton reminded the Board of this event.

SWAP Legislative Breakfast, Friday, March 15th at 8am at the Thayer Homestead: Mr. Boynton reminded the Board of this event.

Town Manager Out of Office: Mr. Boynton stated he has nothing scheduled at this time.

NEXT Select Board Meeting – March 18, 2024

Select Board's Reports

There were no items for the Board to review.

Ms. White reported that the Police Department had its first ever life-saving awards ceremony, which she attended. There were many officers who received these awards.

Mr. Alessandri reminded all that it is budget season and what has been on Friends of Medway is not accurate. He requested that residents attend the appropriate meetings to obtain accurate information. He noted that the Tri-Board meeting between the Select Board, Finance Committee, and School Committee is scheduled for next Wednesday, March 13, and would be a good meeting to attend for those interested in the school budget. He wished the girls' high school basketball team good luck in round sixteen of the state championship tomorrow night.

Mr. Crowley stated that basketball game is at 6pm in Medway. He gave a shout out to the boys' basketball and hockey teams who made the playoffs but lost in the first round. He asked if the bids came in for the Memorial School roof. Mr. Boynton stated they have not, the bid opening is mid-April. Mr. Crowley asked when the budget is transmitted to the Finance Committee and if the adjustments were made to the debt service. Mr. Boynton confirmed that Ms. Pratt is making the adjustments, and the budget will go to the Finance Committee tomorrow. Mr. Crowley asked if there was anything new on the sewer capacity with the Town of Franklin noting that based on 2023 numbers, we only have 1.5 percent capacity in reserves. Mr. Boynton stated he has not heard a word from Franklin noting that this has been going on for over five years and we have reached out to them three times. He noted that we have exceeded the formula in the original district agreement that dates back to the 1970s. He noted that Franklin is under no obligation to sell Medway any capacity.

Mr. Boynton reminded all that tomorrow is election day and requested that those residents who have not already voted to please vote tomorrow at the Middle School.

At 9:31PM, Mr. Trindade moved to adjourn. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

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

Attached: Tracy Stewart Comments to Select Board [Public Comment 3.4.24.pdf](#)