

Triboard Meeting
Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee/Planning Board
Minutes of March 25, 2019

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairman Vispoli called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room located in the Town Offices. Present from the Board of Selectmen: Alex Vispoli, Paul Salafia, Annie Gilbert, Chris Huntress, and Laura Gregory.

Present from the Finance Committee: Chair Eugenia (Janie) Moffitt, Vice Chair, John Barry, Jr, Linn Anderson, Andrew Betts, Paul Monticciolo, Spiro Christopoulos, Paul Russo, Blackwell Taylor, Bonnie Zahorik.

Present from the Planning Board: Chair, Zachary Bergeron, Vice Chair, Vincent Chiozzi, Jr. Joan Duff, Ann Knowles, Rocky Leavitt, Neil Magenheimer

Present: Town Manager Andrew Flanagan, Deputy Town Manager Mike Lindstrom, Finance Director Donna Walsh. The meeting was duly posted and cablecast live.

II. Opening Ceremonies/Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting began with a Moment of Silence followed by a Salute to the Flag.

III. Regular Business of the Tri-Board

A. VICOR Corporation

The Town Manager said VICOR is interested in pursuing a Tax Increment Finance Agreement (TIF), (similar to prior TIF agreements with Schneider Electric and Pfizer) that offers a percentage tax exemption that applies to the incremental assessed value of the parcel of land for expansion, as they look to expand their Andover Campus at 400 Federal Street.

VICOR is a leading developer and manufacturer of electronic power converters used for diverse, demanding applications and sells its products worldwide, and they are one of the largest manufacturers and employers in Andover.

Under the Mass Economic Development Incentive Program, the Town will continue to receive 100% of existing real estate tax revenue, the proposed expansion will generate a new assessed value in taxes which is the piece that VICOR is looking for potential tax incentives.

The Town Manager is currently negotiating an agreement with VICOR and upon completion of the agreement it would require approval by Town Meeting, and because the warrant for the Town Meeting has already closed, it would require a “Special Town

Meeting” within the Annual Town Meeting in order to move this forward in a timeframe consistent with the goals of VICOR.

Officials from VICOR provided an introductory presentation on the proposed expansion at their manufacturing facility at 400 Federal Street (VICOR Headquarters is located on 25 Frontage Road, Andover). Their proposed expansion will be a two-story manufacturing building with a project budget of \$33.5M that would not only retain their 768 full-time jobs but create new permanent full-time jobs that would add to the current estimate of \$3M VICOR and its employees spend with various establishments and services in the area (meals tax, hotel tax, permit fees etc.) and an increase in Commercial Tax Revenue for the Town.

VICOR has a long history of supporting local programs and charitable giving and they want to stay in Andover.

Alex Vispoli said the Board values having VICOR in Andover and wants them to stay and grow in Andover. Paul Salafia suggested they present their proposal to the Economic Development Committee. The Planning Board has just started the process for items that require permitting process, and modification of the original project (special permit). Dan Koh is concerned about the possibility of VICOR leaving Andover after the 6-year agreement ends.

IV. Adjournment

At 6:55 P.M. Laura Gregory moved for the Board to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Chris Huntress and voted 5-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Finance Committee adjourned.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Planning Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee DeLorenzo
Recording Secretary

Documents: VICOR Presentation