

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPTEMBER 13, 2007

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Sandwich Enterprise, SACAT



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Pannorfi moved the minutes of August 23, 2007 as presented. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

1. This Saturday morning, the Finance Committee will meet to tour the town buildings then have a workshop scheduled for new members at Sandwich Hollows.
2. The Cape Cod Commission meets Thursday, September 20 and will be discussing the “Golden Triangle”. The Town’s main goal is to get the Commissioners to agree to allow the Commission staff to continue working on the Development Agreement between the Town and the Meetinghouse Village developer.
3. The Council on Aging, in partnership with the Town of Bourne, is holding two workshops: 1) Substance Abuse by Cape Cod Youth at 7:30 p.m. and Grandparents raising grandchildren at the Bourne Senior Center on September 24, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman reported that Sandwich’s preliminary MCAS scores are consistently above the National Average. Mr. Reino gave his end of the year report and thanked the Town for their cooperation with many of the recent school repairs. Also appreciation was expressed from the School Committee for allowing the Committee to be involved in the Selectmen’s Long Range Plan. Finally, Ms. Grundman reported that Officer Bruce Lawrence was selected to become the new School Safety Officer.
2. Last Saturday Mr. Pannorfi and Mr. Chaprales were at the Selectmen’s Corner at Stop & Shop on Route 6A and a lot of good questions were raised. Mr. Pannorfi reported on the CPC meeting held Monday evening. The CPC will be accepting applications through January 15. Mr. Pannorfi presented thank you cards made by the students of the elementary schools thanking everyone for the new playgrounds.

3. Ms. Grundman said POPs is trying to reorganize. A meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium for anyone interested in getting the group going again. The Grange Hall is holding a fundraiser for its restoration project on November 2nd and 3rd. Randy Hunt will be starring in the show.
4. Mr. Hunt announced the 6th Annual Glasstown Gala is Friday, October 26 at the Dan'l Webster Inn.
5. Ms. Grundman said Saline Gordon of the Broadsider is going to England for a year and asked Ms. Grundman to say goodbye to everyone for her.
6. Mr. Keyes expressed condolences to the family of Firefighter David Boles. Services will be on September 14, 10:30 a.m. at the Corpus Christi Church.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Steve McKenna of the Massachusetts CZM, Dr. Jo Ann Muramoto from the Association to Preserve Cape Cod and Theresa Barbo, Center for Coastal Studies gave a presentation on the Cape Cod Bay No Discharge Zone application and Federal recognition of the designation. The designation will cause the elimination of all boat sewage discharges, including treated and untreated sewage in Cape Cod Bay. **Mr. Pannorfi moved that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sandwich send letter of support to Mr. Todd Callaghan of Mass. Coastal Zone Management in support of the Cape Cod Bay No Discharge Designation. Ms. Grundman seconded.** Mr. Hunt asked the Board to reconsider and take the vote next week so that the Board can have time to weigh in on all the information. The Board agreed and **Mr. Pannorfi withdrew his motion.** Mr. Keyes thanked the presenters for their work on this program.

8:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING – SANDWICH MARINA RATE HEARING

Mr. Pannorfi moved to open marina rate hearing. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Fayne reviewed his recommended changes with the Board. He has requested that the recreational slips be increased by \$10.00 per foot. Second, he feels that an increase in the commercial rate could have a devastating effect. Instead he would like to install electric meters at each of the commercial slips. Currently the Town pays the electric bill for all the slips, commercial and recreational. He spoke with the Pam Bradst of the Real Estate Division at the Corps who has agreed to allow the installation of the meters and not raise the rates. The fairness issue was brought up that the commercial rate has only increased \$10 in the past 10 years and the appearance is that recreation boaters are subsidizing them. Mr. Fayne said that the commercial boat slips are harder to fill and he has lost two commercial boats recently, which hasn't happened before. Normally the commercial slip boats stay for life. Mr. Fayne said that transient boaters are 500 less than the year before, however, fuel sales is only a few hundred gallons below last year. Mr. Fayne explained that any changes made by the Board have to be approved by the Corps as well. Mr. Pannorfi asked about the new parking area. Mr. Fayne said it

generated \$10,500 this year but interest is increasing. No public comment. **Mr. Pannorfi moved to close the public hearing. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Pannorfi moved to approve rate schedule for 2008 as recommended by Harbormaster Greg Fayne. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.**

Mr. Fayne also briefly explained the EPA has created a new enforcement issue whereby pressure-washing boats has to be done in a containment area. Mr. Fayne's hope is that a mobile system will be designed since the Marina does not have the space to create a special area. Mr. Fayne also believes that boat "washdowns" will also be eliminated.

OLD BUISNESS

Miscellaneous project update: 1) Several CPC projects are done or in the works – the exterior shingling of the Hoxie House and roof bid specs should be complete in the next few weeks; work at the First Church is in the works; the playgrounds at the elementary school are complete; the Adventure Playground is a bit behind schedule due to additional site-work that needs to be done and far exceeded the price estimates. 2) Contractors have been in to Town Hall to give estimates on the structural repairs that will need to be done, including completely redoing the floor upstairs and ceilings on the first floor. The quotes should be received in about two weeks. Any interior changes will also have to go to Massachusetts Historic. Ted Hamilton went before the Sandwich Historical Commission regarding the exterior electric units. The Historical Commission does not want the wiring run outside the building and wants it put underground. The local electrical inspector says underground does not meet code, so the electrical project is on-going. 3) The bidders for the Roberti Farm were asked to submit additional information regarding their proposal, which is due by October 1. 3) The tax title auction should be ready to be held in the fall with approximately 10- 12 parcels. 4) The bid opening for the Town Hall Square improvement project is next month. 5) The FY07 annual Audit is going on now; 6) Homeowners who do not have stickers are allowed now to go into the Transfer Station on the first Monday of each month from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. for recycling only. If the first Monday is a holiday, it will be open the second Monday of the month. 6) The public forum on Alternative Energy is Wednesday, September 26, 7:30 p.m. at the Human Services Building. 7) The Town is participating, along with about 8 other communities, in looking into a regional collaboration for cable license renewals on Cape Cod. 8) Attorney John Giorgio will be in to the Board's September 27 meeting to review the EDIC Task Force bylaws. 9) Due to it being a re-evaluation year, the third quarter tax bill may have to be estimated.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ms. Grundman, Mr. Pannorfi, Mr. Dunham, Mr. Lapp and Mr. Lehane have been working on how to get public input on major capital projects and prioritizing the capital list. The first public forum will be held on Saturday morning on October 20, Sandwich High School small conference room, and Monday evening, October 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Forestdale multi-purpose room. Mr. Pannorfi added the idea is to solicit input and needs of the community such as Police, Fire, Council on Aging, Library, and/or fields.

2. Ms. Grundman expressed concern for the workers who will lose income when a business, such as the Taverna, is served with a violation and has to close. Mr. Pannorfi agreed, however, that is the responsibility of the owner to be aware of the consequences. Mr. Dunham added that the Taverna will be open, they just cannot sell alcohol.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Grundman was concerned about illegal dumping particularly on Mill Road, and asked if anything can be done such as blocking the road. Mr. Dunham explained there are different categories of roads and it depends on what the road is listed as to what the Town can do. There is a \$300 fine in the bylaws for illegal dumping, however it is difficult to catch the offenders.
2. Mr. Pannorfi said the Town received a letter from the Cape Cod Commission looking for a Selectman representative on the Metropolitan Planning Committee. The Board believed the Committee was being represented by a Mashpee Selectmen on behalf of the other Towns.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

9:05 p.m. Mr. Pannorfi moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Disposition/Acquisition of Real Property and coming out for the purpose of adjournment only. Ms. Grundman seconded. Mr. Hunt, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Pannorfi, Mr. Keyes so moved. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall