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SEIC Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2018 –Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave.

In attendance: Dick Johnson, Hank Tuohy, Charlie Ritch, Daryl Crossman, Mike Miller, and Jeff Picard

Guests: Tao Wolfe, Paul Gately, Ralph Vitacco

5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Dick Johnson

Charlie moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2018 meeting, second by Hank, unanimously approved.

Charlie presented the Financial Report. Hank moved approval of the Financial Report, second by Mike, unanimously approved.

Dick thanked Ralph for producing the agenda and turned the meeting over to him to proceed.

Ralph said he would send out some dates for a Wing School tour.

Under old business Wing School, Ralph discussed the various potential uses of the Wing School and informed the board that the Stafford Housing Development Group toured the facility and provided some potential uses which were primarily housing. Also that demolition of newer parts and use older for housing with tax credits was discussed. Ralph indicated that the information will be beneficial as the RFP for alternative uses is prepared. He also informed the board that an ad was being prepared for the New England Business General to generate private interest and presented a draft ad for review. Dick complimented Ralph for the ad and stressed the importance of marketing Sandwich. The selling schedule was also discussed and the fact that the baseball fields will not be included. The Collaborative lease was also discussed and their future in the building.

Ralph presented a draft plan for business development that is being created with Teri at the Sandwich Chamber. He informed the board that it would be on the Town's Web Site. Jeff recommended that the SEIC should be mentioned for economic development. Dick said that the SEIC could also be put it on the SEIC Web Site. Hank pointed out that he was still getting complaints regarding building approval expansions and that Sandwich should welcome expansion with open arms. Dick pointed out that building approvals in a timely fashion was very important to the private sector. Charlie make several recommendations that Ralph took under advisement which included a Road Map for the development process.

Continuing under old business, Ralph began discussion of the wastewater funding alternatives. He outlined the importance of communication through the DLTA Grant and public outreach through 4 TV segments prior to Town Meeting. Dave Mason is also doing a segment for cable TV. He pointed that any political activity had to be separate from the SEIC. He also recommended the formation a Jan Sebastian Business Association and requested assistance from the SEIC. He thought that the association would be a voice for wastewater. Mike indicated that there was an association there years ago . Charlie stated that these businesses would tremendously benefit from the wastewater system. Jeff recommended that we reach out to businesses owners as well as businesses that rent space. Ralph said he would supply the list to Dick for out reach to the businesses on Jan Sebastian.

Mike then explained the financial plan approved by the Board of Selectmen for wastewater. The plan includes a new Water Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF) at 2% coupled with a 1% reduction in the CPC fund to 2%, thus a net increase of 1% for both water and community preservation. This would be complimented by 25% from private contributions, grants, and or connection fees. Mike stressed that debt had been incurred for CPC projects and that elimination of the CPC funding would leave a tremendous burden on the tax payer. He also stated that that we have a ownership in the Popponesset Water Shed with Barnstable and Mashpee and that funds had to be available for whatever the corrective actions were taken with the inter municipal agreement. The cost to the tax payer would be \$57.00 in the first year with a slight increase in future years and would include water expansion, pond protection, drainage, and wastewater. Hank questioned whether the schools were included. Mike responded that they were. Dick stressed that the cost to other communities on the Cape is much higher and that Sandwich is fortunate to have a regional approach and many good Title 5 Systems. He also stressed that these systems need constant upgrades and that the WIIF would provide a constant stream of funds for future needs without constantly going back to Town Meeting for money. Mike said that the approval would be required on a warrant for Town Meeting in the fall and a vote of the electorate in the spring. Daryl stated that he could not support the recommendation if CPC was reduced by more than 1% because of the great projects completed by CPC and need to support the debt incurred for these projects. Dick mentioned that there were new grant programs being considered at the state level to assist with water projects.

Charlie motioned to approve the funding strategy recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, second by Hank, unanimously approved. Dick said he would draft a letter to the selectmen in support of their funding recommendation.

Mike informed the SEIC that the selectmen's biggest issue was approval of the WIIF. Dick reminded Mike that the Selectmen need to appoint a replacement for Teri.

Next meeting will be ~~October 15~~ September 17

Hank moved to adjourn, second by Charlie, unanimously approved.

Approved
DeeDee Johnson
President SEIC