

**Board of Selectmen's Meeting
November 2, 2020 – 6:30 PM
Sanford Hall
155 Village Street**

Present: Glenn Trindade, Chair; Maryjane White, Vice-Chair; Richard D’Innocenzo, Clerk; Dennis Crowley, Member; John Foresto, Member.

Staff Present: Michael Boynton, Town Manager; Allison Potter, Assistant Town Manager; Donna Greenwood, Principal Assessor; Carol Pratt, Finance Director; Barbara Saint Andre, Community and Economic Development Director; Susy Affleck-Childs, Planning and Economic Development Director; Sandy Johnston, Communications Director.

Others Participated Remotely: Jeff Bernstein, BCK Law; Peter Guldberg, Tech Environmental, Inc., Senior Consultant; Inclusion, Diversity, & Equity: Martin Dietrich, Alisha Perdue Lynn, Andrea Zito Moore, Brittney Walley, Cyndy Sobie-Ellis, Donna Danielewski, Julie Dennehy, Tim Treacy; Joanne Williams, Parks, Open Space, Trails Club; Jennifer Kendall, Grace Hachenberg, Cultural Council; Citizen’s Petition for Fall Town Meeting warrant article for Selectman Name Change: Lawrence Ellsworth, Susan Rorke, Mendy Tarkowski.

At 6:30 PM Selectman Trindade called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Classification Hearing

The Board reviewed the (1) memo from Donna Greenwood, and (2) PowerPoint presentation.

Selectman D’Innocenzo moved to open the Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Classification public hearing. Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Ms. Greenwood reviewed the content of the PowerPoint presentation including the impact of a split tax rate. She reviewed the residential exemptions noting 15 communities have adopted it and small commercial exemption noting 13 communities have applied. She then explained how the tax rate is determined. Selectman Trindade explained that the Board has participated in this process for many years noting Medway is heavily residential therefore those numbers do not support a split tax rate. Selectman Crowley asked if the tax rate will be going down. Ms. Greenwood stated yes, by four cents. Selectman Crowley referred to the Medway tax comparison of the surrounding towns noting that Medway is 4th lowest. He asked what the tax rate would be for other towns based on the average assessed home value in Medway. Ms. Greenwood will report that information back to the Selectmen. Ms. Greenwood stated the Board of Assessors voted unanimously to recommend a single tax rate at their November second meeting.

Selectman D’Innocenzo moved to close the Fiscal Year 2021 Tax Classification public hearing. Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Selectman D’Innocenzo that the Board approve the single tax rate for 2021 and there be no residential or commercial exemption. Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Selectman Trindade requested public comments on this topic. There were none.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the draft minutes of October 19, 2020.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve the minutes of October 19, 2020. Selectman White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Town Manager's Report

There were no items for the Board to review.

COVID Update:

- 15 Active Cases-Town Manager Boynton stated there are 15 active cases noting that we have had a spike in the past two days.
- Updated Costs-Town Manager Boynton stated Ms. Pratt has submitted for CARES Act funding at just under \$1.1 million noting that the State will want some costs to be submitted to FEMA first. Ms. Pratt has been closely tracking these expenditures. He commended the Accounting and Assessors Departments on getting the tax rate set and completed. He voiced his concerns about the new regulations that came down today from the State due to the spike in cases. Selectman Foresto asked if there were any changes that impact Town Meeting. Mr. Boynton stated Town Meeting has been exempt and he has not seen any impact other than the need to close at 9:30pm. He reviewed the new changes related to wearing masks and the need to close by 9:30pm for dine in service.

Election Day Update: Town Manager Boynton stated Election Day is tomorrow at the Middle School. He commended the Town Clerk, her staff and volunteers for their efforts. Five thousand eight hundred ballots have been submitted out of the 10,000 registered voters.

Town Meeting & State of the Town Update: Town Manager Boynton stated Town Meeting is on for November 16th and he has spoken with Moderator Cerel about moving the meeting along to minimize the amount of time inside. The State of the Town will be video recorded prior to Town Meeting once feedback has been provided by Selectman Trindade.

Mr. Boynton stated there will also be a video of the walkthrough of the new DPW facility noting occupancy is anticipated by next week. He reported we are still waiting for the meter from Eversource that accounts for the site generated power.

Facility Study Process Update – Station 2 Problem: Town Manager Boynton stated this report is almost completed and department heads are reviewing the draft reports. There is a section of the basement in Station 2 that presents a structural issue that has led to the relocation of Ambulance 1. The report will be presented to the Selectmen on December 7th.

Veterans Day – Wednesday November 11 – Town Offices Closed: Town Manager Boynton stated Town Hall will be closed. We will not be having an open to the public event but will be honoring the Veterans.

Town Manager Out of the Office: Town Manager Boynton stated he is out of the Office Wednesday, November 4th.

NEXT Regular Selectmen's Meeting – Monday, November 16, 2020, Pre-Fall Town Meeting

Consideration and Vote: Letter of Support for Redevelopment Authority Application for Site Readiness Grant

The Board reviewed the (1) proposed letter of support, and (2) grant application.

Selectman D’Innocenzo moved that the Board approve and authorize the Chair to execute the letter of support for the Redevelopment Authority’s application for the Site Readiness Grant as presented.

Selectman White seconded. Ms. Saint Andre stated this is a grant program through Massachusetts Development which will be used to cover the expenses related to Oak Grove noting that support has already been received from the Economic Development Committee and the Planning and Economic Development Board. **No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Public Hearing: Layout of Applegate Road and Potential Eminent Domain Takings

The Board reviewed the road layout plan.

Selectman Foresto moved to open the public hearing for the layout of Applegate Road and potential eminent domain takings. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Ms. Saint Andre stated this is part of the procedural process. At the last meeting, the Selectmen referred this to the Planning Board. She stated the two purposes to be addressed at this meeting are to determine if we want to lay out Applegate Road as a public way and, if yes, then the plan will be filed with the Town Clerk and presented to Town Meeting. The second is to put residents on notice that there may be a need for eminent domain takings for easements noting we already have the deeds for most of the easements. Mr. Boynton reported there was one e-mail that came in today from a resident relative to curb damage noting this will be addressed. Selectman Trindade requested comments from the public. There were no comments. Selectman Crowley stated he saw the curb problem, which was due to the contractor working on the water main, and that this should be paid for by the contractor and not from Town funds.

Selectman Foresto moved to close the public hearing for the layout of Applegate Road and potential eminent domain takings. Selectman White seconded. No discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board of Selectmen lay out as a public way Applegate Road in its entirety from Station 0 + 00 at Coffee Street to its end at Station 17 + 46.52 at Ellis Street as shown on the Street Acceptance Plan - Applegate Road, dated October 21, 2020, prepared by GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc. of Holliston, MA, to be recorded at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds, and to file the layout with the Town Clerk. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded. Discussion: Resident Andrew Page just wanted to clarify that the damage caused on the curb will not be paid from the bond proceeds. Mr. Boynton confirmed. **VOTE: 5-0-0.**

Public Comments: Selectman Crowley, speaking as a resident of the Town of Medway, not a Selectman, commended Town Clerk White on all of her efforts relative to voting noting that she was in daily at 6am to set up the early voting and that everything needed to be set up and broken down on a daily basis.

Discussion: Exelon Environmental Review

The Board reviewed the report from Peter Guldberg, Senior Consultant, Tech Environmental, Inc.

Mr. Boynton stated attorney Jeff Bernstein of BCK Law and Peter Guldberg, environmental consultant, will present the results of this review to the Selectmen. BCK Law was utilized for all their historical efforts working with the Town for all work related to the Exelon power plant. He referred to Exelon’s

new request submitted to the Energy Facilities Siting Board (EFSB) relative to the opacity, the visible emittance of stack particles, originally approved at 5% running on diesel, stating that what has been presented is the GE Turbines cannot meet this 5% standard. Exelon has requested to amend their EFSB permit to allow a change from ultra-low sulfur diesel to ultra-low sulfur kerosene and to increase the opacity limit to 15%. We decided we needed more data and analysis to make an informed decision and contacted BCK Law to provide the Town with recommendations on this requested change. Mr. Guldberg was recommended by BCK Law and he has provided his recommendation. Mr. Boynton noted that this was an independent process and believes the results do not cause a problem for the Town. He notified Exelon that the Town is expending funds to handle this issue. Exelon has done two things, to note that the Host Community Agreement (HCA) would be applicable to kerosene if changing to that from diesel and provided \$14,000 to the Town to cover the cost of researching any impact of the requested changes to the EFSB permit. Mr. Boynton noted that this report is a public document and is posted as part of this meeting's materials on the Town website.

Attorney Bernstein stated we wanted an affirmation from Exelon that the substitution of the kerosene would be treated in the same way as the diesel in the HCA. He stated that both the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and EFSB must approve this request noting that November 13th is the comment deadline. He stated his respect for the work of Mr. Guldberg. He stated the Town does not need to act on this. Mr. Guldberg noted we are talking about the backup fuel when natural gas is not available which would only be during the time period from October to April and anticipates this will be infrequent. He stated all other testing worked well and only when the backup fuel was tested did the issue in opacity arise. He explained the 5% opacity limit means the plume should be invisible noting that MassDEP has approved higher percentages for opacity recently at other power plants. He explained the process that occurred once Exelon found these higher opacity limits using the backup diesel noting the request by MassDEP to test kerosene. He reported that in the 2019 testing of opacity levels, the particulate matter emission rates were only one third of the permit rates which shows the GE turbines are doing the intended job. The increased requested opacity limits by Exelon are already within MassDEP regulations. He noted the switch to kerosene, which is a cleaner fuel, is positive. He stated the change in opacity limits is a reasonable request and they are not requesting any changes to limits to the health-related items. Mr. Boynton noted opacity only measures plume visibility and is not a health concern. He referred to the question by Selectman Crowley at a prior meeting about the use of diesel used in the testing resulting in a payment to the Town due to the penalty clause in the HCA. The Town would have to expend legal fees to attempt to include the use of diesel in testing as part of the penalty clause. It was determined the amount the Town would spend would be the same or in excess of the penalty fees which were determined to be \$20,000 to litigate this issue. In addition, the HCA stated that in a dispute, the prevailing party's legal fees are paid by the other party. If the Town lost the litigation, they would also have to pay Exelon's legal fees as well. Selectman Crowley asked if it would be worthwhile to send a letter to go on record that we are looking at this and will continue to monitor this in the future. Attorney Bernstein stated that once the permit is approved, Exelon has confirmed in writing that any use of the ultra-low sulfur kerosene will result in instituting the penalty. Mr. Boynton will work with Attorney Bernstein on a letter. Selectman Trindade asked about the likelihood EFSB would say no to this application. Attorney Bernstein stated the likelihood is extremely low. If there was a factual basis to reject the permit, Mr. Guldberg would have found it. Selectman Trindade requested Mr. Gulberg review his background. Mr. Guldberg detailed his background including a degree in Mathematics from MIT, a degree in atmospheric science from the University of Michigan, he has taught courses on air pollution permitting and modeling for the United States Environmental Protection Agency Air Pollution Training Institute, and has fifty years of experience as an air pollution consultant in the northeast. Selectman Foresto asked if there was any impact to GE since the turbines did not meet the stated specifications. Attorney Bernstein stated that the specifications on the turbines

for what would be guaranteed by GE would be what is regulated by MassDEP and they all surpassed the regulations noting opacity is not included. Selectman Crowley asked if the resident that raised a question had it answered. Mr. Boynton confirmed. Selectman Trindade requested public comments. There were no public comments.

Selectman Trindade moved that the Board accept the report from Tech Environmental, Inc. and for the Town Manager and BCK Law to continue to monitor the EFSB process moving forward. Selectman Foresto seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

Presentation: Medway Inclusion, Diversity, & Equity Committee

The Board reviewed the (1) committee charter, and (2) PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Dietrich stated most corporations and towns are putting in place this type of committee. He explained his background and the rest of the group identified themselves and reviewed their background and interests in this topic. Mr. Dietrich reviewed the content of the executive summary slide including the current situation, key questions, opportunities, and the objective. He explained the term underrepresented noting these can be visible or not. He then reviewed why this committee would be important in Medway and how this committee could assist the Town and its residents. He then discussed the proposed mission, accountability, and committee structure. Selectman Trindade asked why no Selectmen were included. Mr. Dietrich stated they felt the Town Manager could address and represent the Selectmen. He lastly reviewed how the impact could be measured and the proposed next steps. Selectman Foresto stated that we always struggle to get people engaged and feels this is a good venue to increase engagement and understand the issues. Selectman Trindade was in agreement with Selectman Foresto but feels a member of the Selectmen should be included. The Selectmen requested information on how other towns have implemented this type of committee. There was further discussion about voting on creating the committee at this meeting or at the December 7th meeting. The Selectmen agreed to vote at the December 7th meeting. Selectman White asked if this was modeled on other towns. Mr. Dietrich stated they researched other towns, noting the most original change to what they are presenting was moving inclusion first. He stated he would share the completed research. Selectman Crowley requested a list of towns that have these committees from Mr. Dietrich. Mr. Dietrich noted the Selectmen would be the appointing authority and this is not part of the Medway Marches group.

Discussion: Process for Naming of Trail Bridges

There were no materials for the Board to review.

Ms. Williams stated the Trail Club is asking for permission to name the bridges on the trail system noting the trail between Choate Park and the Holliston line is nearly completed. She stated she worked with the Fire Department to map the trails should there be an emergency and, due to the number of bridges, they determined it would be helpful to have a way to easily identify them for better location identification. She would like to propose a naming system that would include a project and festival for each of the bridges noting they would work with the Cultural Council to accomplish this. The planning discussion addressed inclusion, as well as added safety, in naming these locations. The bridges would be themed, utilized for future cultural events, include interactivity at some locations, and include signage. She stated the goal is to have a celebration once gatherings are allowed. The Selectmen agreed with naming these locations. Selectman Trindade explained that all the trails and bridges were done by volunteers, including Eagle Scouts, with the exception of two bridges funded by the Town. Ms. Williams explained the intent to include the Historical Commission, Historical Society, Cultural Council, and Trail Club on this project. Selectman Trindade requested that each bridge include information about those

involved in the creation of that bridge. Ms. Affleck-Childs asked how many bridges this project includes. Ms. Williams stated eleven. Selectman Crowley asked for the source of funding for this project. Ms. Williams stated the Cultural Council has agreed to support the project and they will fundraise with local businesses noting that most of work would be done by volunteers. Selectman Crowley asked for the total project cost. Ms. Williams anticipated \$10,000. Selectman Crowley asked about funding this via the Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) at Town Meeting. Selectman Trindade requested Ms. Williams submit costs to the CIPC working in conjunction with the Town Manager's office. The Selectmen agreed with this process. Ms. Williams noted there will be a "Soup on the Bridge" event this Sunday from 2-4pm at no cost, which will be catered with appropriate social distancing.

Vote Recommendations: Fall Town Meeting Warrant – Articles 3, 14, and 15

The Board reviewed the November 16, 2020 Fall Town Meeting Warrant articles 3, 14 and 15.

ARTICLE 3: (Street Acceptance – Applegate Rd)

Mr. Boynton recommended the Board vote its approval.

Selectman Trindade stepped out of the meeting briefly.

Selectman D'Innocenzo moved that the Board approve Article 3. Selectman Foresto seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 4-0-0.

ARTICLE 14: (Amend Zoning Bylaw: Central Business District Special Permits)

Mr. Boynton explained Selectman Crowley's concern about the 50% commercial use for the first floor of a building noting municipal use was added to address this concern.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve Article 14. Selectman White seconded. No Discussion. VOTE: 5-0-0.

ARTICLE 15: (Citizens' Petition: Board of Selectmen Change to Select Board)

Mr. Boynton stated this is the Citizens' Petition and referred the discussion to the lead petitioner. Mr. Ellsworth, Ms. Rourke, and Ms. Tarnowski all read formal statements. Ms. White stated we would want this on a Town Election with broader input as Town Meeting has much less resident participation. She encouraged women to vote in elections. Selectman Trindade stated he requested the voter list from the spring election reporting 643 voted and 56% were women. Selectman Trindade noted that this name is where the rest of communities are going and that, either at Town Meeting or an Election, he feels this would pass. There was discussion about the non-binding vote in the Spring election that resulted in the name remaining Board of Selectmen. Town Meeting would override what the intent was. Selectman Foresto stated he confirmed the process was a non-binding vote, which would then go to Town Meeting for the official change. Selectman Crowley stated the topic tonight is if the Selectmen will or will not support this name change. He does not feel that the decision should be made by the Board of Selectmen but by the residents of the Town. He would like to know how many towns changed the name as a result of the Selectmen and the cost to the Town to make this change. He stated that two past Town Meetings and the non-binding question was voted no by the residents. Selectman Foresto noted the Town Meeting vote was Executive Board not Select Board and the ballot question was during COVID and the ballot only had one contested position. Selectman Trindade noted that the Finance Committee

voted 6 to 2 to approve this article. Selectman White asked if the Board of Selectmen could just vote to change the name. This was confirmed.

Selectman Foresto moved that the Board approve Article 15. Selectman Trindade seconded.

Discussion: Selectmen Crowley reminded all that the residents already voted no three times. Selectman White reiterated that she feels Town Meeting is not the time to take the vote, especially during COVID. Selectman Crowley asked for clarification that the terminology Select Board and Select Board Members would be included in the change. This was confirmed. Ms. Tarkowski commented about Town Meeting not being the place to accomplish this noting that, unless the Board votes to approve this, the only place to do it is at Town Meeting. She stated that since the Board can do this on their own, then the Board should take a stance on this and she would be disappointed if the Board did not approve this. Selectman Crowley reiterated that five Selectmen should not change this nor the small number of residents that are at Town Meeting. Mr. Boynton noted that this article is to seek a by-law change. This in and of itself for practical purposes would change the name. However, there would need to be another Town Meeting article to effectuate the change. This article does not fully change the name unless the Charter is amended. **VOTE: 3-2-0.**

Action Items from Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the Action Items dated October 19, 2020.

Unaccounted for water loss status report: Town Manager Boynton stated this will be provided to the Selectmen via e-mail before the end of the month.

Selectmen's Reports

There were no items for the Board to review.

Selectman Crowley reported he spoke with Department of Public Works (DPW) Deputy Director Pelletier about the patch from Lovering Street to Route 109 and he is looking for the plan on how we will be addressing this. Mr. Boynton stated that we will attempt to have some leveling before the winter.

Selectman Foresto stated the Water Treatment Facility Committee has had two meetings with the Owner's Project Manager (OPM) and they walked site at the second meeting. He stated there were two questions that came out of these meetings. First, how to handle the residual/sludge including if lagoons are used where would they be located. Secondly, how do we build a plant and keep the area pristine as there is a pine forest in front. He commended the OPM and noted that most of the members of the committee have worked in the industry stating the project is off to a good start. He reported that a pilot was completed, and each well was tested for six different types of polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and none of the wells were at the 50% levels of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection limits so this was not an issue at this time. He reported that we will accommodate space wise to deal with PFAS, but not initially implement this operationally. Selectman Crowley asked for a project timeline similar to what has been provided to the Selectmen for the new DPW facility.

Selectman White stated the election is scheduled for tomorrow from 7am-8pm at the Middle School and everything has been set up for appropriate social distancing.

At 9:05 PM, Selectman White moved that the Board enter Executive Session Under 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

[Collective Bargaining]. The chair so declared. Selectman D’Innocenzo seconded and it was so voted by roll call: 5-0-0 (Crowley, aye; D’Innocenzo, aye; Foresto aye; Trindade, aye; White, aye).

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

Zoom Chat During Selectmen’s Meeting Follows:

From Andrew Page to Everyone: (7:02 PM)

[P]yes, one question [P]sorry had a question [P]

From Lawrence Ellsworth to Everyone: (7:07 PM)

[P]Larry Ellsworth on Article 15 [P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (7:07 PM)

[P]I'd like to speak on article 15 after Larry. mendy also wants to speak on Article 15. [P]

From Mendy Tarkowski to Everyone: (7:07 PM)

[P]I also have comments to make on article 15 [P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (7:38 PM)

[P]posted online where? [P]where is the Exelon review? [P]I'm sorry - I see agenda but no packets on Exelon or diversity [P]

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (7:42 PM)

[P]https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf866/f/uploads/11.2.20_press_pkt_1.pdf [P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (7:43 PM)

[P]where is it? agenda on calendar stops at the zoom [P].e. how do I navigate to it? [P]

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (7:48 PM)

[P]For anyone looking, this starts on page 46 on the agenda [P]

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (7:54 PM)

[P]Thanks, Brittney [P]

From Amanda K to Everyone: (7:55 PM)

[P]who gets to appoint people to this group? who makes that final decision? [P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (7:57 PM)

[P]<https://www.townofmedway.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf866/f/agendas/11-2-20.pdf> - this is what is on the calendar ->agenda. No materials. [P]

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (7:59 PM)

[P]Sue... it is in the link I put in above, under #5 - the full presentation is there [P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (7:59 PM)

[P] know, Julie, thanks. but if i wanted to find it on the town website, how do i navigate to it? it is not on the calendar.[P]

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (7:59 PM)

[P] Sorry, I don't know that answer SUE.[P] Sue.[P]

From Amanda K to Everyone: (8:00 PM)

[P] again, who gets the final decision on who is on the committee?[P]

From Laura Rymer to Everyone: (8:03 PM)

[P] My main concern is how can an inclusion committee be effective when the committee members are medway marches members? Medway Marches is not inclusive. MM have done nothing but shun, belittle, undermine, and verbally attack my mixed race family.[P]

From Marty (he/his/him) to Everyone: (8:03 PM)

[P] Amanda, did that last discussion answer your questions, BOS appoints, makes the final decision.[P]

From Amanda K to Everyone: (8:04 PM)

[P] I have concerns with Medway Marches as they are politically motivated. The group is not inclusive to all members of the town. I have been denied access to the group, yet I stand for their mission statement. This is concerning to me, and many others.[P]

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (8:04 PM)

[P] This committee is not directly affiliated with Medway Marches.[P]

From Marty (he/his/him) to Everyone: (8:04 PM)

[P] Medway Marches is not leading this effort, only one member of MM is on this group.[P]

From Laura Rymer to Everyone: (8:05 PM)

[P] Marty, that seems like a conflict of interest since you are a board member on MM.[P]

From Amanda K to Everyone: (8:06 PM)

[P] Still very concerning. Why would someone be blocked from participating in these events, just because they didn't vote the same way? I feel misrepresented as well, but apparently doesn't fit the agenda.[P] I'll be glad to join the committee.[P]

From Cyndy Ellis she/her/hers to Everyone: (8:07 PM)

[P] We have that list.[P]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:09 PM)

[P] looks like a great idea - IDE.[P]

From Marty (he/his/him) to Everyone: (8:10 PM)

[P] Amanda, if the committee gets approved, please feel to apply for one of the roles.[P]

From Amanda K to Everyone: (8:11 PM)

[P] certainly will.[P]

From Laura Rymer to Everyone: (8:14 PM)

[P] Marty, I wish you could better address my concern.[P]

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:16 PM)

Accurate points depicting Indigenous footpaths would be something I would personally like to see in my hometown, especially as Medway is my ancestor's homelands as well. I am only speaking as myself, not as a representative of my tribe at this point.

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:18 PM)

could the town come up with some money so the trails can be made accessible?

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:19 PM)

I'd love to engage with the cultural group and share some ideas with them.

From Laura Rymer to Everyone: (8:20 PM)

This new inclusion committee should have no political affiliation and people of all beliefs should be able to participate. Medway Marches excludes people. Can we expect the same type of treatment with this new committee? Also, will under represented Christian groups be supported by this group?

From Gail Hachenburg to Everyone: (8:21 PM)

Brittany,

From Jennifer Kendall to Everyone: (8:21 PM)

Hi Britney! We would love to have you come to a meeting! Agendas can be found online, but feel free to email us as well!

From Gail Hachenburg to Everyone: (8:21 PM)

We are very interested in the Native history of the land and trails. Please feel free to contact us.

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:22 PM)

could I be sent an email address? I believe Julie has tried to introduce us before *or website.

From Gail Hachenburg to Everyone: (8:22 PM)

Yes, you can contact me at hachen5@gmail.com

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (8:22 PM)

The Medway Business Council would be happy to help.

From Jennifer Kendall to Everyone: (8:22 PM)

it is on the town of medway cultural council webpage, but it is medwayculturalcouncil@gmail.com

From Alisha to Everyone: (8:23 PM)

@Laura Rymer: in case you missed the other messages prior to this, this is NOT affiliated with Medway Marches. The committee hasn't been formed yet, as you heard, and, yes, it will be representative of many groups and ideas. Also, Marty presented that the theme of this proposal and the new potential committee is inclusion. The committee, as should all of us, lead with inclusion first.

From Laura Rymer to Everyone: (8:24 PM)

Inclusion committee- you need to teach your board members to be inclusive with the people who currently reside in Medway instead of as a marketing tool.

From Donna Danielewski (she/her) to Everyone: (8:24 PM)

Can I please also suggest that braille signage be included in the budgeting process?

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:25 PM)

during design, i was told some of the trails would be accessible - any idea how much is accessible and what is left? especially if town has some interest in investing.

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (8:25 PM)

This sounds awesome... looking forward to it.

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:28 PM)

thanks joanne.

From Joanne Williams aka Hans Schickelgruber to Everyone: (8:31 PM)

Happy to discuss brail /accessibility: private message me.

From Gibb P to Everyone: (8:47 PM)

I agree with Maryjane in that this should have input from the larger community. I also agree with Dennis, that the Board should not be taking a position on this.

From Mendy Tarkowski to Everyone: (8:48 PM)

That information was difficult to find. I don't know of any towns that did it through the BOS. Every town I know of did it through a vote at meeting or election.

From Joanne Williams aka Hans Schickelgruber to Everyone: (8:51 PM)

It seems appropriate for the Board to offer their position, a recommendation if you like.

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (8:51 PM)

I'm doing a google search and it looks like most Select Board name changes were a vote of the residents, not the BOS.

From Mark Der Garabedian to Everyone: (8:52 PM)

And Julie that is the way it should be...I agree it should be the people of the town that provide input on this decision.

From Mendy Tarkowski to Everyone: (8:53 PM)

Can I make a comment?

From Joanne Williams aka Hans Schickelgruber to Everyone: (8:53 PM)

May we hear the comments from Mendy and Sue?

From Julie Dennehy to Everyone: (8:53 PM)

And Larry.

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:53 PM)

I'd like to hear Mendy please.

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:56 PM)

Thank you so much Mendy, language choice makes differences.

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:57 PM)

[P]
[SEP] have a quick response to dennis and maryjane [P]
[SEP]

From Brittney (she/her) to Everyone: (8:58 PM)

[P]
[SEP] Can we hear Sue please? [P]
[SEP]

From Sue Rorke to Everyone: (8:58 PM)

[P]
[SEP] does that mean BOS supports it on the warrant? [P]
[SEP]