

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 8, 2009

Present: John Kennan, Dana Barrette, Randal Hunt, Linell Grundman, James Pierce
George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Bob Simmons, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve minutes of October 8 with one correction the *Town Meeting preparation meeting is October 23*. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of October 1 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Preparation meeting with the Moderator and Town Counsel is October 23, 3:00 p.m., 16 Jan Sebastian Drive. No Finance Committee meetings are scheduled before Town Meeting.
2. The Sandwich Glass Museum and Sandwich Health Association are hosting a meeting at the Glass Museum on the Expansion of Primary Medical Care in Sandwich on October 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
3. The Charter amendments which were approved at Town Meeting over years ago, was just signed by the Governor this week.
4. Moderator Jan Teehan announced there will be childcare offered at the Special Town Meeting.
5. Frank Fedele returned the sign marina lease today. Greg Fayne called to thank the Board since he has been working on this lease for 17 years.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Pierce announced an athletic fundraiser at the Sagamore Inn on Tuesday. Oct. 27 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold at the door.
2. The Friends of Council on Aging Oktoberfest fundraiser is Sunday, 1 – 5:00 p.m. at the Aqua Grill. Proceeds go the fuel assistance program. Ms. Grundman attended the Cape & Islands Selectmen's Assoc. meeting this morning. She also attended the Golf Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting. The GAC will be meeting twice a month to work on their priority list. They have invited Recreation Director Boucher to be part of the discussion. She also attended a recent No Place for Hate meeting. They would at some point like to come in to gain the Board's support which would help them in getting grants and funding.

Also, Ms. Grundman attended the Annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner. Director of Health Dave Mason received the Municipal Employee of the Year award and John Cullity received the Leo Manning Volunteer Award.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Dunham presented the final Special Town Meeting Warrant. The final plans still have not been received for Article 5; however, the Article can be postponed if not complete by Town Meeting. Mr. Dunham added there does not appear to be any major issues with it. **Mr. Barrette moved to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

APPOINTMENT TO HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Bob Simmons, Chair Sandwich Housing Authority, requested the Board support the appointment of Robert Guerin to fill the vacancy on the Housing Authority. The Authority is currently down two of five members. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint Robert Guerin to the Sandwich Housing Authority through the Annual Town Election in May 2010. Mr. Simmons seconded. Mr. Simmons, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Barrette, Mr. Kennan so moved. Unanimous.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative. Annual Town Meeting approved joining the Cooperative. Town Counsel has reviewed the information and has approved it to form. The Energy Committee has also received the information. Mr. Dunham recommends the Board agree to become a member. Ms. Grundman mentioned the reorganization of the Executive Committee should be looked at since the membership is disproportionate. Mr. Dunham said Towns do not have the expertise to do on their own and the County has spent a lot of time and is familiar with the issues. Mr. Barrette said it is an-opt-in-or-out deal but Mr. Hunt noted it does not preclude the Town from doing its own projects and that the Town could be helped by it. The whole goal behind the Coop is to get enough alternate energy for school and municipal buildings. **Mr. Barrette moved the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Town to joint the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative Inc. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Dunham will bring the shellfish regulations back within the next two weeks. The final step after the State approves the opening is to hold the final hearing.
3. Mr. Dunham reviewed the Long Range Plan Goals and Objectives. The public hearing for the Beach Committee's goals and objectives is October 21. Mr. Pierce

- noted that in the Charter it states the Selectmen shall do an annual review of the goals and objectives and report to Town Meeting. He said the schools need to be part of this and incorporate the schools input. Mr. Pierce presented a purpose statement: *The purpose of town government is to cost-effectively provide necessary services not available from the private sector.* Mr. Barrette said that schools are available from the private sector. Ms. Grundman said the Core Services is a strong statement and will become stronger as the budget get worse and that it has a lot to do with salaries and benefits. Mr. Pierce said the schools should be tasked with also doing a core services list to get an understanding of the entire picture to make decisions. Mr. Barrette said the school does this and goes through it with the Finance Committee. Ms. Grundman said the Town could be facing another cut from the State on October 15. Mr. Dunham stated that over the past two years the Town has been faced with \$1,000,000 cut in discretionary aide. Mr. Pierce said that we have to be careful with personnel cuts as to not cut to the point where there is not one to do the “creative things” to get the Town out of the hole. There needs to be some kind of concession from the unions and health insurance “sticks out like a sore thumb”. Mr. Kennan added that that is something everyone has to agree to. Mr. Hunt would like pay-as-you-throw trash program looked at again since 130 municipalities already do it. Mr. Barrette and Mr. Hunt discussed obtaining a performance of the delivery of services. Mr. Dunham said ICMA offers information on quantifying town services. Mr. Pierce would like a review of the Town’s inventory of land and buildings. Mr. Dunham added that Treasurer Craig Mayen does a regular check on the tax title inventory.
4. Mr. Dunham said nine interviews have been held for the Inspector of Buildings position. The search has been narrow to two and he will be recommending someone with the next two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:20 P.M. Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall