

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 2, 2008**

**Present:** Linell Grundman, John Kennan, Frank Pannorfi, Randal Hunt

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Cape Cod Times, Jan Timmons, John Johnson, Greg Smith, Chief George Russell, Deputy Chief Tom Corriveau, Sean Grady, Dave Mason, Ed Eichner



**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No minutes were presented for approval.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. Upcoming meetings: Next Monday at 6:00, the CPC meets at 16 Jan Sebastian Drive; Finance Committee meets Tuesday, 7:00 at the Library, and next Thursday's Selectmen public forum will focus on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.
2. The Assembly of Delegates will hold a hearing next Tuesday at 2:30 in the Assembly meeting room to review the Draft Regional Policy Plan.
3. Mr. Dunham checked with the Town Accountant and the memorial to Barbara Walling, as proposed by Doug Dexter, is a legitimate expense and can be paid from Town funds.

**CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Mr. Kennan and Ms. Grundman attended the Energy Roundtable discussion hosted by Attorney General Martha Coakley. Senate President Therese Murray was also in attendance. The purpose was to share ideas and discuss the financial and public safety implications of rising energy costs. Also discussed were ways for cost reduction and increased energy efficiency for municipalities.
2. Ms. Grundman attended the MMR fire station transfer ceremony on September 29. The fire department was transferred as a federal facility to the State Department of Public Safety. Senator Murray was recognized for her efforts in making this transaction possible.
3. On Thursday October 16, more than 80 Cape Cod companies will be exhibiting and vending at the Business Connect at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Council on Aging Director Jan Timmons went over the fuel assistance program, which is available to all residents of all ages that financially qualify. Ms. Timmons also announced the Octoberfest event being held Sunday, October 12 at the Aqua Grill to raise funds for energy assistance for all ages.

## STAFF MEETING

Water Quality Advisory Committee member Sean O'Grady, Health Agent Dave Mason and Ed Eichner, Senior Water Research Scientist UMass Coastal Systems Program, were in to discuss the Popponesset Bay Watershed Remediation. Mr. Eichner explained that portions of three towns; Mashpee, Sandwich and Barnstable, are in the Watershed. Mr. Eichner explained in detail the plans to develop strategy plans for the cleanup. The Clean Water Act calls for a determination of the total maximum daily load. In order to determine the TMDL the options are: share based on area of town within watershed, or possibly trading nitrogen credits based on better treatment in one area, and several other options. The next step is the process is to appoint an inter-municipal committee to develop an inter-municipal agreement to identify how each town will reduce nitrates in the watershed. The Water Quality Advisory Committee (WQAC) has been part of the discussions for at least two years. The WQAC has applied for funds through the TEXTRON settlement to address the nutrient loading to meet mandated obligations set by the Mass. Estuaries Program and the Clean Water Act. There will be a meeting on October 15 to discuss the process to apply for these funds. Mr. Mason mentioned that this all ties into the complaints the Board has received regarding the local ponds. Mr. Mason has recommended to the residents surrounding the ponds to work on a program together to reduce the effluence going into the ponds.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – Sandwich Hollows Golf Club Fee Hearing**

Golf Director John Johnson was present and reviewed the fees as charged by Sandwich Hollows. Mr. Johnson intends to not raise any fees and leave the current rates.

**Mr. Pannorfi moved to open the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

No public comment.

**Mr. Pannorfi moved to close the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

**Mr. Kennan moved to approve recommendations of Sandwich Hollows Golf Advisory Committee to approve the rates as described on rate sheet. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

### **STAFF MEETING – Director of Planning Greg Smith**

Mr. Smith drafted a letter to be signed by the Selectmen with comments to the Assembly regarding the Regional Policy Plan. Mr. Smith read the letter. Mr. Smith also explained he also has technical comments written by other department heads on the draft plan. Also present at the meeting was Alan Trebat the Town's Cape Cod Commission representative. Mr. Pannorfi strongly suggested that Mr. Smith discuss the Town's comments with Mr. Trebat and Mr. Keyes. Mr. Smith stated the revised final draft would be sent to the Assembly for a final vote on October 30. Mr. Smith briefly discussed other projects he has been working on. The Board thanked Mr. Smith for his work since his hire in July. The Board approved by consensus the letter as drafted.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Chief George Russell and Deputy Chief Corriveau presented several other options for opening the East Sandwich Fire Station and the cost for each option. The Board has put an article on the warrant asking for a study to be done on public safety issues.
2. The Board agreed to review the FY10 goals the first meeting in November.

3. Mr. Dunham discussed the Marina Expansion. There are still a lot of outstanding answers needed from the Corps. Mr. Dunham also mentioned that any future expansion is commercial only, which will not relieve the pleasure craft waiting list.
4. Mr. Dunham attended a meeting regarding the Freezer Plant. A new contractor has come in and will hopefully have the site cleaned up by mid-November.
5. Mr. Dunham updated the Board on the Water Street utility request. He met with DPW director Paul Tilton and supports Mr. Tilton's decision. The utility company is now looking to see if they can open the sidewalk rather than the roadway. In order to do the original work, a 4'x2' chamber would have to be cut in the newly paved roadway. The policy of the DPW is to not cut into roads that have paved within the past 5 years.
6. The Board discussed the memorial for Barbara Walling. They expressed concern about setting a precedent and felt the memorial should be paid from private funds.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Mr. Kennan moved to confirm the Conservation Restriction as approved by the Conservation Commission for Lookout Ridge Subdivision. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Dunham has paperwork for the Board to sign for a 25-year lease to the MMR for a right-of-way on Windsong Road.
3. Ms. Grundman asked about the request for sidewalks on Sandy Neck Road. Mr. Dunham said the DPW supports this requests, however, there is no money to fund it.
4. The Board discussed having the local legislatures come in to discuss the Mirant issues, including Senate President Murray, Rep. Perry, Mark Forrest, Rep. Matt Patrick and Sen. Leary.
5. The School Committee will host the next tri-Board meeting November 19.
6. Mr. Kennan announced the Golf Advisory Committee is looking for new members, and the EDC has openings for two alternates.
7. Mr. Pannorfi mentioned the Board should begin discussing Mr. Dunham's contract soon.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

10:00 p.m. **Mr. Kennan moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and coming out for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Mr. Kennan, Mr. Pannorfi, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Grundman so moved. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall