

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 25, 2009

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Steve Powers, Architect Anthi Frangiatis, Atty. John Fitch, Engineer Peter Newton, Capt. Dan Able, Commander Cape Cod Air Station Coast Guard, Col. Randall Cordiero, Army National Guard, Col, Jim Lafavor, Commander Air National Guard, Kristina Curley, Army Cleanup Program and Lynda Wadsworth, Community Outreach Manager, Carl Johansen

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Grundman, in reference to the minutes of June 4, asked if there should have been a vote to create the Leadership Council subcommittee. The Board did not feel the committee needed to be “created” just the members voted to it. Ms. Grundman stated she also regretted her vote. Since the item was not on the agenda, she was not prepared nor able to receive public input.

- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of June 4, 2009 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
- **Mr. Barrette moved the minutes of June 11, 2009 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT

1. The Beach Committee held their first meeting last night. Recreation Director Guy Boucher and Director of Natural Resources Mark Galkowski were in attendance. Their next meeting is July 8, 6:30 p.m. in the recreation office.
2. Alan Trebat has resigned as the Town’s representative to the Cape Cod Commission and the Planning Board due to his new job responsibilities.
3. Moderator Jan Teehan announced an opening on the Finance Committee and will accept letters of interest until June 30, 2009. Also there is opening on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a member-at-large, letters will be accepted until July 17.
4. Mr. Dunham, who is the Chair of the personnel committee of the CCRTA, and Ms. Buckner will be at interviewing applicants next Monday and Tuesday for the CCRTA Director.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman and Mr. Kennan attended the Cape Cod Commission hearing on approval of the Local Comprehensive Plan. Sandwich received accolades for the Plan. Mr. Kennan also mentioned Town Planner Greg Smith did a great presentation job to the Commission.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Carl Johansen recently attended the District Citizens Award Dinner where three Sandwich Scouts received their Eagle Scout Rank: David Erik Mobed, Christopher Stephen Hall and Matteo Brand Aluisy. Mr. Johansen said the community and parents should be proud. Mr. Johansen also spoke emotionally about service men and women and the meaning of the flag. Mr. Johansen spoke in favor of the joint chair/vice chair sub-committee to keep the lines of communications open.

STAFF MEETING – MMR UPDATE

Capt. Dan Able, Commander Cape Cod Air Station Coast Guard; Col. Randall Cordiero, Army National Guard; Col. Jim Lafavor, Commander Air National Guard; Kristina Curley, Army Cleanup Program; and Lynda Wadsworth, Community Outreach Manager were present and gave an overview and update of their activities on the Massachusetts Military Reservation. Mr. Barrette thanked them and the men and women who serve.

STAFF MEETING – STEVE POWERS - FORESTDALE VILLAGE

Developer Steve Powers, Architect Anthi Frangiatis, Engineer Peter Newton and Atty. Jonathan Fitch presented the proposed Forestdale Village Project. The project is being presented as a LIP program with the theme for 55+, veterans and those with disabilities. The parcel is 75 acres off of Route 130 and consists of about 80,000 sq. ft. commercial and 146 residential units-37 affordable. There will also be an on-site sewage treatment plant. Over the past two ½ years, Mr. Powers has been working with DEP, Cape Cod Commission, DHCD, Natural Heritage and has met the Town of Sandwich Permit Review Board, the Housing Authority, American Legion, and Fire Department. They are respectfully requesting the Board vote to support the LIP application. By voting their support, the vote is not an approval of the project, but gets the application to Boston to get the process started. By doing the LIP process 70% of the affordable units in the first lottery will go to Sandwich residents first. During the time they application is with DHCD, they would like to continue working with the Planning Board on the zoning and local comprehensive plan changes. The commercial portion will require a zoning change, which will be reviewed by Town Counsel, then to Town boards and finally to Town Meeting. Mr. Powers explained that the fire department has agreed that they will accept using Sheldon Road as a fire second egress only. Mr. Barrette stated the concept is commendable.

- **Mr. Barrette moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the concept and authority the Chair to sign the Department of Housing and Community**

Development Local Initiative Permit application for comprehensive permit projects for Forestdale Village. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham gave an update on the State House Budgets and briefly discussed the new proposed Ethics Reform Law which raises serious concerns for municipalities, particularly the rules regarding Executive Session materials. Town Counsel John Giorgio sent a message outlining the proposed Law. Ms. Grundman said the Bill was approved yesterday and she will get follow up from the legislators.

2. Verizon Bill: Verizon has submitted legislation seeking a change in the licensing procedures which Cable Attorney Peter Epstein feels is not in the best interest of municipalities. Attorney Epstein drafted a letter for the Board to send to the local legislators against the bill. This is not the first time Verizon has submitted such legislation and Mr. Hunt said he had a hard time with this legislation last time.

- **Mr. Pierce moved to send the letter as recommended by Attorney Epstein. Ms. Grundman seconded. Mr. Hunt opposed. Motion passes 4 ayes to 1 opposed.**

3. Mr. Dunham gave an update on the regional cable negotiations. He also explained the Town is seeking 5% for PEG stations and 3% would go directly to SACAT. Another request is for an additional \$300,000 for capital equipment which would all go to SACAT. The contract between the Town and Comcast ends September 12, and both parties have agreed to an extension.

- **Mr. Pierce moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Chair to execute the MOU between the Town of Sandwich and Comcast Cable to extend the time period for renewal from July 8, 2009 to September 4, 2009. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

4. The Board discussed Mr. Pierce's request to consider manning Station 2 with an ambulance and following through according to the Government Task Force Flow Chart. The Board discussed the proposal and felt all the options had been looked at. In order to man Station 2, the department would have to take away staff from headquarters which is not feasible. Mr. Dunham will pull out all the information previously discussed on this issue for Mr. Pierce.

5. Selectmen Committee Assignments

Randy Hunt:
School Committee Contract Negotiations
Energy Committee
SACAT
Technology Committee

Dana Barrette
Senior Management Board and Community Advisory Board
Cemetery Commissioner

John Kennan
Economic Development Committee
Golf Advisory – alternate
SEIC Task Force
Local Planning Group – ad hoc
Town Hall Project – ad hoc

Linell Grundman
Golf Advisory
Cemetery Commissioner
School Department Liaison
Sandwich Cultural Council
Local Planning Committee – ad hoc

Jim Pierce
Cemetery Commission
CPC-ad hoc
WQRC

6. Every five years, the Barnstable County Charter must be reviewed and the County is looking for members for the review committee. Ms. Grundman expressed her interest.

7. Ms. Grundman moved to recommend Dana Barrette to Community Advisory Board and send letter of recommendation. Mr. Pierce seconded. Mr. Barrette abstained. Motion passes 4 ayes to 1 abstention.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Grundman reminded the Board of the 4th of July parade and the pancake breakfast at St. John's Church.

ADJOURNMENT

- **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall