

**Town of Mansfield
Board of Selectmen
Minutes of February 17, 2010**

Present: Chairman Baldwin, Vice Chairman Moran, Clerk Jess Aptowitz, Selectman Dentino, Selectman Sandra Levine, William Ross, Town Manager

Absent:

Smith and Nephew Endoscopy presentation

Lynn Tokarczyk, Government Incentives Consultant of Business Development Strategies, Keith Adams, Sr. Vice President Global Operations and Geary Munroe, Vice President Global Operations of Smith & Nephew Endoscopy are present for meeting.

Atty. Edward Valanzola and Kara Griffin, Chamber of Commerce are also present.

Smith & Nephew is a global medical device company and is an industry leader in each of its main global business units:

- Endoscopy
- Orthopaedic Reconstruction & Trauma
- Advanced Wound Management

These units offer over 1,000 product lines and are used in hospitals and healthcare centers throughout the world.

Smith & Nephew Endoscopy is headquartered in Andover, MA. The manufacturing facility for the company is located in the Cabot Business Park here in Mansfield. The company has proposed plans for an on site renovation project at its current facility. The project investment is estimated at \$2 million in private capital. Under the proposed job creation plan 350 full time jobs will be retained and 20 full time jobs will be created.

Smith & Nephew plans to apply for incentives under the EDIP that include:

- A state EOA investment tax credit on qualifying investments
- Municipal property tax relief in the form of a STA.

These tax incentives would assist Smith & Nephew in making the project economically feasible in addition to remaining competitive in the medical device industry.

Selectman Levine asked Smith & Nephew if they would settle for anything less than a Special Tax assessment (STA). Times are tough for all and the town may not be able to swing offering a full STA package.

She would love to see them stay in Mansfield and is a huge supporter of life science businesses.

Selectman Aptowitz reiterated that as a realtor he knows that there is a lot of property available to and hopes they choose to stay in Mansfield.

Selectman Moran is also a big supporter of life science businesses and the board has seen other manufactures leave town so they would like to work with them to keep their business.

Selectman Dentino thanked the presenters for coming in and asked a couple of questions regarding capital investments. There are also parking issues that Smith and Nephew are addressing with their neighbors and the Conservation Commission. (There are wetlands behind their current parking lot.)

Selectman Dentino then asked what kind of STA they are looking for. Ms. Tokarczyk stated that they don't have the numbers yet and they will forward them to Mr. Ross next week. This is just a "meet and greet" to familiarize the Board of Selectmen with what Smith and Nephew are doing in the community.

Mr. Ross updated the Board of Selectmen on his conversations with ConComm regarding the parking issues and recapped his experience with tax break programs in other states.

Kara Griffin, Chamber of Commerce stated their support for Smith and Nephew.

Weekly Business

Warrant No. 10032T in the amount of \$727,154.60

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)
(Aptowitz abstains from check # 418233)

Warrant No. 10032E in the amount of \$2,130,707.02

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10032PT in the amount of \$250,952.63

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10032TV in the amount of \$72,347.97

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10032SV in the amount of \$784.86

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033T in the amount of \$294,896.58

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033E in the amount of \$84,378.32

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033S in the amount of \$611,180.13

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033PT in the amount of \$273,320.53

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033TV in the amount of \$79,108.38

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033PS in the amount of \$1,338,462.25

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

Warrant No. 10033SV in the amount of \$406,003.17

Motion: To approve. (Levine/Moran) 4:0:1 passes (Dentino abstains)

- Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of December 16, 2009. Selectman Dentino would like to hold for further review.
- Board of Selectmen meeting minutes of January 6, 2010
Selectman Levine noted that she was MMA rep at conference not Selectmen Moran.
Motion: To approve minutes with correction. 4:0:1 passes (Baldwin abstain)
- One day beer and wine license application from Tri County Beagle Club.
Event on 2-20-10.
Motion: To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Application from Nathaniel Greene of Braintree for a constable license.
Chief O'Neill does not approve. The did not take any action on this.

- Drainlayers license application from Dejonco Construction Corp. Town Engineer recommends approval.
Motion: To approve. (Levine/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Automatic Amusement Device license application for TGIF restaurant. Routing slips have come back positive.
Motion: To approve license. (Moran/Levine) 5:0 passes

Correspondence

- Resignation letter from Laureen House from the Mansfield Beautification Committee.
Motion: Letter accepted with regret and thanks. (Moran/Levine) 5:0 passes
- Letter from the Garden Club regarding upcoming annual plant sale. As usual they are requesting permission:
 1. To set up two 8 x 4 signs at the S. & N. Commons on Friday, May 7th to Saturday, May 15th.
 2. Close Park Row at 5am on Saturday, May 15th through 1pm.
 3. Have town hall bathrooms open from 6am to 1pm on Saturday, May 15th.

Motion: To grant permission to the Garden Club for the above items.
(Moran/Aptowitz) 5:0 passes
- Letter of commendation from Chief O'Neill to Michael Melberg of Car Quest Auto Parts for his part in apprehending the Webster Bank robbery suspect.
Motion: To issue letter of commendation to Mr. Melberg for his quick actions.
- Letter of recognition from the Board of Health for all the help that town employees, volunteers and health staff generously gave during the flu clinics.

Town Manager Report

- He is now a registered voter and has fulfilled his residency requirement of his contract.
- The Acela train was dragging debris and it kicked up and damaged some cars in the parking lot. The MBTA has been contacted and is taking care of any claims.

Board of Selectmen old and new business

- Old business from Selectman Dentino: Update on flex time? Mr. Ross will have it at the next meeting. Selectman Dentino would also like the board to review the use of scheduled overtime by depts.
- Old business from Selectman Levine: None
- Old business from Selectman Aptowitz: None
- Old business from Selectman Moran: None
- Old business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Chairman Baldwin: None
- New business from Selectman Aptowitz: Would like a list of sick/vacation time of personnel that may be close to retirement. We need to know what to budget for.
- New business from Selectman Dentino: he would also like to see the bos review other employment policies for the next budget/contract cycle.
- New business from Selectman Moran: None
- New business from Selectman Levine: None

Adjournment

Motion: Adjourn at 8:08pm (Levine) 5-0 Passes

Jess Aptowitz
Signature of Clerk

March 31, 2010
Date of Approval