

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN FEBRUARY 18, 2010
270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich
7:00 p.m.

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

Douglas Lapp, SACAT, Sandwich Enterprise, Marisa Fraser, Bruce Fraser, James Chase, Charles and Andrea Horman, Tim Cooney, Dave DeConto, Arnold Johnson and family, Joe Cogswell, Marisa Fraser, Bruce Fraser, James Chase, Charles and Andrea Horman, Karen Sunnaborg, Greg Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No minutes were presented for approval.

ASSISTANT TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. The Board has been invited to a Blue and Gold Banquet and Advancement Ceremony Celebrating 100 Years of Scouting on Saturday, February 27 4:00 – 6:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church.
2. Mr. Lapp gave an update on the Pierre Vernier Road issue. The Homeowners Association was on the Planning Board agenda on Tuesday; however, their attorney was granted a continuance which would give them additional time to complete the land survey as required by the Planning Board and Conservation. Once it is heard by the Planning Board, a decision can be made by the Building Inspector whether any violations occurred. A letter has been received from an abutter expressing concern over property rights and has made a public records request for all correspondence regarding this issue.
3. The RFP for the Oakcrest Cove cabins will be available Friday the 19th, due date March 19. There will be a site visit on Monday, March 1. The hope is to have the cabins up and running by May 1.
4. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee will make its presentation on the final capital report on February 25.
5. The Conservation Commission reorganized. Christopher Kirrane was elected Chair, Michael Zylich, Vice Chair and David Sullivan is the new representative to the CPC.
6. The Conservation Commission has submitted a letter requested that the Board consider revising the bylaw regarding the requirement to change the Chair every two years for appointed boards.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman attended the Cape & Island Selectmen's Association meeting which was dedicated solely to the County Charter review. The overwhelming impression is that the review process is too short. Also, the CPC clarification does not look too hopeful. The Town would benefit from the clarification, in particular, the Adventure Playground.
2. Mr. Kennan, Ms. Grundman, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Lapp attended the Lunar New Year Celebration presented by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Council held at Oak Ridge School on February 16. Mr. Kennan presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Council for bringing the cultural exchange to Sandwich.
3. Ms. Grundman mentioned there are new criteria for certain tax breaks. The Council on Aging has all the information.

PUBLIC FORUM

Marisa Fraser, Bruce Fraser, James Chase, Charles and Andrea Horman, all spoke regarding the Pierre Vernier path and dock issue.

STAFF MEETING

Community Preservation Committee Chair Tim Cooney and CPC Administrator Dave Deconto were present and gave a detailed presentation on past and present CPC projects. There is a Bill proposed that would guarantee a 75% match and would also allow additional uses for the funding, and broaden participation by less affluent communities. They also explained that there is a misunderstanding about the funding. The money does not go into and out of the general fund. It is a separate fund that by law can only be used for CPC projects. Mr. DeConto is working with a member of the Americorp to build a more comprehensive detailed website. The Committee is also required to hold a public hearing which will be held on March 1 at 6:00 p.m. Part of the discussion will be whether to continue using CPC funds to repair town buildings.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Roberti Farm RFP Recommendation – Arnold Johnson, Harry Johnson Tree Farm. Mr. Lapp explained the Roberti Farm is 6 ½ acres behind the Stop & Shop plaza on 6A. The property has a permanent deed restriction that only allows open space, conservation or agricultural uses. Mr. Lapp said Mr. Johnson comes with extremely positive references. The proposal is for \$4,200 a year and Mr. Johnson is amenable to an inflation factor. Mr. Johnson is also responsible for any taxes for the property, which are minimal due to it being agricultural. Mr. Arnold Johnson introduced his sons, Barry, Ben and Carl and the company manager, Joe Cogswell. He explained the company was started by his grandfather in 1920 in

Centerville. The company is now in Osterville and expanded into Marstons Mills. Mr. Johnson had considered bidding previously; however at the time, the RFP allowed for a 10-year agreement which was not enough time for growing trees. Due to a Town Meeting vote, the term has been extended to 30 years. Mr. Johnson's proposal also has an educational component, and an offer to set aside an area for the Tree Warden to store trees. Mr. Johnson will be making repairs to the smaller barn but will not be using the large cow barn or the silos. He is willing to secure the larger barn. Mr. Pierce mentioned possible future use of the larger barn. The Board spoke highly of the proposal. **Mr. Barrette moved to approve Harry Johnson Tree Farm proposal for a term of up to 30 years and authorize the Town Manager to negotiate and finalize the terms of the contract. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

2. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint John Shaw, Patrick Ellis, Frank Pannorfi, Denise Dever, Melinda Gallant and Linell Grundman to the Town Hall Rededication Task Force through completion of project. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
3. Karen Sunnaborg, Consultant and Greg Smith, Planning Director – Affordable Housing Plan Update. Ms. Sunnaborg was hired six months ago to update the 2004 Affording Housing Plan, which she was also involved with. She gave a presentation on her report. Greg Smith would like to set up a new Affording Housing Committee. Ms. Hunt asked about more specifics than presented. Ms. Sunnaborg said the presentation is just an overview of the report.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

1. Ms. Grundman noted that the County Charter review still needs to look at the structure of county government and “why do we need county government”. Also a discussion needs to be held on how the Town feel about the weighted vote

ADJOURNMENT

9:35 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall

