

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN DECMEBER 11, 2008

Present: Linell Grundman, John Kennan, Frank Pannorfi, Randal Hunt, Dana Barrette

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Cape Cod Times, Upper Cape Codder, Robert Jensen, Greg Smith, Chris Bailey, Dave Curtis, Carl Johansen, Bill Carig, students of High School Civics Class.

The meeting was called to order immediately following an Executive Session held at 6:00 at the Human Services building for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and reconvening into Open Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Finance Committee meets Tuesday, December 16 at Jan Sebastian Drive.
2. Mr. Dunham and Mr. Lapp attended two days of mandatory emergency management training this week at the Barnstable Fire Academy.
3. Mr. Dunham gave an update on the dam project.
4. Doug Dexter announced he has received enough money for the Barbara Walling memorial plaque and thanked every for their contributions.
5. The Town recently received notice that the Army Corps will be dredging portions of the Canal. The Town was hoping to receive the spoils but there are questions regarding the permitting and funding.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman attended the all-day Special Education Summit.

LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

ZBA Chair Bob Jensen and Planning Director Greg Smith gave a detailed presentation on the Local Comprehensive Plan. The final draft is on the Town's website. The Plan will go before the Cape Cod Commission for approval on January 5, 2009 with a final certification vote at Town Meeting. Mr. Jensen and Mr. Smith took questions from the Board and from the audience.

SEIC CORPORATION UPDATE

Dave Curtis and Chris Bailey gave an overview and update on the Sandwich Economic Incentive Corporation. Town Counsel John Giorgio's comments regarding revisions to the SEIC Special Act were received and the Board briefly reviewed. Mr. Curtis and Mr. Bailey took questions from the Board and from the audience. The SEIC Act must also be approved by Town Meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Carl Johansen and Bill Carig spoke.

CLOSING REMARKS

1. Mr. Pannorfi suggested putting an article on the Special Town Meeting to re-appropriate the \$765,000 from the fire department article into Free Cash. He added that the one-time money from the sale of tax title property was specifically to go towards capital expenses. Mr. Dunham noted that \$710,000 was appropriated. Mr. Hunt said that without the \$710,000 he didn't know how the Board would "bridge the gap" with a \$1.7 million deficit and if Chapter 70 aid is level funded and an anticipated reduction of 10% in all other local aid, the \$1.7 could be worse. Mr. Dunham's goal is to get the final capital request draft to the Capital Improvement Planning committee before the New Year. Not on the list are new roofs for the two elementary schools which could run \$750,000 - \$1.0 million each.
2. The wreath auction at St. John's Church is this Friday at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

10:10 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall