

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JANUARY 10, 2008**

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Mark Galkowski, Mike Hickey, civics class students, Attorney Ben Losordo



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Mr. Chaprales moved the minutes of January 3, 2008 as presented. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

1. Next Monday, January 14 is the Special Town Meeting. Copies of the warrant are available. Also, a reminder that babysitting will be provided at Town Meeting. Next Thursday is the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Ms. Grundman announced at the last School Committee meeting Superintendent Young tendered her resignation effective the end of June. The Committee also discussed the budget, which includes a 4% increase. The Upper Cape Voke Technical School also has its preliminary budget prepared.
2. Mr. Pannorfi said at some point he would like clarification on the definition of foundation budget vs. net school spending.
3. Mrs. Grundman said the School Committee is drafting a formal comment letter not supporting the residency requirement for the Superintendent.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None

**STAFF MEETING - Mark Galkowski and Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries  
Biologist Mike Hickey**

Mr. Galkowski and Mr. Hickey discussed in detail the history of the town's shellfish beds, the closure of the beds and the steps being taken to hopefully re-open them. In 1988, the criteria for water quality changed causing a lot of beds to be closed. The DMF primary focus in re-opening beds in Massachusetts were the beds that had commercial

value. In the past few years, Town departments have been working on various projects to improve the water conditions, such as drainage repairs for road runoff and septic system repairs/upgrades. Mr. Hickey noted in barrier beach areas and marsh areas there is good flushing but not a lot of dilution. It will take at least a year of consistent testing before the DMF will approve opening the beds. There may also be seasonal limits to the openings based on the test results. The goal is to be able to open by the winter of 2009.

Mr. Galkowski also gave an update on the Shawme Pond dam project. The bid documents are nearly complete with a target date of late Aug./Sept. 08.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. The pre-town meeting meeting was held on Tuesday with the Moderator, Town Council and the Town Clerk to review the warrant for the January 24 Special Town Meeting. It was noted that the article regarding changing the Town Clerk to an appointed position is on the warrant because it was a recommendation of the Charter Committee.
2. Mr. Pannorfi spoke about misinformation in the newspaper about the CPC funding for the Town Hall restoration and feels the questions have been answered clearly. Ms. Grundman respects the right to disagree, but feels the full financial disclosure of the plan is not complete, including future costs and placement of the employees while the renovations are being done. Mr. Keyes said the downstairs will also be renovated and does not believe the expenses will be outlandish and moving the employees will be a one-time cost. Ms. Grundman said she was surprised the article ended up on the January warrant and would have like complete disclosure of costs before going to Town Meeting.
3. Attorney Ben Losordo was present to discuss the demolition of the Freezer building. He feels there was prior miscommunication between the Town and his client regarding setting up the required site review meeting. His client has received the letter from the Town and is willing to attend a site review meeting at which time the Inspector of Buildings will give a formal timetable for demolition.
4. The Board briefly discussed the Town Hall restoration article and Mr. Hunt asked if the article had been on the draft warrant from the beginning. Ms. Grundman added that it had been on the draft warrant but had yet to be approved by the CPC, that's why she was surprised it was on the final warrant.
5. Mr. Dunham reported that seven of the eleven parcels sold at the auction have closed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Every year for the purpose of issuing seasonal package good store licenses the Board must vote on the seasonal population estimate. **Mr. Chaprales moved that the Town of Sandwich increased resident population as of 7/1 is estimated at 33,000. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Ms. Grundman mentioned that residents may want to mark their property with some type of flagging/markers to delineate their yards for snow plowing.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Civics Student Jared Moore asked about the budget for the track at the high school.
2. Civics Student Paul Maganella saw the School Committee meeting regarding the language arts program being possibly cut at K-8 and he praised Julie Walsh, the K-8 French teacher.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

None

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Chaprales moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Disposition of Real Property and reconvening for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall