

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN FEBRUARY 11, 2010
270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich
7:00 p.m.

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACT, Sandwich Enterprise, Wendy and Guy Kiedeisch, Greg Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve minutes of January 28, 2010 with one correction: Under Town Manager's report - correct spelling is perchlorate. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrette moved to approve the minutes of February 4, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Finance Committee met Monday and has decided to go back to the Tuesday schedule. Next scheduled meeting is February 23, Public Library, 7:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Teehan announced a vacancy on the Finance Committee due to the resignation of Hank Tuohy. Letters of interest will be accepted through February 26.
3. The Chinese Lunar New Celebration being held at the Oak Ridge School is February 16. Dignitaries from TaiPai will be present.
4. Mr. Dunham read a public announcement that an agreement has been reached with all the general government unions and non-union employees to take a zero percent increase for the second year in a row. Mr. Dunham recognized the Union presidents for their leadership. Mr. Dunham formally asked the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee to provide enough money for FY'11 so that no general government employee will be laid off in FY'11 for financial reasons. Based on his projections, he will need roughly \$275,000 above the -1.0% amount previously identified by the Board for FY'11. This reflects an increase of less than 1.0% above the FY'10 general government budget which is a small price to pay for the sacrifices that have been made for two years. The Board expressed their appreciation and noted it is Mr. Dunham's rapport with the employees that

made this happen. Mr. Barrette hoped other Town unions will follow this example.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

Wendy and Guy Kiedeisch spoke on the pathway and dock issues on Pierre Vernier Road. Mr. Kennan and Mr. Dunham spoke with Town Counsel John Giorgio regarding this issue. Attorney Giorgio's opinion is a violation determination must be made by the Building Inspector; however before he can make that determination, the special permit and wetlands issue must go before the Planning Board and Conservation. The homeowners' association did meet with Conservation last fall; however, all the paperwork filed was not sufficient at the time. Mr. Hunt said it is the consensus of at least three Board members that something needs to happen. Mr. Kennan noted again that Mr. Dunham cannot tell the Building Inspector what to do in this case. Planning Director Greg Smith was present and said he will speak to the Planning Board chair and get the homeowners' association on the agenda as soon as possible. If the Planning Board recognizes a violation has occurred, they can write a letter to the Building Inspector instructing him to do what needs to be done to enforce the violation. Mr. Dunham also noted that a lot of this issue has to do with private property rights and are civil issues not town issues.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham reviewed the revenue/expense sheets.
2. Mr. Pierce asked for an update on several issues in the Long Range Plan. 1. Tax Title property: Mr. Dunham explained Treasurer Craig Mayen goes through the list regularly and may have additional available parcels later in the year. 2. Road Bond: Mr. Pierce said that this year the focus is on buildings rather than roads. But once that project has been tacked and a decision made, Mr. Tilton can come in to discuss or bring to CIPC. Ms. Grundman said there should be money in the budget to maintain them better. Mr. Hunt said he felt it should be kept on the "radar" screen but the Board just heard \$275,000 additional is needed on top of the \$500,000 for the upcoming budget. 3. Beach Issues: Mr. Pierce spoke about pushing at the state level regarding the Old Harbor Project.
3. Mr. Lapp briefly discussed the Roberti Farm RFP. One proposal was received from Harry Johnson Tree Farm. The Board discussed the future of the buildings on the site since Mr. Johnson does not have an interest in utilizing the large barn or silos. Since there are historic preservation restrictions on the buildings, the only thing that can be done is to secure them which Mr. Johnson has offered to do.

4. Ms. Grundman said Melinda Gallant has expressed interest in serving on the Town Hall Re-dedication Committee. Their next meeting is March 1, 8:30 a.m. at 16 Jan Sebastian Drive.
5. Mr. Pierce said Town Clerk Taylor White has been working on the committee list and has a few committees he would like recommend be dissolved.
6. Ms. Grundman said the Council on Aging recently purchased a new van and got it under the state bid list for \$22,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barrette moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Disposition of Real Property and coming out for the purpose of adjournment only. Mr. Hunt seconded. Mr. Pierce, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Barrette and Mr. Kennan so moved. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,


Kathleen Coggeshall