

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN FEBRUARY 4, 2010
Human Services Building, 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, Town Counsel John Giorgio, SACAT, Mary Stanley-Sandwich Enterprise, Tom Cahir, Shawn Murray, Kate Bavelock, Derek Sullivan, William Burbank, Guy Boucher

The meeting was called to order immediately following a 6:00 p.m. Executive Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Upcoming Meetings: The Finance Committee meets Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m. at the Human Services Building; and Selectmen, Thursday, February 10, 7:00 p.m.
2. Mr. Dunham has updated the revenue/expense forecast based on the Governor's budget.
3. The Library is hosting a 2010 Lunar New Year Celebration on Tuesday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. at the Oak Ridge School. A performance will be held by the Boston Chinese Folk Art Workshop. Tickets are available through the Library. Mr. Kennan and Mr. Lapp will be present for the celebration.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Pierce expressed his disappointment at Bob Simmons decision to not pursue re-election. Ms. Grundman agreed. She also mentioned that nomination papers will be available next week for anyone interested in running.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING – Attorney John Giorgio

Town Counsel John Giorgio gave an overview of the financial and legal issues related to the pay-as-you-throw program. He discussed the issue of setting fees and the option the town has to create an enterprise fund for the program. Mr. Giorgio also suggested contacting Edith DeMello at DEP to discuss how this program has worked in other communities. His experience with other towns he handles is that the program dramatically increases recycling and generates additional revenue without impacting the levy limit. Mr. Giorgio also noted this is more of a “waste reduction” program rather than pay-as-you-throw since the revenue will be from both the bags and the cost of the sticker. A true pay-as-you-throw the entire cost is based on the bag fee.

CCRTA Administrator Tom Cahir

Mr. Cahir was hired six months ago as the CCRTA Administrator. Mr. Cahir comes with a lengthy background of transportation related positions, including Chair of the Transportation Committee while he was State Representative, then Department Secretary Rail and Intermodal Transportation department for 10 years, which included overseeing 15 Regional Transit Authorities. Mr. Cahir spoke of the projects currently underway at the Authority. They are working to improve the “B-Bus” service and collaborating between the other transportation groups such as the steamship authority, train service, Barnstable airport, etc.; in the process of re-doing the existing fare structure; and making improvements to the software system to vastly improve the scheduling. Mr. Cahir also briefly spoke about the potential for rail service from Sandwich, leaving from the Mirant plant, to the MBTA train. Finally, Mr. Cahir announced the RTA’s ability to get the Sandwich COA a brand new van. Mr. Hunt asked about the CCRTA budget. Mr. Cahir explained it is a \$12 million budget, with \$20 million in assets. Town’s are required to pay no more than 25% net cost of their service.

STAFF MEETING –EDC

Shawn Murray, Chair and Kate Bavelock updated the Board on EDC (Economic Development Committee) activities. Mr. Murray read a letter into the record expressing appreciation to Cindy Russell who recently resigned. The Committee currently needs new members. Mr. Murray presented Mr. Derek Sullivan and Mr. William Burbank to serve as alternate members. **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint Derek Sullivan and William Burbank as alternate members to the EDC term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

The EDC asked that the Board reconsider its moratorium on road takings. Specifically, to bring it in line with the Local Comprehensive Plan. They are not asking for residential areas, but in areas such as the South Sandwich Business District, Industrial Park, Rte 6A Village, Ridge District; etc. Mr. Dunham explained there is a lengthy process that needs to be done prior to any road being taken. Mr. Hunt said at the time the moratorium was voted on, the discussion was on the cost association and did not believe there was a discussion on new commercial roads. Ms. Grundman said the policy needs to be revisited and create a different policy to lend itself to economic development. The EDC

also voted to support a letter by Town Planner Greg Smith dated February 5 regarding the hotel/motel bylaw. The bylaw amendment would allow new rooms. Mr. Smith said the amendment would affect the BL1, BL2 and marina district with a special permit. Mr. Hunt asked how many rooms are currently being filled and if this would allow current businesses to expand. Ms. Bavelock said the Chamber has not been polled on this proposal but that there is a multiplier factor on the every tourist that stays in Sandwich. Lastly, Mr. Murray asked that the Board consider adding the Technical Guidelines and Design Guidelines from the Cape Cod Commission as an amendment to the Zoning Bylaws. Mr. Dunham felt this is something the Planning Board is authorized to do. Also, according to the Local Comprehensive Plan, the EDC is to create a subcommittee once the SEIC is created.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham briefly received the revenue and expense summary.
2. Mr. Lapp gave an update on the Oak Crest Cove cabins. He is putting together an RFP for a management company to oversee the cabin rentals. The Town has again this year signed a lease agreement for use of the field for the farmer's market/bizarre. In addition, the Recreation Department will be holding a program utilizing the cabins on the hill. Director Guy Boucher explained the All Day Fun Fun program will be for Grades 1-8. The program is \$800 per child for a 7 week program or \$135/child/week, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. There will be additional aftercare offered from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. for \$35/week/child. The program will also offer tennis and swimming lessons at no additional cost. The Oak Crest Cove main house will be used for administration, nursing and for rainy day events. The Recreation Department will also work with families that have difficulty paying the fees. The Board complimented Mr. Boucher on his creativity. Mr. Lapp further discussed the cottage RFP. The RFP is for the 7 cabins and a small office space. Tomorrow morning a preliminary meeting is scheduled with potential bidders to review the RFP. The public is also welcome. The RFP will be available on February 19, followed by a site visit on March 1 and proposals due by March 19. It is hoped to have it up and running by the summer season.
3. In regards to North Shore Boulevard, a public meeting was held with the residents on Tuesday, February 2. Approximately 50 residents were there with a lot of the discussion involving enforcement. Also present at the meeting were Mark Galkowski, Dave DeConto, Chief Russell, Paul Tilton and Chief Pomoroy. Paul Tilton gave a detailed outline of the proposed new parking ban which would improve parking in the parking lots and ban parking on the north side of North Shore Boulevard. Beyond the parking discussion, residents said Craven's Landing is a huge problem. A few of the residents wanted a total parking ban, others wanted resident only parking stickers; however, they were overall pleased with the proposal since it is a start and better than what currently exists. All agreed this would be a seasonal arrangement.

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC FORUM

None

CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Hunt was wished good luck on his campaign.

ADJOURNMENT

9:30 p.m. **Mr. Barrette moved to adjourn. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall