

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, Carl Johanson, Attorney Jon Fitch, Richard Augustine, Dan Fortier, John Johnson, John G. Tzimirangas, Golf Advisory Committee members, Albert Norton, Eric Nelson, Lisa Hassler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve the minutes of September 17, 2009 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Next Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. September 29, the Finance Committee meets at SACAT studio on Jan Sebastian Drive. Selectmen meet next Thursday.
2. The pre-Town Meeting meeting is Friday, September 23, 3:00 at the Jan Sebastian Drive meeting room.
3. A public notice was sent out to abutters regarding the North Shore Boulevard parking forum scheduled for October 15, 7:30 p.m. at the Human Services Building.
4. Fire Chief Russell and Mr. Dunham attended a meeting in Boston regarding the Sagamore Bridge work. The Army Corps is trying to accommodate the traffic and will open the bridge two lanes on Sundays exiting the Cape and Columbus Day weekend will open two lanes entering the Cape on Friday and Saturday and two lanes exiting on Sunday, making these accommodations will cause delays in the repairs into next Spring and possibly next Fall. Mass. Highway has set up "511" to get up-to-date traffic information. Also, at the meeting use of the MMR was ruled out, as well as changes to Exit 1 which would cause more traffic problems in Sandwich and Bourne. Mr. Barrette added that the Base roads are not in any condition to accommodate large amounts of traffic, in addition to base safety concerns.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Friends of the Council on Aging Oktoberfest is Sunday, October 11 at the Aqua Grill. Ms. Grundman said the tickets are \$14 for adults, \$8 for children and the funds go towards the COA heating assistance program for all ages. Ms.

Grundman reported on the School Committee meeting, including a new latex policy for all schools. She also reported on the MCAS scores which have gone up. There is also going to be training for parents for the “New Math”, Tuesday, September 29 at the Oak Ridge School.

2. Mr. Kennan presented a poster from Ms. Wong’s civics class thanking the Selectmen. Mr. Lapp was noticed at the recent Issues and Alliances meeting for his efforts on behalf of the Merchant’s Square businesses. Mr. Kennan also reported on the EDC sign code forum.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Carl Johnason spoke in opposition to Mr. Fitch’s criticism last week regarding Mr. Tilton and the DPW on the private road plowing policy issue.
2. Richard Augustine, Sandwich Taxpayer’s Association, spoke about the golf course and using some of the land for over 55 housing.
3. Dan Fortier came in after hearing about Ms. Grundman’s announcement on the latex policy in the schools. It is his child that has brought this issue to light. He also mentioned that other products such as the playground turf also have latex and need to be considered.

PUBLIC HEARING – GOLF COURSE FEES

Mr. Kennan read the public hearing notice. Mr. Barrette moved to open the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Johnson summarized the Golf Department fees for 2010. He has recommended no changes from the 2009 fees. No public comment.

Mr. Barrette move to close the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Grundman moved to accept rates as presented by Mr. Johnson for the 2010 season. Mr. Pierce seconded. Unanimous.

John Tzimirangas, Chair Sandwich Golf Advisory Committee (GAC), stated the Committee felt the National Golf Foundation presented an honest, upfront report. The GAC agreed the ADA compliance issue must be addressed and added that the Town would be grateful for any other ideas Ms. Sherman, the Disabilities Commission, or the general public may have to help resolve this issue. The GAC in the past has recommended building over 55 housing to increase revenue. The key to improving revenue is to find something sustainable and non-weather dependent. Regarding the food and beverage issue, which he states in not a judgment against the current vendor, the GAC feels there needs to be a different arrangement or different vendor, including consider the town taking it over. They would like to see the upstairs room being used more efficiently. There needs to be increased visibility of the property to make it a destination location which could include sports fields, a sports pub. The GAC would like to be given tasks to allow them to explore some of these opportunities. Mr. Dunham said the Capital Advisory Committee has hired a cost estimator which will assist in pricing for improved the heating system and accessible issues. Mr. Dunham said there are certain

steps which will have to be taken to proceed with alternate land uses and he proposes bringing an article to Town Meeting to begin the process. Mr. Dunham said the GAC could look into other “out of the box” ideas such as wind turbines. Mr. Kennan said the Town may not want to invest in the liability of holding a liquor license and that is something else the GAC could investigate. Mr. Barrette suggested the committee come up with a list of tasks and bring them back to the Board.

Mr. Tzimorangas introduced Mr. Albert Norton who is interested in serving on the GAC. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint Albert Norton to the GAC term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

The GAC meets the 1st Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Golf Course.

8:00 p.m. PUBLIC HEARING – Shellfish Regulations

Prior to the hearing, Mr. Galkowski presented Certificates of Appreciation to this summer’s Workampers.

Mr. Kennan read the public hearing notice. **Mr. Barrette moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

DNR Director Mark Galkowski and Natural Resources Officer Dave DeConto presented draft regulations for shellfishing. Mr. Galkowski explained that the beds have been completely closed since 1988. Mr. Hunt noted thanks to the efforts of the DNR, Board of Health, Mass. Highway, and DPW in successfully working to improve the water quality, the beds will reopen - this is a huge accomplishment. The target date for opening the beds is November 15. Mr. Galkowski reviewed the regulations in detail. The Board questioned the senior age requirement of 70, where the Golf Course is 62 years. The Board would like the age requirement to be more consistent.

Public Comment: Mr. Carl Johanson questioned allowed the taking of seaworms due to the damage it can cause to the beds. If it appears the taking is causing a problem, it can be closed immediately. Mr. Johanson also said the age limit for a free State license is 70. No additional public comment.

The Board would like Town Counsel to review before approving.

Mr. Barrette moved to close the hearing. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Under the new regulations, Deputy Shellfish Wardens are required because each taking must be reported. Also, right now there are no plans to have reciprocal permits with Bourne since the beds are so new; but if the resources improve, it might be viable.

Mr. Eric Nelson, Chair, Sandwich Beach Committee, presented two names for two alternate openings. Ms. Lisa Hassler was present and introduced herself. Also submitted was Jennifer McCormick. Mr. Nelson also briefly updated the Board on the Committee’s activities. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint Lisa Hassler and Jennifer McCormick as alternate members to the Sandwich Beach Committee for the term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.** Mr. Dunham said the initiatives put forth this summer were a great success. Ms. Grundman has received a lot of positive feedback on the efforts at Snake Pond.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Dunham reviewed the proposed Special Town Meeting warrant articles.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Mr. Barrette moved to appoint David Darling to the Economic Development Committee, term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

None

ADJOURNMENT

9:25 a.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall