

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MARCH 13, 2008

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Broadsider, Enterprise, Craig Mayen, Carl Johansen, Penny Blackwell



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Chaprales moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2008. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Due to another commitment of Mr. Dunham's, Mr. Lapp gave the Administrator's report.
- A letter of resignation was received from Director of Planning and Development Robert Fultz.
- The final closing on the Old County Road parcel was made. This parcel was one of the tax title auction properties.
- The Staff Meeting remains open this evening. The SEIC and Energy Committee will be in next week.
- Mr. Lapp and Mr. Dunham attended the Cape Manager's meeting and Mr. Lapp stated that all towns lamented and had a spirited discussion of their revenues/expenses and the problems all towns are having with their budgets.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Pannorfi announced the next Local Comprehensive Public Vision Workshop is Thursday, March 27, 7:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting. The Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) updates are available on the Town's website. Ms. Grundman said they will be producing a TV show with ZBA Chair Bob Jensen and the LCP Consultant.
2. Ms. Grundman attended the Finance Committee meeting and said there was "lively" discussion on the School Department budget. Hopefully there will be a tri-board meeting with the Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee on Tuesday March 25. At last evening's School Committee meeting a presentation was made on the Town's recreation program and a presentation was made by the sports boards. The School Committee is considering a nominal fee

from the sports groups for field maintenance. The second part of the School Committee meeting was a discussion with Executive Committee for the Community School.

3. The Cape Cod Commission, as part of its 21st Century Task Force, has scheduled a workshop on changing DRI thresholds and how they relate to the proposed land use map initiative at 1:00 p.m. on March 20 in the Assembly Chamber.
4. Mr. Pannorfi encouraged residents to participate in the LCP Vision Planning workshop on March 27.
5. Mr. Keyes reported on the visit by Mayor and Mayoress Trussler of Sandwich, Kent, England. Mr. Keyes noted the luncheon at the Dan'l Webster and that Mr. and Mrs. Trussler were greeted and interviewed by the local reporters.
6. Mr. Keyes expressed his condolences to the family of Robert Jones.
7. Mr. Chaprales pronounced a moment of silence for the passing of Mr. Jones.
8. Mr. Dunham arrived.

PUBLIC FORUM

Carl Johansen commented on a member of the Finance Committee recusing himself from a matter concerning the School Department and questioned if he should also recuse himself from the Town budget. Mr. Johansen also requested that Representative Perry and Senator Murray's office be contacted for passage of a bill which would allow more latitude with Ch. 44B and how the CPC money is spent.

POLE HEARING – Quaker Meetinghouse Road

Mr. Chaprales moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Dunham explained the poles are being re-located on Quaker Meetinghouse Road for the sidewalk improvements. No public comment.

Mr. Chaprales moved to close the hearing. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Chaprales moved to approve the pole relocations as requested. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Keyes also thanked the Sandwich Glass Museum for their generous gift to Mayor and Mayoress Trussler.
2. Due to recent unfavorable reports on investment in other communities, Town Treasurer Craig Mayen gave a report on the Town's investment policy and current status. Mr. Chaprales recused himself from the discussion. Mr. Mayen said due to anticipated changes in the market, Mr. Dunham had adjusted the budget correctly leaving the Town in good shape for the upcoming fiscal budget process.
3. Mr. Dunham discussed the FY09 budget. At the Finance Committee meeting the School Department focused on its 8.3% "needs" budget and what will be lost with a 4%, 3 ½ and 3% budget. Mr. Dunham said he does not anticipate any increases on the revenue side.

4. The board discussed the Covenant Steering Committee matrix. Mr. Hunt mentioned the School has not completed its long range plan and the Board asked if the Covenant Steering Committee would consider working with the School Committee to complete the plan and possible involvement of the Finance Committee. Mr. Hunt added it will be a whole lot easier to plan the future and to complete the Long Range Plan with the school plan in place. Mr. Pannorfi and Ms. Grundman will bring the discussion back to the Steering Committee.
5. Upper Cape Technical School Committee Member Penny Blackwell stated the budget has been finalized. Sandwich's assessment is \$1,755,017, a 9.23% increase. Ms. Blackwell expressed concern over the State's decrease in the regional transportation funding.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Grundman asked about the deadline for accepting applicants for the Human Rights Commission. The Board believes one application has been received to date.
- Ms. Grundman asked Mr. Dunham to find out about putting a pedestrian light at the Forestdale School.
- Ms. Grundman also asked for a report of the golf department.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

No Executive Session.

8:50 p.m. **Mr. Chaprales moved to adjourn. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall