

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MARCH 6, 2008

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Broadsider, Sandwich Enterprise,



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Mr. Chaprales moved the minutes of February 21, 2008. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Pannorfi moved the minutes of February 28 with corrections. Ms. Grundman seconded. Mr. Pannorfi amended the minutes: the correct spelling is *Shawn Murray* and under Old Business the last bullet should read: *Mr. Dunham stated that based on the Board's vote, the 3.5% local contribution amount for the School would be \$23,101,596 an increase of \$781,213 and the local contribution amount for the Town would be \$13,867,233 an increase of 3.5% or \$468,095. Ms. Grundman seconded. Mr. Chaprales abstained Motion on amendment 4 ayes to 1 abstention.***
- **Motion on Main Motion. 4 Ayes. Mr. Chaprales abstained.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Finance Committee meets next Tuesday, March 11.
2. On Monday night the CPC discussed the dam project. Mr. Galkowski explained the increase costs for the project due to permitting, unanticipated additions to the project, and increase in the price for materials. The increase could potentially be \$300,000. There will be alternates included in the bid to see if the price can be reduced. The Town is still waiting for the permit from the Army Corps due too delays in working with the Mass. Historical requirements. Mr. Pannorfi expressed concerns over the delay and the potential for problems from tree removal from the berm. Ms. Grundman wanted to clarify that the increase is the cost would have occurred whether this project was done through a debt exclusion or through the CPC. Mr. Dunham stated it is hoped to go out to bid in November/December.
3. Principal Assessor Ed Childs reported the State signed off on the estimated property values effective tomorrow. The property assessments printouts will be available at town buildings and on-line. The assessments are based on sales during calendar year 2006. The annual classification hearing will be March 20.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/FOLLOW UP

1. Mr. Pannorfi, Ms. Grundman and Community School Director Jim Lehane will be at the Selectmen's Corner this Saturday at Stop & Shop.
2. Mr. Keyes announced the Selectmen's invitation to the annual American Legion Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.
3. Mr. Hunt gave his follow-up report from the meeting of the 21st.
 - a. The CPC has already earmarking \$500,000 for the track project. Also, the high school antenna rental money was to go towards maintenance of the fields at the high school.
 - b. Mr. Johansen suggested having other departments attend the Selectmen's Corner and it happens that Community School Director will be at this Saturday's Corner.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING

The two issues scheduled for this evening, the EDIC Task Force and Energy Committee, were postponed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham briefly discussed the budget and gave the Board a handout of his recommended reductions if the budget goes from 4% to 3 ½%.
2. Mr. Pannorfi said he circulated the Covenant Steering Committee matrix several weeks ago and would like it discussed before the next Covenant meeting on April 14.
3. Mr. Lapp gave an update on the status of Oak Crest Cove. He explained the lessee defaulted on the terms of the contract, therefore, the contract has been terminated. He is working on an RFI to solicit input on future uses of the property. He wanted to stress that the use of the beach and the boat ramp will not be affected by any of this. At this point, the Town is not renting out the lodge and understands that all deposits paid to the lessee were refunded. He also explained that the lease was held by one company but by several different operators. Mr. Pannorfi said when the property was overwhelmingly approved at Town Meeting, it was never promised this would be a source of revenue. He said he does not rule out municipal uses for the lodge. Mr. Dunham mentioned the workampers and the potential for using them to rent out the cabins and re-bidding the lodge separately. He also noted all the work that the workampers do at Oak Crest and Wakeby Pond. Ms. Grundman asked about the grass area and renting it out. Mr. Dunham said there are restrictions on its uses but it's possible.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Pannorfi brought up this year's Community Pride Day scheduled for May 17. The Board encouraged groups and individuals to get involved in the roadside cleanup held that day. Mr. Hunt said possibly the new Energy Committee would want to be involved as well as the school's tying it in with Earth Day. The Board also discussed how to get more people involved.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:10 p.m. **Mr. Chaprales moved to adjourn. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall