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BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

Robert Neal Borden led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, July 25, 2013 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, July 2, 2013 (Executive Session) as submitted. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, June 27, 2013 (Open Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:35 p.m. Robert Neal Borden presented an exit report to the Board on his Eagle Scout Service project at DeMarco Park. Neal Borden and Troop 56 have refurbished the walking trails through the woods in John J. DeMarco Park. He explained this was a larger project than anticipated. The Eagle Scouts of Troop 56 who participated cleaned up the area, placed new rough-hewn benches throughout the park and installed a new sign describing the history of DeMarco Park.

Neal Borden thanked the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, and others in the Town, including business owners, who contributed funds and supplies to the project.

Chairman Hegarty, on behalf of the Board, thanked Neal Borden and the Eagle Scouts of Troop 56, for their hard work in completing the project, which they worked on for over four months. He also thanked the Troop 56 leadership.

Chairman Hegarty announced a celebration will be held this coming Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. for the reopening of the walking trails at John J. DeMarco Park. Unfortunately Representative Galvin cannot make the celebration, but Senator Brian Joyce will be in attendance. Chairman Hegarty asked residents to show their support and attend this celebratory event at John J. DeMarco Park.

Neal Borden again thanked the Board for the opportunity and mentioned that any remaining funds would be donated to the Town for the maintenance of the trails.

A request for a Block Party from the Pratt Street residents was received for the Board's approval. The party will be held from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 24th. This would be the 5th year for the Pratt Street neighborhood's Block Party.

With approval received from the Police and Fire Chiefs, Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the Pratt Street Block Party request for Saturday, August 24th. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty announced on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 a special election would be held for residents to vote on the following ballot question:

"Shall the Town of Avon be allowed to assess an additional Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$320,000) Dollars in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the salary budget of the Avon Fire Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013"?

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to sign the Special Election Warrant of Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Chairman Hegarty reported a discussion of the ballot question would take place at the September 5th Board of Selectmen meeting.

Chairman Hegarty announced a Special Town Meeting would be held on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Avon Middle High School. There is one (1) article on the warrant as follows:

“To see if the Town will vote to reduce the FY '14 operating budget of the Town of Avon as voted by Town Meeting on June 24, 2013 Line Item 220-1 Fire Department Salary by Three Hundred and Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$320,000) or take any other action in relation thereto.”

Mr. Brady made a motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant of September 16, 2013. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty reported if the vote is in the affirmative for the Special Election, then the Special Town Meeting of Monday, September 16, 2013 would not be held.

Fire Chief Spurr informed the Board of his recommendation/selection of the following individuals for the position of Call Firefighter:

Charles Comeau, Jr.	82 West High Street, Avon
James Houhoullis	373 Page Street, Avon
Patrick Manning	68 Freeman Street, Avon
Michael Theil	96 Oak Street, Avon
Kevin Topping	256 East High Street, Avon
Justin Murphy	140 South Street, Holbrook

On a motion made by Mr. Brady, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to appoint the above individuals as permanent Call Firefighters for the Town of Avon.

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTING

Mr. McCue discussed with the Board a Monthly Department Reporting Summary in order to keep the Board up to date on activities/events of each department and to increase communication. Mr. McCue asked the Board what departments they would like to see submit a monthly report.

Chairman Hegarty responded all departments within municipal government as well as the School Department. The Board agreed and would like to see a report from each department delivered on the last business day of the month. A copy of the report would be sent to the Board through the Town Administrator. Department heads would receive a copy to keep each department abreast of all noteworthy items in the Town.

MEDIA POLICY

Mr. McCue provided the Board with a Media Policy for their review and suggestions.

Mr. Rose suggested placing the item on the next Board of Selectmen agenda for action. Mr. Brady stated he agreed having a Media Policy is a good idea.

Mr. Rose made a motion to place the Media Policy on the September 5, 2013 agenda for action. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mr. McCue brought to the Board's attention an Employment Agreement for the Council on Aging Director for the Board's approval. Mr. Rose questioned whether the COA Director would receive the normal benefits as other department heads. Mr. McCue replied "yes."

Mr. Brady made a motion to sign the Council on Aging Director's contract. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A temporary sign permit application was received from Tim Bennett/Party City to display two (2) banners advertising the change in name from iParty to Party City at One Harrison Blvd. The two (2) vinyl banners would be displayed from August 19th through September 19th.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the temporary sign permit to display two (2) banners from August 19th to September 19th advertising the name change from iParty to Party City at One Harrison Blvd. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request was received from Avon Fish & Game Association for a one-day special alcohol permit for Saturday, September 14, 2013.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the one-day special alcohol permit for Avon Fish & Game Association on Saturday, September 14, 2013 (Valid 9/13 to 9/16/13). Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Meetings for the month of September were announced as follows:

Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Hegarty again mentioned that a discussion on the ballot override question to fund the Fire Department salary would be held during the September 5th Board of Selectmen meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Hegarty announced the Avon Park & Recreation Commission, in conjunction with Avon's 125th celebration is presenting "Family Movie Night" on Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Noonan Field, behind Avon Middle/High School. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. The movie being shown is "The Sandlot." Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be activities such as a DJ, water balloons, face painting, popcorn and cotton candy will be available. A donation of a non-perishable food item for the Avon Food Pantry is suggested. In case of rain, the activities will be held inside the High School auditorium.

Sunday, August 18, 2013—official opening of walking trails at John J. DeMarco Park at 1:00 p.m. All are welcome.

8:00 p.m. Verizon—Double pole discussion

Mr. Stanley Usovicz, Verizon's Government Affairs representative, appeared before the Board. Mr. Usovicz presented the Board with a handout consisting of the current double poles summary status in the Town of Avon. The summary listed ownership of poles in the Town.

Chairman Hegarty expressed his concern with the amount of double poles in Avon. Mr. Usovicz hopes the work to remediate double poles will be completed before the end of the fall season.

Mr. Rose suggested that Verizon workers need to go into the neighborhood and prioritize locations to get the work done.

Mr. Usovicz will work with Mr. McCue on the current list and will update the Board on Verizon's progress.

At 8:15 p.m. Mr. Usovicz departed.

YEE CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

Mr. Charles Albiani, Senior Environmental Consultant for Yee Consulting Group, Inc., appeared before the Board.

Chairman Hegarty discussed the cost to get the RFP prepared and to press with Mr. Albiani. He also questioned what the cost would be for oversight of the project.

Mr. Albiani reported the initial building material assessment at the Crowley Elementary School identified PCB's in two types and locations; in the gymnasium concrete block wall and on exterior windows. Mr. Albiani stated that once the asbestos assessment is clean, then the RFP can be issued for demolition.

After further questioning by the Board, Mr. Rose made a motion to issue the contract to Yee Consulting Group, Inc. for the PCB Survey at the Crowley Elementary School. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to award the contract to Yee Consulting Group, Inc. for package design and asbestos project oversight at the Crowley Elementary School. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Albiani thanked the Board for their time. We look forward to this opportunity to be of service to the Town of Avon on this assignment.

Mr. Albiani departed at 8:25 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Brady, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

1. Mr. McCue reported the CDBG grant was successful. The Town of Avon and the Town of West Bridgewater were awarded a FY 2013 Community Development Fund 1 (CDF1) grant in the amount of up to \$809,000 from the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. \$700,000 will go to shared home rehabilitation for approximately 12 units. The Town of Avon will be reimbursed the \$6000.00 originally spent for the application process.
2. Mr. McCue reported notification was received from FEMA that the Town will be receiving funds for the February 8 and February 9 snow event.
3. The Town Hall's new phone system is up and running. This is a state of the art system.
4. Approval has been received for avonmass.gov domain name
5. The unaccepted roads survey should be completed in the next few weeks

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss litigation matters. Mr. Brady seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken.

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Brady voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty wanted to wish all residents a safe and happy Labor Day weekend.

Respectfully submitted,



Miriam Rothstein

Secretary