

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

**HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
270 QUAKER MEETINGHOUSE ROAD**

Present: Linell Grundman, John Kennan, Frank Pannorfi and Randy Hunt
Absent: Dana Barrette

Also Present: Town Manager George Dunham, Assistant Town Manager Doug Lapp, Director of Natural Resources Mark Galkowski; Director of Planning and Development Greg Smith; Vicki Uminowicz of Titcomb's Book Shop; Jim Pierce, Carl Johansen, William Carig, Mary Stanley of the Enterprise; George Brennan of the Cape Cod Time; SACAT

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

ITEM #1
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood and recited the Pledge.

ITEM #2
REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. PANNORFI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 12, 2009 AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY MR. KENNAN. VOTE – UNANIMOUS.**

ITEM #3
TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

- Tuesday night's Finance Committee meeting will be held at the Sandwich Public Library 7 p.m. lower level meeting room #2.
- The Selectmen will meet next Thursday night.
- Town Manager received update on the Shawme Dam project from Director of Natural Resources Mark Galkowski. The project should be finalized in about a month.
- The Council on Aging has always had a 'handy person' program. Joseph Maciel and others from the Sandwich Fire Dept. help out.
- Sandwich Public Health Nurse Joanne Geake, through Mass. General Hospital, has been trying to get blood pressure student screening. One student was checked who had a serious issue with blood pressure and was taken to Boston with a good ending.
- Mr. Pannorfi asked if it is possible to set up a visit to the Shawme Dam for the Board. Mr. Dunham noted that they are trying to set something up for next week.
- Mr. Pannorfi asked if it is possible to do something about the overgrowth of vegetation. Mr. Dunham mentioned that we have not been able to because we can't raise the water level yet. With the new dam we will be able to control the water level easier.

ITEM #4
ANNOUNCEMENTS / STATEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

-Ms. Grundman apologized for misinformation on the 'blog' regarding the Selectmen's benefits.

-Mr. Hunt offered the correct information regarding pay stipend as Selectman and retirement benefits and no additional health benefits. The information on the 'blog' is completely fallacious. Town Meeting voted to eliminate health insurance for part time officials. Mr. Hunt has posted the correct information at www.RandyHuntCPA.com

Independent Sandwich businesses are having an information meeting about "Shop Sandwich First". Laury Hammel, Co-founder of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies and the 10% Shift will be speaking. Contact the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce at 508-833-9755 for further information. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 at 6 p.m. at the East Sandwich Grange Hall, Old County Road.

-Mr. Kennan noted that the sub-committee of Issues and Alliances will meet Monday, April 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. At the Economic Development Committee meeting last night it was unanimous that the EDC supports PDS (expediting permitting process).

-Ms. Grundman attended the Senior Management Board meeting last night. Conversation about the SMB future. It came into existence about twenty-two years ago. The membership is one selectman from each community that borders the Massachusetts Military Reservation. There are many more years of clean up but the conversation last night was to determine if the SMB should be combined with other boards. It was agreed to discuss it at the next meeting in May. The SMB is an avenue for the community at the Massachusetts Military Reservation to connect with the abutting towns. Lynda Wadsworth is the point of contact person for the SMB and she had a lot of good ideas for the future. Ms. Grundman noted that the SMB is still in place but suggested that people should contact the Public Relations Office if you have any input for them.

Information about Pave Paws is on the MMR website.

ITEM #5
PUBLIC FORUM

-Mr. Richard Costello, Betty Avenue, East Sandwich wanted to know what is going to happen to the lot in back of his house he bid on but didn't get.

-Mr. William Carig noted that he appreciates the Board of Selectmen voting on their stipend and not taking it but noted that as a member of the Board of Selectmen there should be something in the budget for expenses when you're doing town business. Mr. Pannorfi noted that he has been on the Board for six years and has never submitted expense accounts with the exception of going to the Massachusetts Municipal Association Conferences. Mr. Pannorfi mentioned that he thought it was a great gesture and especially when Health Agent Dave Mason made it. Mr. Hunt noted that the Charter addresses this issue. The Charter also says the expenses of the Board of Selectmen for doing town business will be reimbursed by the town. Mr. Hunt noted that he has never taken or turned in any receipts but, given that the Board will not be taking a stipend, he will be turning in receipts.

-Mr. Carl Johansen thanked the individuals who decided to put a hold on taking a pay increase this year. That is a true sign of leadership. Mr. Johansen also noted that it is very important that when we send out e-mails we have to make sure that the information is correct.

-Vickie Uminowicz of Titcombs Book Shop spoke about the Shop Sandwich First project. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31 from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Hall.

Laury Hammel will be the guest speaker and will talk about shifting 10% of your shopping dollar to Sandwich.

A Sandwich festival event is being planned for this summer.

ITEM# 6
STAFF MEETING

Local Comprehensive Plan Overview-

Director of Planning & Development Greg Smith gave an overview of the Sandwich Local Comprehensive Plan background, purpose & vision including Land Use and Growth Management; Natural Resources, Economic Development; Transportation and Circulation; Community Facilities and Services; Housing and Neighborhoods; Open Space and Recreational Resources; Historic Preservation and Community Character; Community Sustainability and Implementation Plan.

The Town has applied for a \$600,000 grant for the Comprehensive Waste Water Management plan.

Mr. Smith noted that the Local Comprehensive Plan could be a spring board to begin redevelopment of South Sandwich Village Center / 55 acres. It is a work in progress.

General discussion-

Ms. Grundman asked - if the Town does not get the \$600,000, what is the back up plan. Mr. Smith noted that he believes the Town will get most of it.

Mr. Pannorfi mentioned that the Comprehensive Waste Water Plan could be modified if we don't get the full \$600,000. We are looking for business people to come in and build up this area. It is not the town doing the development.

Mr. Kennan - The Marina has become secondary. You are asking us to look more at South Sandwich Village Center.

Mr. Smith noted that, at this time, the South Sandwich Village Center is a 'low fruit' industrial park.

Mr. Pannorfi agreed with Mr. Smith as far as the priorities of the Town. After the LCP passes Town Meeting, it would be a good idea for Mr. Smith to come back to the Board and find out where it wants to focus.

The LCP is on the Town's website, at the Sandwich Public Library and at the Planning & Development Office.

All the people who worked on the Local Comprehensive Plan were thanked. It was a great team effort.

Mr. Ted Brovitz, the primary consultant for the LCP, will be doing the basic presentation at Town Meeting. Mr. Smith and other department heads will be there to answer questions. There will be an executive summary of the LCP available at Town Meeting.

Ms. Grundman noted that she appreciates the attitude that this is a work in progress and it will not stagnate.

Mr. Kennan - how do we ensure it will keep going? Mr. Smith noted that some sort of a matrix will be put together for the future.

Mr. Pannorfi - Zoning was an issue with the last LCP presentation. Mr. Smith offered that he will work on that. This is done by the public hearings process by the Planning & Development office.

Mr. Smith noted that the LCP is a plan that puts things in balance and provides for all the communities of Sandwich.

-5 Minute Break

ITEM #7
OLD BUSINESS

FY'10 Budget & Related Issues

Mr. Dunham – Tuesday night the Finance Committee voted a 2% budget local contribution for general government and the schools. Mr. Childs, Principal Assessor gave a presentation including comparison of Sandwich tax bills with other neighboring towns.

Brief discussion regarding money coming from the stimulus package for the Schools. As it is understood, it can supplement the budget only. It does not have to be appropriated at a Town Meeting. It goes directly to the School Department.

Draft List of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

Mr. Dunham updated the Board on the list of warrant articles. Article #3 the amount for the FY'09 Snow & Ice Deficit is currently about \$248,000. Brief discussion on Article #11 Shellfish Propagation. The warrant will be posted on Friday, April 17, 2009.

Green Communities Act – Regional v. Local

Mr. Dunham gave a general overview.

The Green Communities Act provides up to \$10 million annually in grants and loans for communities that qualify as a Green Community as specified in the Act.

Mr. Dunham noted that the application deadline is April 25. He will be meeting with the department heads next Wednesday and will ask them if they would be willing to work on this by the deadline.

Ms. Grundman mentioned that this is all new territory for everyone. We will keep our eyes on this.

Other

Mr. Hunt asked about the piping plover program for this year. The Board voted to form a Beach Committee. People should send letters of interest to volunteer to serve on this committee to the Town Hall, 130 Main Street. Mr. Dunham noted that this is being worked on and it will be ready before the season starts. Mr. Dunham has spoken with the head of Mass. Audubon regarding funding of the program. Mr. Hunt noted that there was a training session last year for volunteers to train to be observers to be sure we don't have people and dogs walking on the dunes etc. We should do the training again. The Audubon people set up the class last year. The information should be put on the Town's website.

ITEM #8
NEW BUSINESS

Resolution to Support Increased Freight Rail Hauling Capacity

Ms. Pamela Mann, State Director, Go21 – Growth Options for the 21st Century, gave a general overview and asked the Board to adopt a resolution in support of increased freight rail hauling capacity. Ms. Mann has been visiting various towns on Cape to ask them to adopt a resolution, a sample of which she presented for the Board's review.

General discussion-

Mr. Pannorfi is generally supportive of this idea but is wondering if there is something else behind this. We should know who is in favor of it or not in favor of it.

Mr. Kennan suggested that this should be looked into a little further.

It was suggested that it may be better to get a regional meeting together for this.

Performance Contracting Presentation – April 23

A representative from the State will be at the April 23 Board meeting to give a presentation on this matter.

-Municipal Facilities Director Ted Hamilton and Skip Tetreault, Facilities Director for the School Dept. have been working very closely on energy costs.

-It was noted that, thanks to Principal Bridges at the Wing School and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Johnson, the Wing School is holding some of the municipal government records while the second floor of Town Hall is being cleaned out in anticipation of the renovation project. The Barnstable County Sheriff's Dept. will be helping with the move also.

Other
None.

ITEM #9
PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Carl Johansen spoke about warrant article #11 – shellfish propagation. The Town has a mutual agreement with the Town of Bourne. Mr. Dunham noted that Sandwich needs to reciprocate because Bourne has been great over the years.

Mr. Carl Johansen asked about the funding of the Community Preservation Articles.

ITEM #10
CLOSING REMARKS

None.

ITEM #11
EXECUTIVE SESSION

9:10 P.M.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KENNAN TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS DISPOSITION OF REAL PROPERTY AND COMING OUT FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADJOURNMENT ONLY. SECONDED BY MR. HUNT. VOTE – MR. PANNORFI, AYE; MR. HUNT, AYE, MR. KENNAN, AYE; MS. GRUNDMAN, AYE.**

Respectfully Submitted,


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