

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOVEMBER 12, 2009

Present: John Kennan, Dana Barrette, Randal Hunt, Jim Pierce

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SCT, Sandwich Enterprise, Richard Augustine, Civics Class students



PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of October 22, 2009. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of October 29, 2009. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of November 5, 2009. *Mr. Kennan noted that the County Selectmen's meeting is tomorrow morning.* Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The next Finance Committee meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 at Jan Sebastian Drive.
2. Mr. Dunham is attending the Cape & Vineyard Electric Collaborative meeting next Thursday regarding the Town's application to join. The question has arisen on whether the Town's representative to the Cape Light Compact can also serve as the representative to the Collaborative. Other towns have done it; however, Mr. Dunham feels there could be a potential conflict down the line. The Selectmen will begin accepting letters of interest for representative to the Collaborative.
3. Mr. Dunham announced there is a small amount of H1N1 vaccine for parents of children less than 6 months old, pregnant women, and high health risk children.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The 4th annual wreath auction and jazz concert at St. John's Church is Friday, December 11, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. The auction proceeds go to the Sandwich Band Boosters.
2. Mr. Kennan noted Ms. Grundman is absent due to her father's open heart surgery and wished him a speedy recovery.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Richard Augustine spoke about unemployment rates, the economy, and union negotiations.

STAFF MEETING

Mr. Dunham and the Board discussed in detail the Long Range Plan.

8:00 p.m. FEE HEARING

Mr. Kennan read the Fee Hearing notice. **Mr. Barrette moved to open the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

The only fee change was proposed by the Health Department. The Board questioned the increases and would like the Health Agent to come in. **Mr. Barrette moved to continue the fee hearing to November 19. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Hunt commented on the two presentations made at the Finance Committee regarding the budget. Mr. Dunham noted it is likely there will be additional Cherry Sheet revisions. Mr. Hunt said that news contradicts what the Governor said about no local aide cuts. If the cuts are made prior to the tax rate being set, a Special Town Meeting will likely be called. Mr. Childs has heard the cuts may happen in January which will help since the tax rate would be set by then.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Representative from the Cape Cod Commission has requested Special Municipal Employee designation. The designation is for the position, not the person, and will allow the representative to serve before other Town boards but not the Commission. **Mr. Barrette moved that the Board of Selectmen designate as Special Municipal Employee the Sandwich Representative to the Cape Cod Commission. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
- The Chamber has requested permission again to use the railroad parking lot and McLaughlin parking area for the North Pole Express. The Board approved.
- Heritage Museum and Gardens has again invited town employees and committee members to their Christmas lighting event on Sunday, December 6.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ADJOURNMENT

8:35 p.m. Mr. Barrette moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and reconvening for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Pierce, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Barrette and Mr. Kennan so moved. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall