



Town of Medway

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Wednesday, October 24, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Sanford Hall, Town Hall
155 Village Street

Present: Frank Rossi, Chair; Todd Alessandri, Vice-Chairman; Ellen Hillery, Clerk; Rohith Ashok, Jeff O'Neill, Michael Schrader, Sue Segarra.

Absent: Dan Doherty, Jim Sullivan.

Others Present: Michael Boynton, Town Administrator; Carol Pratt, Finance Director, Cindy Sullivan, School Committee member, Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning & Economic Development Coordinator, Dennis Crowley, Board of Selectmen

At 7:03 PM **Vice-Chairman Alessandri called the Public Hearing to order; seconded by Mr. Ashok, all ayes 7-0-0**

At 7:04 PM Seeing no public comment. **Vice-Chairman Alessandri moved to close the Public Hearing; seconded by Mr. Ashok, all ayes 7-0-0**

At 7:05 PM Chairman Rossi called the Finance Committee meeting to order.

ARTICLE 8: (Free Cash Appropriation to Street Acceptance Account)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained this account has been in existence since 2014, funds were added to it in 2015 and \$13,900 is being added to it to complete as much of Candlewood and Littletree as possible. Vice Chair Alessandri asked how long the process would take and it was explained approximately one subdivision per year.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Schrader; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 19: (Acceptance Sidewalk Easement: Mechanic Street)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained the area is 563 square feet at Main and Mechanic.

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; seconded by Vice-Chairman Alessandri; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 20: (Street Acceptance, Land Conveyance, Acquisition of Easements and Infrastructure Acceptance: Candlewood and Island Road Subdivisions and The Village at Pine Ridge Open Space Residential Development)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained these were accepted last Spring at TM. The developer didn't own to the centerline of the roadway, the property owner's did. If not expressed in the Deed the layout of the road needs to be redone and a friendly eminent domain by easement is required.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Ashok; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 23: (Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Adaptive Use Overlay District)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained the Overlay is on either side of Main Street near Choate. This article is to encourage the investment into older homes.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Ashok; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 24: (Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Multifamily Housing)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained this Article is to modify the bylaw to build in some better protection of historic properties 75 + years of age and encourages preservation.

- Bolds are add in's and Strike through are removal
- Cleaned up repetitiveness
- Historical Commission has been involved
- Establish maximum building height so additions blend in, compatible character with neighbors
- Encouragement for reinvestments

Questions were asked to clarify verbiage and Ms. Affleck-Childs explained.

Mr. Schrader motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Ashok; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 25: (Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Variances)

Susy Affleck-Childs explained this Article is a form of clean up. There was a recodification in 2015, there were lots of edits and something was taken out that shouldn't have been. The Article states there are two types of zoning variances, dimensional and use variances. The use variance allows a use that is not specifically in the bylaw. She made reference as an example. Corner of 109 and 126 was residential zoning, there was a garage there and a use variance was obtained to allow for Dunkin Donuts to open there.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Ashok; no further discussion 7-0-0

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

Susy Affleck-Childs explained the Capital Improvement funds to purchase a sign for Choate. A high-resolution sign will be put in place with town activities and messages being displayed. Mr. Boynton explained the Design Review Commission will propose templates etc.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Segarra; no further discussion 6-0-0
Mr. Ashok left the room for a brief moment.

ARTICLE 1: (Repurpose Funds to Middle School Paving Project)

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; seconded by Vice Chairman Alessandri; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 2: (CPA Funds for Trail Infrastructure)

This is for an additional footbridge. The goal is for the trail to go from Choate past Idylbrook to Holliston. Mr. Crowley explained that design and permitting quotes have been submitted by Jim Wieler.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Ashok; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 3: (Transfer CPA Funds to Trail Improvements)

This is for the repurposing of existing funds.

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; seconded by Vice Chairman Alessandri; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 4: (CPA Funds for Historic Register Application)

This Article will place Evergreen Cemetery on the historic register. Mr. Boynton explained the lengthy process but there is a potential to access historic funds.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Schrader; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 5: (Transfer from Debt Service to DPS Facility)

This Article transfers money to build the DPS garage.

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Schrader; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 6: (Free Cash Appropriation: Transfer to Debt Stabilization)

This Article will reduce taxes on excluded debt due to Exelon.

Mr. Schrader motion to approve; Vice Chairman Alessandri seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0

ARTICLE 9: (Create Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Special Revenue Account – EMS Services)

ARTICLE 10: (Reserve for Overlay Release; Transfer to EMS Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Special Revenue Account)

ARTICLE 11: (Transfer to EMS Special Revenue Account)

These articles establish the EMS Fund and transfers money to fund it.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve Articles 9, 10 and 11; Mr. O'Neill seconded; no further discussion 6-0-1. Mr. Ashok abstained as he missed part of the discussion.

ARTICLE 12: (CPA Transfers from Reserves to Retained Earnings)

Mr. Boynton explained this Article is the reset reallocation to put funds into three buckets for the Community Preservation fund.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; Mr. Ashok seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 13: (Charter Amendment: General Changes)

This is an Article to change the Town Charter to be more gender neutral.

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; Ms. Segarra seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 14: (Charter Amendment: Board of Selectmen)

This article changes the Board of Selectmen to be more gender neutral to go along with Article 13. Mr. O'Neill explained the Charter Review Committee doesn't have a view on what the Selectmen should be called. The goal of the Charter Committee is to bring the choice to the Town for a vote. Selectman Crowley talked about the BOS feelings as a whole. There was no name that appealed to the group. The BOS did not approve the change 5-0. It was agreed Fincom should have an opinion.

Mr. Ashok motion to approve; Ms. Segarra seconded; no further discussion 3-4. There was a roll call vote to confirm the vote.

Vice-Chairman Alessandri motion to NOT approve; Mr. O'Neill seconded; no further discussion 4-3-0. There was a roll call vote to confirm the vote.

ARTICLE 15: (Charter Amendment: Parks and Recreation Commission)

Modifications to the Charter to add two appointed positions to this Commission which are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to bring in more technical experience and expertise.

Vice Chairman Alessandri motion to approve; Mr. O'Neill seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 16: (Charter Amendment: Board of Health)

Modifications to the Charter to add two appointed positions to this Commission which are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to bring in more technical experience and expertise.

Mr. Schrader motion to approve; Ms. Segarra seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 17: (Charter Amendment: Water and Sewer Commission)

Modifications to the Charter to add two appointed positions to this Commission which are appointed by the Board of Selectmen to bring in more technical experience and expertise. The setting of rates and approving abatements will move to the Board of Selectmen. There was discussion on what the Commission will actually then do, they will become an advisory board to the DPS.

Ms. Hillery motion to approve; Mr. O'Neill seconded; no further discussion 6-1. Roll call.

ARTICLE 18: (Charter Amendment: Town Clerk)

This article changes the Town Clerk from Elected to Appointed. Chairman Rossi explained the clerk's position ends in 2 years. Mr. Boynton explained the position transitions to appointed at the end of the current term.

Mr. Schrader motion to approve; Ms. Segarra seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 21: (Grant Utility Easement: 76 Oakland St)

No discussion. Utilities will be moved to underground.

Mr. O'Neill motion to approve; Vice-Chairman Alessandri seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

ARTICLE 22: (Amend General Bylaw: Accepting Gifts of Land for Various Purposes)

Allows Board of Selectmen to accept easements with out Town Meeting approval

Mr. Schrader motion to approve; Mr. Ashok seconded; no further discussion 7-0-0.

Bylaw Committee Appointment

Vice-Chairman Alessandri made the motion to appoint Ms. Segarra to the Bylaw Committee; Mr. Ashok seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.

Chairman Rossi suggested holding Liaison reports until the November 14, 2018 meeting.

Chairman Rossi reminded of the Opening Ceremonies for Oakland Street Playground (11/3 11am) and Choate Park (11/10 10am). There will be a coalition at the Senior Center on 11/3 following the Playground ceremony for Paul DeSimone.

Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Wednesday, November 14. This meeting may be cancelled if not necessary.

At 8:58 PM Vice-Chairman Alessandri moved to adjourn; Ms. Segarra seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 7-0-0.

*Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Harrington*