

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN DECEMBER 18, 2008

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Maggie Downey, Michael Pillarella, Carl Johansen, Bill Carig, students of High School Civics Class

The meeting was called to order immediately following a 6:00 p.m. Executive Session held at the Human Services Building.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Kennan moved the minutes of December 4, 2008. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Finance Committee met Tuesday and received updates on the free cash and recap sheet.
2. The Council on Aging is hosting a community breakfast New Years Day at 9:00 a.m.
3. Shawme Heights, again this year, donated \$2,500 in lieu of taxes to be used for Sandwich residents in need.
4. Mark Marinaccio has stepped down as the Architect Representative on the Historic District Committee. The Committee is now seeking a new member which can be either a builder or architect and must live in the District.
5. The bids were opened for the business plan RFP for Sandwich Hollows. The selection team has chosen National Golf Foundation for the bid price of \$36,500. A final report should be complete by May. Mr. Dunham also gave an update on the handicap access work being done at the clubhouse.
6. Mr. Galkowski gave a brief update on the dam reconstruction.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Carl Johansen wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

STAFF MEETING

Maggie Downey was in to discuss the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative. She gave a brief history, background and objectives of the Cooperative as well as the benefits of towns joining. The next step in the process is to receive approval from Town Meeting then the individual towns

will adopt the Coop. Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Ms. Downey also said that there were not be a cost to the towns, and that grant funds will be used for the analysis.

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Appointments:

1. Town Accountant Doreen Guild's appointment was missed in the annual appointments; therefore, the appointment should be retroactive to July 1. **Mr. Hunt moved to appoint Doreen Guild as Town Accountant for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.**
2. **Mr. Hunt moved to appoint Andrew Jones as alternate to the Historic District Committee for the calendar year January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.**
3. **Mr. Hunt moved to appoint Katherine Heras to the Recreation Committee for the period December 18, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.**
4. Mr. Michael Pillarella was present and introduced himself as the new proposed Manager for the CPG Ridge Club, Inc. **Mr. Kennan moved to approve the Change of Manager for CPG Ridge Club, Inc. d/b/a Ridge Club to Michael Pillarella. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed Town Counsel's recommended revisions to the SEIC draft legislation. Chris Bailey participated in the discussion.
2. The Goals and Objectives will be discussed at the Board's next meeting.
3. Mr. Dunham has held several discussions with department heads regarding the capital budget. He is working to get it down to \$500,000.
4. Rep. Perry has asked that the Board write a letter regarding increasing the rooms' tax. Mr. Perry is not in favor of it. Mr. Hunt would like to hear from the local inns/restaurants before giving an opinion. Mr. Kennan will bring it up at tomorrow's Chamber meeting.
5. Superintendent Johnson was present to ask for the Board's signature on a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority to open dialog for potential funding to repairs to the elementary schools. The School Committee has made Oak Ridge the priority school for this Letter of Interest. **Mr. Hunt moved the following resolution: Resolved having convened at an opening meeting on December 18, 2008 the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Sandwich in accordance with its Charter, bylaws and ordinances has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest dated 17 December 2008 for the Oak Ridge School located on Quaker Meetinghouse Road in Sandwich which describes and explains the deficiencies and priority categories for which the Town of Sandwich may be invited to apply to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future and hereby further specifically acknowledge that by submitting the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application for awarding of a grant or any future funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority or commits the Town of Sandwich to filing an application for funding to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.**

PUBLIC FORUM

A student of the High School Civics Class express concern about the business hours her veterinarian is allowed to stay open.

CLOSING REMARKS

The Board wished everyone a happy, safe holiday season. Mr. Kennan wished Mr. Pannorfi a speedy recovery.

ADJOURNMENT

9:30 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall