

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Upper Cape Codder, Sarah Regan, Dave Hill, Dave Mason, Attorney Jonathan Fitch, High School civics students

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve the minutes of September 3, 2009 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Tomorrow morning, Representative Perry and Mass. Highway will be holding a meeting regarding the Exit 2 intersection. The State has been in the design phase for two and one half years. Mr. Dunham and Mr. Lapp cannot attend since they will be conducting Building Inspector interviews.
2. Finance Committee meets next Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 - location to be determined.
3. The Special Town Meeting Warrant has to be posted by October 9.
4. On Wednesday, the Town submitted a Federal TIGER grant totaling \$16.6 million to design and construct an internal roadway in the South Sandwich Village District Center and the "Golden Triangle".
5. The Town was notified by the State that the Town is on the short list to receive \$400,000 from the Textron funding to do a comprehensive wastewater plan. Textron was a private company working on the Base which was found to have caused contamination of the groundwater. Upper Cape Water Supply is also likely to received \$350,000. Also, two other proposals were approved to purchase land in Mashpee and Sandwich for new wells. Mr. Dunham credited Mr. Mason for his work on applying for the grant.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Barrette agreed that the Selectmen's meeting should not have been held in a non-handicap accessible room as occurred last week upstairs at the Golf Course.
2. Mr. Barrette gave an update on the Senior Management Board meeting.

3. Ms. Grundman announced the "Friends of Sandwich Seniors" Oktoberfest fundraiser is at the Aqua Grill on October 11, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. The proceeds go towards the emergency heating fund.
4. The Cultural Council is now accepting applications for funding. Applications are available on-line, at Town Hall and the Library. The deadline is October 15.
5. At last Friday's Cape & Islands Selectmen's Meeting Town Counsel Len Kopelman gave a workshop on the Open Meeting Law. The next meeting in October will be on wastewater issues.
6. The EDC will hold a public forum on September 23, 7:00 p.m. at 16 Jan Sebastian Drive on the proposed Sign Code Bylaw amendments.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Sarah Regan announced the DeConto road race is this Sunday starting at Russell's Corner, 8:00 a.m. The race is held in honor of 9/11 and Capt. Gerald DeConto. Proceeds will go towards the sports complex and the DeConto scholarship.

STAFF MEETING

DAVE HILL – project update MMR

Mr. Hill gave an update on the J-1 South Plume which has migrated off-base and into the Grand Oak neighborhood. Previously the Selectmen approved the installation of ten temporary wells in the fall to detect the RDX. He explained in order to track the progress of the plume migration, the Army Corps of Engineers would like to install seven permanent wells and will do a feasibility study to see if more are required. Mr. Dunham explained that Town Meeting gave blanket authority to the Board to allow easements with the Military. The easement will be granted for 25 years. Mr. Hill said the abutters will be personally notified. **Mr. Barrette moved approve the Offer to Sell Easement and right of way over and across the land known as Tract Nos. 111E and Tract 112E for a period not to exceed twenty-five (25) years beginning October 1, 2009 for the sum of four Thousand Dollars. Ms. Grundman seconded. Unanimous.**

DAVE MASON –

1. Director of Health Dave Mason gave an update on the seasonal flu and H1N1 vaccines. Public Health Nurse Joanne Geake had previously scheduled the dates for the seasonal flu vaccine; however, the state has now said there will be a delay in the distribution. Anyone who has a scheduled appointment will be honored and the remainder will be done in November. Regarding the H1N1, there will be plenty of vaccines available and should be available mid-late October. There is no mandated requirement to receive the vaccine and a target group will be adhered to. Mr. Mason outlined the target groups for both the seasonal vaccine and the H1N1. Mr. Mason has also been working with the School Department.
2. Mr. Mason briefly spoke about the Textron grant.

3. Regarding recent reports of West Nile in Wareham, Cape Cod Mosquito Control has been tracking the cases; however, there has not been any reported cases in Sandwich in two years.

ATTORNEY JON FITCH

1. Attorney Jon Fitch was in regarding Sandwich Housing Authority's purchase of a home on Castle Lane. **Mr. Barrette moved to authorize the Chair to sign the LIP Compliance Certificate as presented and authorize excess proceeds of \$2,400 to be dedicated to the Sandwich Housing Authority. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.** Since it is a 40B affordable home, any amount the seller makes over the allowed sales price must be returned to the Town. The excess funds can be used for any affordable housing purpose. Mr. Dunham said the Housing Authority has accounts through the CPC the funding can be applied to.
2. Mr. Fitch also discussed the License Agreement between the Town and the Segurs regarding the easement at the Town Hall Annex parking lot. Not all the paperwork was in order; therefore, the Board was not amenable to signing the Agreement. There is an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for the easement.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Hunt and Mr. Pierce prepared a presentation on financial efforts and budget projections. Mr. Pierce said the idea is to start with common data and defining where we are starting from to get to a balanced budget next year. They reviewed the Town's spending trends, revenue trends and summaries. For the current fiscal year there is still a possibility there may be additional state cuts which could increase the \$456,427 the Town is currently short. They feel the situation is not sustainable without significant additional revenues or significant cost reductions since their projections show a \$1.6 million per year on average structural deficit. Ms. Grundman said by neglecting the capital needs, down the line will be a big price tag. Mr. Barrette noted the schools are going on 21 years on 15 year roofs at the two elementary schools.
2. Mr. Dunham presented the draft Special Town Meeting warrant articles.
3. Mr. Lapp requested the Board hold a public forum on North Shore Blvd issues. He will notify all the abutters and have the Police, DNR and Recreation present. The Board agreed to October 15.
4. Next Thursday there is a public hearing scheduled on the shellfish regulations. The earliest the shellfish beds can open is November 1.
5. The Board asked that the Plowing Private Road Policy be brought back. Mr. Hunt said he was not comfortable with the presentation, and Ms. Grundman said there needs to be better clarification for the public.
6. Mr. Dunham reported the CPC met Monday night and discussed their financial projections. Bond counsel has recommended the Town Hall project be bonded for 10-15 years. Mr. Dunham encouraged the group to be careful because funding is getting tight.

7. Mr. Hunt asked about the letter from Town Hall Annex employees regarding parking issue and re-opening the back parking lot exit. Mr. Dunham said the back closure was approved by the Board of Appeals and that it was an internal decision to close it. Police Fire and DPW would like to see how the easement and other improvements to the parking area work before considering re-opening the back. Mr. Dunham has met with the department heads at the Annex.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Jon Fitch agreed with the Board's decision to not approve the Winter Road Maintenance Policy. Mr. Fitch states that Mass. General Law C. 40 Sec. 6C, which the Town has adopted, does not say the roads must meet any standards it just says, once approved, the town will plow private roads. He added it is a public safety issue. Mr. Dunham said the private road policy was adopted in the early 1990's which applied road standards. He said the policy has not changed since then. Ms. Grundman would like to know the cost analysis if private roads are accepted as public roads. The Board also discussed a betterment process or road bond.

CLOSING REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

10:00 P.M. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Pierce seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Coggeshall