

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JULY 12, 2007

Present: Thomas Keyes, Adam Chaprales, Randal Hunt, Frank Pannorfi, Linell Grundman

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Paul Schrader, Dave Mason, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Chaprales moved the minutes of June 28, 2007 as submitted. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. The Finance Committee rescheduled tomorrow night's meeting to Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00.
2. The next Long Range Planning meeting is Tuesday, July 24 and the next Selectmen's meeting is Thursday, July 26.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman noted there are still seats available on the Hogwarts train ride. Mr. Dunham and Lapp were thanked for their assistance with this project.
2. **Mr. Chaprales moved to amend the minutes of June 28 stating "*Mr. Chaprales recused himself from the Town Treasurer Investment Policy discussion due to his work.*" Mr. Pannorfi seconded the amendment. Unanimous.**
3. Mr. Dunham announced Heritage Museum is sponsoring Circus Smircus again this year on July 23 – July 25.
4. Mr. Keyes congratulated and thanked all those involved in the July 4th activities particularly Recreation Director Dan Landesman.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Mr. Paul Schrader spoke about his concerns over the deterioration of the sand dunes at Town Neck Beach and encouraged the Board to take steps to protect the dunes.

STAFF MEETING

1. Health Agent Dave Mason explained the recent closure of the Mill Pond Creek was due to the results received from routine water-sampling program which is done on a weekly basis. The likely cause is from the recent rainfall, road and lawn runoff which created a high bacteria count. The testing is done at the stillest point of high tide and the counts can be affected by the tide changes. The sign posted that the beach was closed was "just a warning". Through Paul Tilton, the Town did receive funding from the Mass. Estuaries Program in an effort to address the runoff issues. The Board also discussed the effect the canal jetty has had on Sandwich beaches. Mr. Keyes felt it was a good idea to have the Town's consultant, Kurt Bosma from WHOI, come back in to discuss the beach erosion issue.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham presented the final Verizon cellular lease agreement. **Mr. Chaprales moved to accept the Site Agreement between Bell Atlantic Mobile of Massachusetts Corporation Ltd. A Bermuda corporation d/b/a Verizon Wireless and the Town of Sandwich. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Keyes noted that the Long Range Planning meetings are held every other Tuesday at 6:30 at Town Hall. The meetings are open to the public. Ms. Grundman said she still feels the School Committee and Finance Committee should be represented at the Long Range Planning Meetings. Mr. Keyes stated the School Committee was invited. Both Mr. Keyes and Mr. Pannorfi spoke to members of the Finance Committee who feel they should not take a participatory role in the decision making process.
3. Mr. Hunt discussed at length the Clark-Haddad building and the potential of renting the building out to SACAT. Mr. Hunt has discussed the possibility with Joe Armellino, SACAT Director, who will have to determine if the building is suitable for the studio. The Board also discussed the historic value of the property. Mr. Hunt would like the Board's approval to agree to proceed with an open RFP so that SACAT can determine the suitability and not have the RFP so narrow that someone other than SACAT can bid. **Mr. Hunt moved to allow SACAT appropriate access to determine suitability for future home and that the Board agrees to proceed with open RFP if SACAT determines suitable and have RFP not too narrow that someone else cannot bid or be excluded from the RFP. Mr. Pannorfi seconded.** The Board discussed limiting access to just SACAT. **Mr. Hunt amended the motion to allow SACAT, or any other interested group, the appropriate access to the building to determine its suitability for the group's use; and that the BOS agree to proceed with an open RFP process if the building is determined to be suitable for SACAT or any other interested group. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Motion on amendment - Unanimous. Motion on main motion - Unanimous.** This motion does not preclude the Town from selling the building down the road. Mr. Keyes would like to see the property back on the tax rolls and also suggested that if the building is leased that an agreement be made on the maintenance and up-keep. The

Board said that if people are interested in viewing the building, it could be arranged through the Selectmen's office who will coordinate it with the Superintendent's office.

LONG RANGE PLAN

1. At the Tuesday Long Range Planning meeting the Board reviewed their goals and Mr. Dunham gave an updated list of large-scale building projects. Ms. Grundman said she has received calls asking when the Charter recommendations will go to Town Meeting. Mr. Pannorfi asked about the status of the Town Hall renovations. Mr. Dunham said that additional structural studies need to be done. Mr. Pannorfi asked to try and have the report done by the next CPC meeting in September. Mr. Pannorfi asked for an update on the electrical work at Town Hall. Mr. Keyes said last week the Board voted not to support spending \$33,000 to move the electrical box, however, the Historical Commission said that Mass. Historical must review it. In 1989 the Town entered into an agreement with Mass. Historic that any exterior changes must be approved. The project will not move forward until a decision is made by the State. Mr. Pannorfi feels the Board should vote to rescind their original motion in case Mass. Historic votes to have the electric being moved. Mr. Keyes said Mr. Dunham has the right to expend the money. Mr. Pannorfi questioned Mr. Dunham's right to expend the funds since that the Board did not vote to fund it. **Ms. Grundman moved to rescind vote taken at our last meeting on considering the expenditure of \$33,00 to remove the electrical work. Mr. Hunt seconded.** Mr. Pannorfi read the motion from the last meeting and did have the motion to expend funds. **Ms. Grundman amended the motion to rescind vote taken that we approve the project be completed as planned. Mr. Hunt seconded.** Mr. Chaprales asked what would happen if the state does not require the box to be moved. Mr. Hunt said it will have to come back before the Board. Mr. Keyes said Mr. Dunham could make that determination. Mr. Hunt said he has learned a lot since their original vote and does not know if he would vote the same way again. Mr. Dunham added that it was the Building Inspector's decision that the electrical work does not have to go before Historic District Committee, however, the air condition condenser project does. Mr. Dunham has been in contact with Mass. Historic. **Vote on amendment to Main Motion – Unanimous. Vote on Main Motion - Unanimous.**
2. **Mr. Chaprales moved to appoint Craig Mayen as the alternate to the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Nstar, in a letter dated June 29, 2007, has requested to take ownership of several poles within the layout of the Town Cemetery to provide electricity to the Army Corps. **Mr. Chaprales moved to grant Nstar Electric company ownership of**

existing private poles and obtain access as outlined in the Conveyance and Easement agreement. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

2. The Cape Cod Commission has proposed to the Cape towns the ability to allow towns to hold some type of joint project reviews with the Commission. The Board, at this time, was not in favor of any of the proposed Commission options. Mr. Dunham said most other towns are not responding to the Commission suggestions either.
3. Mr. Pannorfi said on Wednesday he, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Dunham, and Mr. Lehane met to discuss the subject of capital improvements and trying to identify and develop a process for prioritizing the projects. The group would like the Board's support to proceed. The process will also include public input. Paul Kilty, of the Finance Committee, will also be involved.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

1. Mr. Pannorfi thanked the Board members for reconsidering their vote on two weeks ago regarding the Town Hall electrical work.

ADJOURNMENT

9:00 p.m. **Mr. Chaprales moved to adjourn. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall

