

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 1, 2009

Present: John Kennan, Dana Barrette, Randal Hunt, Linell Grundman, James Pierce

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Gail Mortimer, Milton Schwartz, Greg Fayne, USACE Cape Cod Canal Engineer-In-Charge Frank Fedele and Park Manager Bill Norman, Bill Daley and Jennifer Madden

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Finance Committee met on Tuesday to discuss the Special Town Meeting warrant articles.
2. Mass. Highway will hold a public hearing on November 16, 7-9 p.m. at the Human Services Building on the 25% design phase for the Exit 2 interchange.
3. The MMR will be holding prescribed burns today and tomorrow.
4. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Council on Aging is Tuesday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. Health Director Dave Mason will be there to speak on the H1N1 flu and how it relates to seniors.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Friends of Sandwich Council on Aging Oktoberfest fundraiser is Sunday, October 11 at the Aqua Grill 1:00 – 5:00. Proceeds will benefit the COA Emergency Fuel Assistance Program which is available for residents of all ages.
2. The Disabilities Commission is seeking new members. Interested residents can apply on-line or by submitting a letter to Town Hall. They meet the 1st Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m. at Tom's Way.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Gail Mortimer spoke against a decision by the Conservation Commission to allow a new home to be built on George's Rock Road on a parcel that was purchased at the Town's tax title auction. Mr. Milton Schwarz also spoke against the same issue. Mr. Dunham advised them they have 10 days from the date of the decision to file an appeal to the State.

**STAFF MEETING - Greg Fayne, USACE Cape Cod Canal Engineer-In-Charge
Frank Fedele and Park Manager Bill Norman – East Boat Basin Lease Extension**

Mr. Dunham gave a brief history of the marina and said that that this lease has been 12-15 years in the making. The Town took over the Marina in 1989 as a Town Department and, as part of that agreement, any money that is made by the marina stays in that account. In the early 1990's, the Town was working with the Corp to lease a parcel of land to build a new marina building; however, the project died when it got to the Secretary of Army's office. The lease presented today would expand the land to include 2.67 acres along the bulkhead to build the new marina office. It also includes an area for 50 new parking spaces. Mr. Fayne said that the new building will have year-round restrooms. The Corps' attorney and Town Counsel have reviewed the lease and approve to form. Mr. Fayne said other capital improvements including improvements to the commercial fishing area and winch and the bulkhead. Mr. Fedele and Mr. Norman said they are pleased with the collaborative effort between the Town, Concord Corps office and the Cape Cod Canal Office. The first project will be the parking area which the Corps has opted to take back once the work is complete. The marina office building will be done over a five-year period. Mr. Kennan asked if the Corps would ever revoke a lease. Mr. Norman said he has never heard of this happening and Sandwich's Marina is used as a model for the Corps.

Mr. Barrette moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the lease with the Department of the Army, # DACW33-1-09-078 for the lease of 19.58 acres consisting of portions of Cape Cod Canal project Tract XII and Tract XIII, known as the East Boat Basin for the term September 1, 2009 and ending 31 August 2024 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

STAFF MEETING – BILL DALEY AND JENNIFER MADDEN

Bill Daley and Jennifer Madden, Sandwich Historical Commission, updated the Board on the Historic Marker program. The program is to help identify and mark historic homes, over 100 years old, in the town by having the homeowners submit an application to the Historical Commission. Once approved, the homeowner can purchase a plaque to be placed on their home, showing the date the home was building, as well as the name of the original owner. The applications are available at the Annex, Library and by contacting Mr. Daley directly. Mr. Barrette suggested it also be posted on the Town website.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham gave the FY10 budget update. Mr. Dunham explained with the state aide cuts including Ch. 70, estimated new growth being down and estimated local receipts down, the FY10 budget is \$450,000 out of balance requiring action at the Special Town Meeting. In order to balance there is an article to decrease the School budget by the Ch. 70 decrease of \$137,000 and taking \$350,000 from Free Cash. Hopefully the State won't make any more 9c cuts. He reviewed the other articles.

- a. **Mr. Barrette moved to recommend Article 1. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
 - b. **Mr. Barrette moved to recommend Article 2. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
 - c. **Mr. Barrette moved to recommend Article 3. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
 - d. **Mr. Barrette moved to recommend Article 4. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
 - e. The Board was not comfortable approving Article 5 until the plan is finalized.
 - f. The Board does not have to recommend the remaining zoning articles.
2. Mr. Hunt said the Board needs a discussion on the goals and objectives. The Long Range Plan cannot be published without this discussion.
 3. Mr. Lapp outlined the proposed timeline for renting the Oak Crest Cove cottages. The plan is to continue working with local realtors and determine the relationship between the two, such as: a) will the vendor invest any capital; b) will house be included; c) relationship with workampers; d) maintenance; e) how the revenue will be determined; f) keep in-house. Mr. Hunt said he would prefer going with a company that already does this and has the contacts in place to make it work. Mr. Lapp said the repairs that are needed to the cottages now can be absorbed in the facilities budget. The house repairs were not included in the repair cost estimates. The Board agreed to include the house as a short-term rental. The goal is to have the work to the cottages complete by February, have the RFP's go out in January/February and due back by March.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:55 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall