

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JANUARY 8, 2009

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Upper Cape Codder, Sandwich Enterprise, Lauren Robinson, Vicki Uminowicz, Ann Shea, Richard Connor, students of High School Civic's Class



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Mr. Kennan moved the minutes of December 11, 2008 as presented. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Kennan moved the minutes of December 18, 2008 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Pannorfi abstained. Motion passes 3 ayes to 1 abstention.**

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Assistant Town Manager Douglas Lapp sat in for Mr. Dunham this evening.
2. SACAT will be in to the Board's January 15 meeting to discuss the gross annual percentage of money the Town will be seeking for SACAT in the Comcast cable renewal license. This will complete the ascertainment portion and an RFP for the license should be issued by the end of the month.
3. The bids for or the solar panels at Jan Sebastian Drive were opened and the low bid was for \$24,000. References are being checked and the Energy Committee is confirming that the grant amounts are going to cover the costs so there will be no expense to the Town.
4. The contract with the National Golf Foundation for the Sandwich Hollows Business Plan is complete. The Plan should be done by the end of April.
5. This evening, the Recreation Department is holding a public forum on the skate park. There have been a lot of problems there so they are meeting with the users, parents and the community to discuss how to maintain it and keep it safe. The status quo cannot continue.
6. The *Sandwich Enterprise* did an editorial on the upstairs of Town Hall. Mr. Lapp notified the paper that the upstairs renovations are not for office space, that it is being restored as a place for public assembly. Mr. Pannorfi added that there is a preservation restriction on the building which does not allow office space in perpetuity.
7. The Cape Cod Commission will certify the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan at a public hearing on January 20th at 8:45 a.m.
8. Mr. Lapp announced Mr. Kennan has been appointed to the "Open Cape Project". Mr. Kennan explained the Open Cape Project is working towards bringing broadband to the Cape. It will bring significant economic benefits.
9. Mr. Barrette arrived.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Hunt stated he is searching for a woman from Town Neck who gave him photographs of the Town Neck dunes when he was doing his research project with Paul Shraeder. Mr. Hunt would like to return the photos; however, she did not leave any contact information
2. Mr. Kennan announced this Friday evening the SEIC Task Force will hold a public forum from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Thornton Burgess Museum on Water Street and on February 2, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at the Dan'l Webster.
3. Ms. Grundman announced the Cape & Islands Selectmen's Association meeting is tomorrow morning at 9:00 at Brookside in Bourne. Also this Saturday at 11:00 a.m. the Board has been invited to tour the Maritime Academy Training Ship Kennedy. Commission is accepting written and oral comments on the Sandwich Local Comprehensive Plan for the January 20 public hearing.
4. Selectmen's Corner is this Saturday from 10:00 – Noon at the Route 6A Stop & Shop.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING “Drop Everything and Read Day”

Lauren Robinson, Vicki Uminowicz and Ann Shea presented the “Drop Everything and Read Day” Celebration. They reviewed the books that will be featured this year, as well as the list of events that will be held.

Mr. Kennan read the Proclamation and moved to proclaim January 22, 2009 as “Drop Everything and Read Day”. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board reviewed a letter drafted by Mr. Dunham to The Governor, Senator Murray and Representative Perry opposing any mid-fiscal year reductions in FY09 local aid. Mr. Pannorfi stated all the points in the letter have been discussed previous with the State, particularly the Education Reform Act. However, it is good to get the letter on record. Mr. Kennan said he brought the issues of raising the rooms/meals tax to the last Chamber meeting. The Chamber will do a poll of its members and report back. Mr. Hunt noted that a potential rooms/meals tax increase is local option and would require Town Meeting approval.
2. The Board discussed the FY09 goals and objectives. **Mr. Pannorfi moved to direct Mr. Dunham to develop appropriate goals language based on the initial list of potential FY09 goals and objectives. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
3. The Board discussed the Long Range Plan and agreed to hold a Saturday morning meeting to discuss the Plan.
4. Mr. Pannorfi suggested the Board consider a policy for accidental/intentional vandalism or theft to Town property. The Board asked Mr. Lapp to find out what the estimated costs for these repairs; i.e. damage to restrooms, has been to compare it to what it would cost to implement such a policy. Mr. Pannorfi suggested possibly having a portable camera system to put at the sites which are more prone to vandalism.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mr. Kennan moved to exercise M.G.L. Chapter 44, § 31D to deficit spend for snow and ice removal. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Lapp reviewed the draft list of warrant articles. Mr. Lapp also explained he received a conference call from Senator Murray and Rep. Perry's offices advising him that the House was unable to vote on three of the special acts and that the articles would have to be re-voted by Town Meeting and submitted back to the Legislature.
3. Mr. Pannorfi gave an update on the Town Hall renovation project.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 p.m. Mr. Kennan moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Disposition of Real Property and coming out for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Mr. Kennan, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Barrette, Ms. Grundman so moved. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall