

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY 14, 2009

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

George Dunham, SACAT, Upper Cape Codder, Sandwich Enterprise, Cape Cod Times, Cub Scout Pack 46, Carl Johansen, Civics Class students, Paul Schrader

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CUB SCOUT PACK 46

Cub Scout Pack 46 presented the Board of Selectmen with a flag that was flown over the United States Capitol on March 19, 2009 in honor of Patriots Day 2009.

REORGANIZATION

- **Mr. Dunham accepted nominations for the chair seat. Ms. Grundman nominated John Kennan as Chair. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Hunt moved to nominate Dana Barrette as Vice Chair. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Ms. Grundman moved to accept the minutes of March 26 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Pierce and Mr. Barrette abstained. Motion passes 3 ayes to 2 abstentions.**
- **Ms. Grundman moved the minutes of April 2, 2009. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Pierce abstained. Motion passes 4 ayes to 1 abstention.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Next Thursday's Board meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. with an Executive Session with Town Counsel.
2. Mr. Dunham attended the third regional cable negotiation meeting with Comcast. Eight towns, whose contracts with Comcast are expiring, are working together on the negotiations.
3. On Friday morning, radio station WQRC is holding a discussion with Mr. Dunham and Mr. Pannorfi on the Town Hall project.

4. Mr. Dunham gave a brief overview on the state of the State budget, including cuts to Chapter 70 which will be replaced with federal stimulus funds.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Barrette announced the next Senior Management Board meeting is May 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Bourne Bridge Hotel.
2. Ms. Grundman announced this Friday and Saturday, High School Musical is playing at the Forestdale School. The School Committee is hosting a forum on Depression, Suicide and Drug Addiction on Tuesday, May 26 at the High School from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Last Friday, Ms. Grundman attended the Cape & Islands Selectmen's Association meeting and the topic of regionalization was discussed.
3. Mr. Kennan thanked Ms. Grundman for her service as Chair and welcomed Jim Pierce to the Board. He noted that the new Selectmen's training session is June 13 at Holy Cross.
4. Ms. Grundman congratulated Andrea Killion and Jessica Linehan on their election to the School Committee and thanks Bob Guerin for his years of service.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Carl Johansen spoke about respecting the American Flag and Town Meeting.
2. Paul Schrader asked if the Board has a mission statement.
3. Community Pride Day is this Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon. Collection material can be picked up at the DPW.

STAFF MEETING

Mr. Dunham stated now the Town Meeting has approved the funding for the Town Hall restoration project, the contract can be awarded. The low bid totaled \$2,288,954 from Builder Systems, Inc. It is anticipated the contractors will begin work on July 6 but will likely begin mobilizing equipment to the site prior to that date. The goal is to be out of the building by June 8, depending on Comcast running the I-Net cable to Oak Crest. The move could possibly be delayed by two weeks. **Mr. Barrette moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Sandwich and Builder Systems Inc. for the restoration of Town Hall for the bid price of \$2,288,954. Mr. Pierce seconded. Unanimous.**

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board agreed to continue discussion on the formation of a Government Task Force. Ms. Grundman liked the idea of, rather than having one committee, forming them around tasks with timelines. Mr. Pierce put together a flow diagram of how the process could work.

2. Next week the Board will consider the appointments to the Beach Committee and Cultural Council. The Council, by law, can be up to 22 members. Mr. Hunt proposed the Beach Committee consist of 9 members.
3. Mr. Dunham commented on the work DPW is doing to Cotuit Road. Mr. Tilton will prepare a list of the upcoming road work. Ms. Grundman asked if the roadwork is consistent with the LCP. Mr. Dunham said it is and Mr. Tilton has addressed this issue.
4. Mr. Hunt noted that the new brick crosswalk in front of the Dunbar Tea Shop has cracked and wondered if the work is still under warranty.
5. The Board questioned the role of the SEIC Task Force now that Town Meeting is over. The Task Force will be put on a future agenda.
6. The Board discussed the various committees/boards and if any of them can be combined or eliminated. Mr. Pierce recommended if a committee has not filed an annual report they need to advise the Board on their activities.
7. Ms. Grundman was asked by a resident if Main Street could be closed for parking during the Memorial Day Parade. The Board did not feel this was necessary at this point.
8. Ms. Grundman noted that members of the public have expressed their acknowledgement of the services provided by the Council of Aging for residents of all ages. The Board suggested having Mrs. Timmons come in to discuss the Department's services.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

1. Mr. Barrette, commenting on a public forum speaker's earlier comments, stated that the Chair of the Board at the time of Town Meeting is a veteran.
2. Ms. Grundman suggested that the invocation at Town Meeting not be religious specific that the language should be all inclusive.

ADJOURNMENT

8:20 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Pierce seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall