

**MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN APRIL 23, 2009
7:00 p.m., Human Services Building, Quaker Meetinghouse Road**

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

George Dunham, SACAT, Upper Cape Codder, Jim Pierce, Skip Tetreault, Ted Hamilton, Guy Boucher, Chief Mike Miller, Mark Galkowski, Debra Dami, Eileen McHugh

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Finance Committee met on Tuesday and unanimously supported the two changes to the budget. The warrant is posted on-line and copies available at town buildings.
2. The Finance Committee is not meeting next Tuesday. The preparation meeting for Town Meeting is Friday, 2:00 at Jan Sebastian Drive
3. On Tuesday, the Cape Light Compact is opening bids for municipal accounts to take advantage of the present lower market prices for electricity. The term of the contract will be anywhere from 18 months to 30 months.
4. NStar is doing a detailed review of its overhead transmission lines and will be doing the study by low-flying helicopters.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Barrette announced the Special Olympics event is Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. at Barnstable High School. There are 400 local participants in the event and they are looking for volunteers. To volunteer call 771-6322, or go to www.specialolympicsma.org.
2. The Town Hall Open House is Saturday, April 25 and May 2; 9:00 – Noon.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING – Appointment of Temporary Town Clerk

Due to both employees in the Town Clerk's office running for the Town Clerk seat, it is necessary to appoint an outside temporary Town Clerk for the day. Debra Dami, Town Clerk in Mashpee, has come forth to assist. Ms. Dami has done elections for many years and Mashpee has the same type voting machines as Sandwich. Her appointment is valid though the completion of the election which may go longer than Election Day for bookkeeping purposes. Ms. Dami was present and the Board thanked her for her help. **Mr. Kennan moved to authorize Town Manager George Dunham to appoint Debra Dami as Town Clerk for the purpose of the May 7 Election. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

Ellen McHugh, Mass. Department of Energy Resources

Ms. McHugh gave a detailed presentation of Performance Contracting. Performance Contracting allows for towns to update equipment, which could include windows and roofs, to save energy and water. She also explained the financial aspects of the plan. School Department Facilities Director Skip Tetreault explained that the school has already met with a contractor to review the school's potential. The next step would be to obtain all the information on the school buildings, as well as the municipal buildings and proceed with the bidding process to see if it is worthwhile pursuing. Facility Director Ted Hamilton was also present.

Overview of 2009 Beach Season Initiatives and Related Issues

1. Recreation Director Guy Boucher, Chief of Police Mike Miller and DNR Director Mark Galkowski and Mr. Dunham have been meeting to review beach issues for the upcoming season. Several initiatives being put into place this summer are: reinstating lifeguards and gate attendants at Snake Pond; increasing hours of gate attendants who will also provide clean up efforts; demolish Town Neck bathhouse; initiate one-day passes at beaches; and additional trash pickups on weekends. The Recreation Department has volunteered to be the site for all beach complaints/issues. Once the beach committee is formed, they will prepare beach regulations to recommend to the Selectmen for next season. Also, the group is looking for authorization to sell non-resident beach stickers at Ryder and one-day passes at Oakcrest Cove and Snake Pond since they are only currently sold at the Town Hall during the week. Mr. Pannorfi asked about Recreation Authorities. Mr. Boucher is not familiar with them since Bourne is the only one in the State. Mr. Galkowski said his department will be raising awareness and watching violations of the no dogs on beaches policy. **Mr. Hunt moved to allow non-resident sticker sales at Ryder Conservation and one-day pass sales at Oakcrest Cove and Snake Pond. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Galkowski formally announced the Upper Shawme Pond Dam is complete.
3. Mr. Boucher gave a general department update.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Annual Town Meeting is Monday, May 4, 7:00 at Sandwich High School. Free babysitting is being offered.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The School Committee has voted to implement an all-day kindergarten program but under State Law the Selectmen must concur. The Board expressed concern that the law mentioned “extended services”; however, the Board’s vote would be to concur with the School Committee’s vote for an extended kindergarten only. **Mr. Barrett moved that the Board of Selectmen concur with the School Committee to establish an all-day kindergarten in accordance with M.G.L. 71, Section 26A. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.**

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

1. Mr. Kennan applauded Superintendent MaryEllen Johnson’s decision to not accept her raise.
2. Community Pride Day is set for May 17.
3. The Town is still accepting applications for the Cultural Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kennan moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations and reconvening for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Pannorfi seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall