

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUGUST 7, 2008**

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Upper Cape Codder, Sandwich Enterprise, Bob Simmons, Paula Schnepf, Paul Schrader, Dave Hill, Chris Curley, Earl Lantery, Dick Johnson



The meeting was called to order immediately following the 6:00 Executive Session held at the Human Services Building, Quaker Meetinghouse Road

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of June 12 and July 10 were deferred to the next meeting.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

1. The Seasonal Summer Resident Forum is Thursday, August 21.
2. The upgrades to the transfer station are near completion. The retaining wall is up and one of the remaining items is installation of the compactors. The project came in under budget.
3. The engineering bids for the Upper Shawme Pond dam project were received on July 25. Thirteen bids were received and are being reviewed and will hopefully have a recommendation for the Board's approval in two weeks.
4. Also by the next meeting, the Project Manager should be selected for the Town Hall project. The next step will be to send out an RFP for the Architect.
5. The new Recreation Director, Guy Boucher, started on Monday.

**CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Ms. Grundman and Mr. Pannorfi attended a meeting sponsored by the EDC to discuss the Draft Regional Policy Plan. Also present were Planning & Development Director Greg Smith, Sharon Rooney and Leslie Richardson of the CCC. There are two more scheduled meetings: August 9, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the affordable housing, preservation/community character and agriculture segments; and on Thursday, August 22, 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. discussion on DRI mitigation. Both will be held in Rooms 11 and 12 of the Superior Courthouse.
- Mr. Pannorfi added that the new Sandwich Commission Representative Alan Trebat and Commission Chair John Harris were also present. Mr. Dunham said

the Planning Board would also be holding a public hearing on the community mapping portion.

- Mary LeClair of HAC is putting together a Walk to End Homelessness on Sunday, September 21. Anyone interested in participating can contact Ms. Grundman who will be the Captain for the Town of Sandwich.
- Ms. Grundman discussed the No Place for Hate efforts in Sandwich.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

- Mr. Paul Schrader expressed concern about the signage at the bottom of Exit 2 and the negative impression it leaves on guests.
- Mr. Dunham received a call from Mass. Audubon that the piping plovers have “fledged” so the police details can stop and fencing can come down. The Board briefly discussed other beach issues, including stickers, beach patrols and beach cleanup.

### **STAFF MEETING – Bob Simmons, Chair, Sandwich Housing Authority**

Mr. Bob Simmons as well as Paula Schnepf, the new Executive Director, advised the Board of the Housing Authority’s plan to expand their housing at George Fernandes Way. Their plan is for 6 buildings with 4 units per building. The Authority already owns the 10 acres the housing is proposed on. The plan will be presented to the CPC in September for potential funding. The Authority is hoping for \$1.8 million of CPC funds out of the total projected cost of \$7 million. The remaining funds will come from multiple sources such as tax credit financing, as well as state, federal and county monies. The units would count towards subsidized housing units. Mr. Simmons said once the project has been reviewed by the CPC, they would come back to the Board with firmer information.

### **IMPACT AREA GROUNDWATER STUDY PROGRAM**

Mr. Dave Hill of the Impact Area Groundwater Study Program (IAGWSP) explained that during periodic sampling of monitoring wells, RDX was found from the J Range Plume in an unexpected area. Mr. Hill, on behalf of the Army, is requesting permission to install additional wells to further research the plume direction and act on information as they obtain it. They are hoping to use a drywell rig, but if that does not work they will have to try the conventional well rig. Chris Curley, Public Affairs, said the same notification process as in the past will take place and approximately 200 households will be notified.

**Mr. Pannorfi moved to grant approval to the IAGWSP to drill monitoring wells on Lady Slipper Lane, Lichen Lane, Grandwood Drive and Little Acorn Lane. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

## OLD BUSINESS

- Mr. Dunham discussed the recent complaints about the public restrooms and the recent vandalism. The Board agreed that the restrooms should be closed at night to prevent future vandalism. He also said the Town does regular maintenance and cleaning. Mr. Pannorfi mentioned possibly using services that clean the restrooms or hire attendants. Mr. Barrette said the Board needs to look at the fee structure because residents want to get something for what they are paying.
- Ms. Grundman discussed the Seaport Advisory Counsel. She is willing to act as the Liaison.
- The Board also discussed beach issues at Snake Pond, such as no lifeguards, vandalism and litter on the beach.

## NEW BUSINESS

- The Board discussed the “No Place for Hate” movement, particularly in light of the fact that the Board no longer needs to sanction it. The Board questioned their involvement and the intentions of the group. Ms. Grundman suggested having Jackie Fields, Barnstable County Human Rights Commission, come to explain further.
- The Board is considering holding Board meetings every other week on a year-round basis and having the third meeting be a “public subject” based agenda where one topic will be discussed and there will be public input.

## PUBLIC FORUM

None

## CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Grundman asked residents to call the Governor’s office tomorrow in support of the Water Bond bill, which will be of great benefit to the Cape.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Mr. Pannorfi moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall