

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN APRIL 3, 2008**

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

**George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Cape Cod Times, Broadsider, Enterprise, Carl Johansen, Bill Carig, Shawn Murray, Barbara Susko, Pam Balcolm, Rose Provencher, students of High School civics class.**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Mr. Chaprales moved the minutes of March 20, 2008 as presented. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Chaprales moved the minutes of March 27 as presented. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

**TOWN ADMINISRATOR'S REPORT**

1. The Finance Committee is not meeting next week. The Selectmen's next meeting is Thursday, April 10. The budget hearing will be scheduled for the 17<sup>th</sup>. The next Finance Committee meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup> and they plan to have the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School (UCCRVTs) in.
2. The South Shore Community Action Fuel Assistance program has been extended to May 16. Contact the Council on Aging for additional information.
3. Pam Richardson, who works at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR), sent a notice that the MMR will be doing neighborhood field work in Forestdale. A flyer was sent through the schools that the MMR will be doing some work relating to clearance activities on some of the old ranges using robotics to see if there are any live munitions in the ground.
4. Mr. Dunham Spoke with Superintendent Kevin Farr to meet with some of the UCCRVTs staff to discuss the feasibility of winterizing and making the restrooms at Town Hall Square more "user friendly". The local Sandwich Chamber of Commerce is holding a health fair at The Dan'l Webster on April 13, 4:00 – 8:00. The funds generated from this event will be used to help fund the portable restrooms located near Jarves Street.
5. Town Counsel is putting together the total amount of money spent on the EDIC project.

## **CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. The Sandwich Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals to homebound seniors a few hours a week. Drivers and substitute drivers are needed as well. Mileage reimbursement is available. Contact Lynn Labris 508-888-2965 for more information.
2. The School Committee's public budget hearing is Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 at the High School Library.
3. Tomorrow SACAT will be shooting a show on the work being done at the MMR and a program that they will be bringing into the schools for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up on unexploded ordinances.
4. Mr. Hunt received a letter from the Energy Committee thanking the Board for supporting their mission statement and, in particular, thanking IT Director Mike Twomey.
5. Mr. Keyes said last week's meeting got a little too personal, and that future Board discussions should be conducted more professionally.
6. The Cape Cod Selectmen and Council's Association meeting is April 11 at the Dan'l Webster. The "State of Cape Cod" will be the topic and the Cape Managers were also invited.
7. A lot of work of the past few years has been done on House Bill 4311, an act establishing the Mass. Broadband Institute. There is a proposed amendment which would add \$5 million to allow broadband to be brought to Cape Cod. This effort is being spearheaded by Sandwich's EDC and Cape Cod Community College. The Board agreed to have Mr. Keyes send a letter supporting the effort to get broadband expanded to Cape Cod. Ms. Grundman suggested a letter be sent from the Communications Technology Advisory Committee, as well as citizens in Town.
8. Mr. Keyes will be contacting Mr. Jensen to see if the Local Planning Committee can come in next week for a preview of the Local Planning Committee's Vision Workshop, which is scheduled for April 17, at Oakcrest Cove from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Mr. Shawn Murray spoke about the impact of teacher's wages/increases on the school budget.
2. Ms. Balcolm spoke regarding last week's meeting and feels everyone deserves to be treated with respect. She also commented on the previous speaker's discussion on the teachers' salaries and said the school should not be singled out.
3. Carl Johansen spoke regarding his frustration about the school department's delays in preparing documents for the budget. Mr. Johansen asked where the school department is going to get the money for the retro-raises when the teachers' contract is signed. Mr. Johansen also mentioned if the Mirant power plant is phased out, there should be a plan in place.
4. Barbara Susko gave her opinion on last week's Selectmen's meeting.
5. Bill Carig discussed the "house divided" between the Selectmen and Finance Committee and he does not like the two Boards going to Town Meeting divided. He further spoke on budget issues.

6. Steve Susko spoke highly of members of the Finance Committee and School Committee.
7. Kevin Macallif announced the High School baseball team home opener is Wednesday, April 9 at 3:30 p.m. vs. Falmouth.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham explained the motions made by the Finance Committee last week. Mr. Keyes would have liked the Finance Committee to allow more public discussion before voting on their motions. The budget as proposed by the Finance Committee is a 4% increase for the school and 3.81% increase for the general government plus a 0.19% increase for the School Safety Group bringing the general government to 4%. After discussion by the Board, Mr. Dunham stated he is comfortable including the School Safety Group as part of the general government 4% increase budget. Due to the Finance Committee votes last week, there will be two budgets submitted to Town Meeting.
2. Ms. Grundman asked when the Golf Advisory Committee is coming in.
3. Mr. Dunham said the Police Chief is getting back to him on the question regarding the person who go caught dumping behind Oakridge.
4. The Board announced they will accept letters of interest for the vacancy to the Cape Cod Commission. Board of Health Agent Dave Mason said he would be willing to temporarily fill-in until a permanent member is appointed. **Mr. Pannorfi moved to appoint Dave Mason as the interim replacement for Sandwich on the Cape Cod Commission. Mr. Chaprales seconded. Unanimous.**
5. Mr. Dunham discussed his meeting this week with the Town's inlet stabilization project consultant Kirk Bosma regarding the permitting required and the new requirements to accept the canal dredging spoils for town beach. Under the new request, the Army Corps of Engineers will pay for the dredging and the Town is required to pay 40% of the cost of getting the sand to the beach and 100% once the sand is on the beach. Mr. Dunham will ask Mr. Bosma to come in and give an update to the Board.
6. Mr. Galkowski is trying to get the Upper Shawme Dam consultant into a Board meeting before Town Meeting.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham presented the draft Warrant Articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

### OTHER OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Pannorfi commented on Mr. Johansen's question about the power plant. Mr. Keyes discussed this with Director of Assessing Ed Childs who said the valuation is based on what they can produce, not what they are producing, so it should not have an effect on the current valuation.
2. Ms. Grundman mentioned there was a resignation from the Communications Technology Advisory Committee. Mr. Hunt said there are currently two open seats.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

1. Mr. Johansen commented on last week's Finance Committee meeting. He also discussed the School Department budget.
2. Mr. Carig commented on the budgets.
3. Pam Balcolm would like the Town to continue looking into long-term projects such as the senior center, trash pickup and the public library.
4. Rose Provencher expressed her opinions about volunteerism by the Selectmen in Town.

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

1. Mr. Chaprales spoke on comments made during public forum. He said there may be disagreements amongst Board members but it's because the members truly care.
2. Ms. Grundman supported Mr. Charpales' comments. She also commented on Parliamentary Procedure and the need for it at future Board meetings.
3. Ms. Grundman stated her appreciation for the discussion between the community school, school department and community school advisory board particularly over the maintenance and operation of the school fields. She also commented on her frustration with the lengthy budget process. She also stated she feels the tri-Board meetings offer healthy communication and she respects the members of all three boards. She further commented there are 21 people voting on this budget.
4. Mr. Pannorfi commented on Ms. Balcolm's question regarding capital projects. He said a lot of work has been done on the capital needs list and it has now been turned over to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.
5. Mr. Keyes and Ms. Grundman spoke further regarding comments made at public forum regarding volunteerism by the Selectmen.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Chaprales moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Acquisition/Disposition of Real Property and coming out for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Mr. Chaprales, Mr. Pannorfi, Mr. Hunt, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Keyes seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall