

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY 21, 2009

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

George Dunham, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Carl Johansen, John Leiss, Donna Leiss, Sandra Murray, Eric Nelson, Meryden Kirby, Elaine Tammi and Kathy Quatromoni, Jeanne Ewing, Maureen Wolk, Debra Ams, William Atkinson, Charleen Johnson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of May 14, 2009. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. The Selectmen's meeting next Thursday, May 28, is cancelled due to Mr. Dunham's attendance at the MMA Conference.
2. State budget issues are still up in the air, now the proposed budget is going to Conference Committee.
3. Mr. Dunham, Mr. Kennan and Mr. Lapp met with members of the SEIC to discuss a possible interim group to begin working on the priorities, such as internal bylaws in an effort to save time once it is approved at the State level.
4. The County Cooperative Extension Bureau gave each of 15 towns funds to hire a consultant to look at how to best manage the town's forest land as it relates to forest fires. The study looked at Maple Swamp Conservation Land and Discovery Hill Road area. The next step is to have the consultant and the Bureau in to the Board's meeting on the 3rd and get the Board's support in adopting the plan. Once adopted, the County will release \$25,000 to do some of the recommendations in the plan.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Flea Market, formerly the Farmer's Market on the field at Quaker Meetinghouse Road, is back beginning this Wednesday, June 10, through mid-October.
2. The Forum at Sandwich High School on Teen Depression, Suicide, and Substance Abuse is Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
3. Ms. Grundman mentioned Emancipation Network Festival, 6/19 , 5-10 p .m. at Heritage Museum. Ms. Grundman attended a community forum with Lt.

Governor in Hyannis this afternoon. The Governor's office is looking for public feedback on budget issues. www.mass.gov/gov/forums.

4. Mr. Pierce spent some time rewording the mission statement proposed by Paul Schrader last week. Mr. Pierce's statement reads "The Mission of Town Government in Sandwich is to provide the highest level of services consistent with the will of the voters." The Board felt discussion on the mission statement is a good fit under the long range plan discussion.
5. The next MMR Senior Management Board meeting is Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m. at the Bourne Rotary Quality Inn.
6. Mr. Hunt thanked everyone who participated in Community Pride Cleanup Day. Mr. Hunt attended the High School Environmental Science Expo. and thanked the seniors and schools for having the program.
7. Mr. Kennan noted that Mr. Lapp's absence has been due to his recuperating from back surgery.
8. On Saturday, June 27, the Lion's Club is hosting a Circus at Oak Crest Cove Field.
9. Mr. Dunham reported the State did decide to cut Chapter 70 funds but agreed to supplement it dollar for dollar if town applies through the school department for Federal Stimulus funds. The application has been filed.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Carl Johanson spoke about the piano upstairs in Town Hall. He also explained it was the Moderator, not the Board's chair, who had the responsibility to recite the Pledge at the Town Meeting.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Sandwich Cultural Council Appointments:

After meeting with the applications present:

Ms. Grundman moved Brian Everett, Julie Rogers, Jeanne Ewing and Charleen Johnson to 3 years terms on Cultural Council to expire June 30, 2012.

Also, Maureen Wolk, Deborah Ams, William Atkinson, Jr. and Jackie Reeves for two year terms expiring June 30, 2011. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Grundman moved Kathy Edmonston, Debbie Barrette, and Dorothy Frenier, for a one-year terms expiring June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Barrette abstained. 4-1 abstention.

Beach Committee

Due to the large number of applicants, Mr. Hunt moved to set Beach Committee at 11 members with any number of alternates. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hunt moved to appoint John Leiss, Donna Leiss, Sandra Murray, Eric Nelson, Meryden Kirby, Elaine Tammi and Kathy Quatromoni to the Sandwich Beach Committee term to expire June 30, 2010. Unanimous. The remained of the applicants will be called to come in to the Board's June 4 meeting.

Greg Smith was present to request that the Zoning Bylaw Committee's term be extended for up to 2 years. Mr. Smith said the Committee as been working to clear up inconsistencies in the zoning bylaws, making it more user friendly, incorporating ideas from the Local Comprehensive Plan, as well as drafting new zoning for a future Town Meeting. The work has taken longer than anticipated. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint James Killion, Richard Claytor, Jonathan Fitch and Ben Losordo to the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee extending the term to expire June 30, 2011. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

The Board discussed the proposed Government Task Force

- Mr. Barrette re-worked Mr. Pierce's flow chart into a computer model. The next step, if the Board wishes to proceed, is to present it the School Committee and Finance Committee, have the Board's review it and comment. Once approved by the three boards, it becomes procedure and flow model for all the boards. A "task" can be a directive from any one of the three boards with task force members reporting back to the originating board. Mr. Pierce said it is a way to use checks and balances in Town Charter without compromising separation of power. Ms. Grundman would like the Board to continue to look at holding strategic planning weekend. Mr. Barrette said as part of that, the mission statement should be product of strategic planning and that it can be done in a year. Mr. Pierce mentioned that these meetings are public. Mr. Hunt said subcommittees are still subject to the open meeting law. Ms. Grundman asked if the boards would work on the strategic plan then get into the tasking phase. Mr. Barrette sees them running simultaneously. The Board was in favor of exploring with other boards. Ms. Grundman said looking at government reorganization would affect the budget in 2011 in positive way.
- The Board also discussed the Long Range Plan and the importance of keeping it updated and "alive" with the hope in the end to integrate it with the schools and make it one plan.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Grundman thanked Warren Smith for providing the Board with copies of the DVD produced by Barnstable County Health and Human Services Advisory Council and the Barnstable County Department of Human Services on "The Human Condition: A Decade of Community Assessment".
- Mr. Barrette asked about the Board's committee assignments. The list will be available at next week's meeting.

- Ms. Grundman said at the Selectmen's Corner, it was suggested to put a box at the landfill for people to properly dispose of flags. Mr. Hunt suggested having a box at the guard shack and it was also noted that the Legion also accepts flags.
- Kevin O'Hare was present to announce an information session on Sea Shell Village, Wednesday May 27, 6:00 p.m. at the Forestdale School. The State has agreed that 70% of the affordable units will have preference for Sandwich residents or employees. More information can be found at Haconcapecod.org.

CLOSING REMARKS

No closing remarks.

ADJOURNMENT

8:50 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall