

MINUTES BOARD OF SEELCTMEN JUNE 4, 2009

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

George Dunham, SACAT, Paul Schrader, Joel Carlson, Bill Clark, Mark Galkowski, Dave DeConto, Patricia Lewis, Joanne Richardson, Dick Johnson, Joseph Foote, Dick Curtis, Chris Bailey

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Ellen Scott submitted her resignation from the Finance Committee. Interested residents can submit letters of interest to the Moderator c/o Town Hall by June 30.
2. Mr. Dunham advised of the roadwork being done on Cotuit, Quaker Meetinghouse and Farmersville Road.
3. Town Hall will be re-locating to Oak Crest Cove on Thursday and Friday, June 18 and 19 and will be open for business on the 21st. The only issue outstanding is the Comcast cable hookup connecting Oak Crest Cove with the Annex.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Cape Cod Selectmen Association is hosting a luncheon with local legislators on issues at Beacon Hill, Friday, June 12, 11:30 a.m. at the Angler's Club, Ocean Street in Hyannis. Ms. Grundman also noted that new officers will be elected at the meeting on the 12th.
2. Mr. Hunt reported the CTAC is holding a special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on June 9 at Hansen Village. In attendance will be Michael Meal from the Department of Telecommunications and Cable. The meeting is open to the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

BEACH COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

Mr. Paul Schrader expressed interest in serving on the Beach Committee. Other applicants were not present yet.

STAFF MEETING

Draft Wetland Fire Protection and Preparedness Plan for Maple Swamp and Discover Hill Town Lands Complex

Consultant Joel Carlson of Northeast Forest and Fire Management LLC, Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Director Bill Clark, Mark Galkowski, and Dave DeConto were present. Mr. Carlson explained the plan to identify actions intended to reduce wildfire hazards at the Maple Swamp and Discover Hill area. The plan outlines the goals, objectives and treatment options and was funded through a grant from the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension Service. If the Board supports the plan, the Town could be eligible for an additional \$25,000 for implementation of several of the recommendations such as cutting of brush underneath the tree growth in specific areas, particularly where the forest and subdivision/homes directly abut.

Beach Committee Applicants - continued

Ms. Patricia Lewis and Joanne Richardson explained their interest in serving on the Beach Committee.

Mr. Hunt moved to appoint Paul Schrader and Joanne Richardson as full members; and Pattie King-Oberg, Theo Zicko and Lesley Zicko, Paul Sylvia and Patricia Lewis as alternate members to the Beach Committee term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.

Cultural Council Appointment

Ms. Grundman moved to appoint Karen Miller to the Cultural Council term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous.

SEIC TASK FORCE

Task Force Members Dick Johnson, Joseph Foote, Dick Curtis, Chris Bailey were present to discuss the role of the SEIC Task Force now that the SEIC has been approved by Town Meeting and now awaiting legislative approval. There is still a lot that can be done in the meantime such as get the non-profit corporation paperwork ready and begin drafting the bylaws. Mr. Hunt discussed the non-profit tax status. The Board would like to see a list of projects the Task Force would like to work on and bring it back to the Board. The Board wants to be cautious that things be done legally and reviewed by Town Counsel since the SEIC has not been finalized. **Mr. Hunt moved to reinstate the SEIC Task Force consisting of the four present members and soliciting other members for the purpose of planning for the establishment of the official SEIC Task Force and contingent upon the Task Force reporting back with a month with their stated objectives and that the appointment goes no later than the 31st of December, 2009, and that the Task Force be required to report back to this Committee at least once per ¼ or as they deem fit. Mr. Barrette seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Kennan**

wants to be sure the SEIC Task Force interfaces with the EDC and Long Range Plan. Mr. Bailey said Shawn Murray is the liaison from the EDC to the SEIC.

OLD BUSINESS

1. The Board received the list of Selectmen assignments to be voted on at the next meeting. Ms. Grundman added that she is the liaison to the CPC.
2. A while back, Dave Mason was supported by the Board to be the Governor's representative to the Sandwich Housing Authority. Mr. Mason never received approval from the Governor's Office and is no longer interested. Ms. Grundman will find out what happened with this appointment and follow up.
3. The Board reviewed the committee appointments and will move them next week.
4. Mr. Dunham updated the Board on the cable negotiations.
5. Mr. Barrette and Mr. Kennan met with the chairs and vice chairs of the School Committee and Finance Committee to explore creating a sub-committee called the "Sandwich Leadership Council". The group would like to be established as a formal subcommittee. Ms. Grundman and Mr. Pierce expressed concern about being careful about the separation of checks and balances and the role of the Finance Committee, as well as the concentration of too much power in too few hands. Mr. Barrette stated he understands the concerns but the group will not have the power to do anything just bring the discussions back to the individual committees. The meetings will be open to the public, with minutes taken, and the opportunity for public comment. Mr. Barrette added the group will draft a MOA that everyone is comfortable with and thinks the apprehension is misplaced. Mr. Hunt said the group is the perfect way to look at ideas and ways to implement and makes perfect sense. The role of the Finance Committee is clearly defined in the charter and that will not change. **Mr. Hunt moved that we appoint as a standing membership our chairman and vice chairman to the Sandwich Leadership Council. Mr. Pierce seconded.** Ms. Grundman said she hoped that the Board would consider, if we have having a leadership counsel and restricting it to six, adding more people from the public to keep it more objective. Mr. Barrette stated goals are facilitating inter-board communication, fostering cooperation and ensuring common understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the Town of Sandwich and drafting an MOA to bring back to the parent boards for approval. **Unanimous.**
6. The Board discussed the mission statement.
7. Mr. Kennan asked about renting out the cabins at Oak Crest Cove. Mr. Lapp has put together a one-page document to get quotes from outside sources to see if it's feasible. To do it right in-house we would have to hire staff or expand the workcampers. The Board suggested having one meeting with experts to see if it is possible to have it done through a contract.
8. Ms. Grundman gave an update on the No Place for Hate meeting.
9. The Board has received inquiries about plowing private roads. Mr. Dunham said the town is forbidden by State law to spend town funds on private roads with the one exception of snow and ice. The Board would like to schedule the hearing for the Snow and Ice Policy.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board discussed the School Committee's recent vote to have the Town take control of the school fields. Mr. Dunham said it is a staff driven issue and needs to be looked at in the right way.
2. Ms. Grundman asked about the moorings on Scorton Creek. Mr. Dunham said it is a very involved process and requires new rules and regulations and town meeting action.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

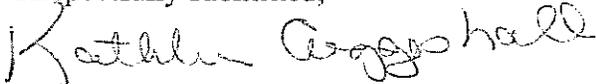
CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Grundman congratulated the graduating Class of 2009.

ADJOURNMENT

10:10 p.m. Mr. Barrette moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and reconvening for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Barrette, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Pierce, Mr. Kennan, Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Coggeshall