

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPTEMBER 11, 2008

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Cape Cod Times, Upper Cape Codder, Jim Lehane, Chief George Russell, Deputy Chief Corriveau, Retired Chief Dennis Newman, Alan Cook, Fred Fowler, Robert George, Alan Cook, Bob Paul, Alice Paul, Brian Clifford, Julie Lesiak, Bill Kerig, Paul Jaberti, Barbara Lewis, Robert O'Conner, Ellen Morrey, Sean Murray, Carl Johnson, Robert Cullen. Beverly Donoghue



MOMENT OF SILENCE

MS. GRUNDMAN CALLED FOR A MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11 AND, IN PARTICULAR, SANDWICH RESIDENT CAPTAIN GERALD DECONTO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Kennan attended the Covenant Steering Committee meeting last night. The Committee decided they had met their obligations and feel the committee should be dissolved. Mr. Barrette asked if the Board needs to formally vote to dissolve it. Mr. Pannorfi was surprised by the decision and thought there was more the group was going to move forward on. Ms. Grundman stated a lot had not been done in the last year, but Mr. Pannorfi disagreed stating several items the group accomplished. **Mr. Pannorfi moved to accept recommendation to dissolve the Covenant Steering Committee. Mr. Kennan seconded. Mr. Hunt opposed. Motion passes 4 ayes to one opposed.**
2. Mr. Pannorfi said the Town Hall Committee met again and has finalized the RFQ for the Architect. Mr. Pannorfi also attended the Community Advisory Committee for the MMR and was encouraged by the proposals for the MMR including more civilian uses.
3. Mr. Dunham announced the Finance Committee's meeting next week is upstairs at Jan Sebastian Drive. The discussion is about what information the Committee will be looking for from Mr. Dunham and the School Department in the upcoming budget process.
4. The Department of the Army has requested additional roadwork for the well drilling for the J-1 South RDX Plume in the Windsong Road area. Mr. Dunham has signed the Right of Entry. .
5. Tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. there will be a brief blast from a howitzer as part of the Change of Command Ceremony at the Base. Also the MMR will be conducting prescribed burns from September 15 through November 1.
6. Ms. Grundman reminded the Board of the Mass. Municipal Fall Conference on October 18 in Sturbridge. She also mentioned the Barnstable County Selectmen's Association Meeting is tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. in Yarmouth.

7. Ms. Grundman stated she has been receiving inquiries about Question 1. She said additional information could be found on the Mass. Municipal website. Mr. Hunt mentioned financial statistics of the groups for and against the question, shows the appearance the ad campaigns will not begin until closer to the election date.

PUBLIC FORUM – EAST SANDWICH FIRE STATION

Ms. Grundman first opened the forum for public comment. Several commented in favor of the proposal, including School Safety Committee Chairman Jim Lehane, 38-year veteran Firefighter Robert George, and resident Robert Cullen.

Fire Chief George Russell, Deputy Fire Chief Tom Corriveau and Mr. Dunham gave a detailed presentation on the proposal to open the East Sandwich Fire Station.

After the presentation the meeting was opened again for public comment.

Chief George Russell announced today is Firefighter Appreciation Day.

Retired Fire Chief Dennis Newman also spoke in favor and gave a history of the Department.

Retired Chief Newman also brought Director of Cape and Islands EMS Alan Cook and Fred Fowler, Region 5 EMS Director. Several members of the public voiced their opinion and asked questions on the presentation.

Mr. Dunham briefly outlined the funding options. The Board agreed a study needs to be done to look at the complete public safety issue, such as a joint public safety building, staffing at the Police Department. The Board will look at the financing in more detail at the Board's next meeting.

OTHER ISSUES/REGULAR BUSINESS

1. Ms. Grundman asked for suggestions for future public forum topics.
2. The Community Preservation Committee is seeking a member to fill the vacancy of Jack Jillson.
3. Due to the upcoming construction work at Upper Shawme dam, DNR Director Mark Galkowski has requested closing the Cook area from the general public. **Mr. Barrette moved to close the Cook Property from September 21 until further notice. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
4. Ms. Grundman mentioned that Congressman Delahunt is holding a workshop for families interested in the procedure to enter into a U.S. Service Academy. The forum is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at the Martisen Elementary School in Marshfield. Mr. Barrette said the ROTC will also be involved.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennan moved to adjourn at 10:40p.m. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall