

**Select Board Meeting
February 9, 2024 – 8:30 AM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

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

Absent: Dennis Crowley, Member

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Asst. Town Manager; Carol Pratt, Finance Director.

At 8:30AM, Mr. Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were none.

At 8:31AM, Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board enter Executive Session for Reason 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 and the chair so declares [Police, Fire, and Municipal Union Collective Bargaining Agreements], with the intention of returning to open session. The Chair so declared. Mr. Alessandri seconded. It was voted by roll call: Alessandri aye; Rossi aye; Trindade aye; White aye. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 8:45 AM, the Board returned to open session.

Mr. Trindade noted that Mr. Crowley was absent from this morning’s meeting for personal reasons.

Vote: Approval of Police, Fire, and Municipal Union Collective Bargaining Agreements

The Board reviewed the Police, Fire, and Municipal Union Collective Bargaining Agreements

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to approve the negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Medway Permanent Firefighters Association as presented and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract and any associated side letters required during the term of the agreement. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Mr. Rossi asked for an explanation of the side letter. Mr. Boynton stated that if something comes up after an agreement is approved, a side letter will address necessary and agreed upon changes that will ultimately be incorporated into the next agreement. He gave as an example the terms for the firefighter promotional exam and the creation of the water treatment plant operator position, which are now incorporated into these collective bargaining agreements.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to approve the negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Medway Police Association as presented and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract and any associated side letters required during the term of the agreement. Mr. Rossi seconded. No discussion VOTE: 3-0-1 (Ms. White abstained).

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to approve the negotiated collective bargaining agreement with the Medway Public Employees Local Union as presented and to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract and any associated side letters required during the term of the agreement. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

Vote: Close May 15, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Refer Zoning Articles to the Planning and Economic Development Board

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Mr. Boynton explained that this vote will close the warrant on the 20th. Mr. Rossi asked what happens if something comes up after the 20th. The answer was that the warrant would be re-opened again to include needed articles. Mr. Boynton mentioned that Amy Fair contacted him about the potential for a bylaw requiring public participation for all boards and committees.

Mr. Alessandri moved that the Board vote to close May 15, 2024 Annual Town Meeting Warrant and refer the zoning articles to the Planning and Economic Development Board on February 20, 2024. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

At 8:50AM, Mr. Alessandri moved to adjourn. Ms. White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.