

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN MARCH 3, 2010
270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich, MA
7:00 p.m.

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

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SACT, Paul Niedzwieck, Sue Pommrehn, Nancy Crossman, Richard Elliott, Greg Smith

7:05 P.M. The meeting was called immediately following a scheduled Executive Session held at 6:00 p.m. at the Human Services Building for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrette moved to approve the Board of Selectmen minutes for February 25, 2010 as presented. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1. SEIC meets next Monday at 4:00 at Oakcrest Cove; the Finance Committee meets Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Library.
2. The SEIC Special Legislation has passed the House and is now in the Governor's Office. The Governor's Office had a few questions which Town Counsel John Giorgio is responding to.
3. The Sagamore Bridge repairs have been delayed to March 5.
4. The Town received the Common Cause Award for the Town's website.
5. Open Cape has been awarded \$32 million from the Federal Government to continue its efforts to bring broadband to Cape Cod.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Grundman announced the Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Sandwich Fest on July 10. Also, the After Prom Committee is seeking donations to help with the event.
2. The Town Hall Re-dedication Task force met on Monday. At the next meeting, Mr. Dunham and Mr. Lapp will be in to discuss the draft facility use guidelines. Ms. Grundman and Mr. Pierce attended the Blue and Gold Banquet for the Cub

Scouts 100 Year Anniversary. Mr. Pierce and Ms. Grundman also attended the Council on Aging Volunteer Luncheon to honor its 170 volunteers.

3. Mr. Dunham, Ms. Buckner and Mr. Mayen attended the Cape Cod Municipal Health seminar focusing on how to keep down health care costs. Ms. Grundman mentioned the need for health care plan design control. The next Cape Cod Selectmen and Councilor's Association is holding a joint forum with the MMA on Budgets on Friday, March 12, 2010 7:30 a.m. at Sandwich Hollows Golf Club.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

STAFF MEETING

1. Paul Niedzwiecki Cape Cod Commission Executive Director and Sue Pommrehn, Sandwich Representative gave an update on the Commission's efforts including the Regional Policy Plan (RPP), the land use vision maps, Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) and the new County Ordinance "H". Sandwich's representative, Ms. Pommrehn, will be stepping down in April. The Cape Cod Commission recently approved the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Hunt noted that things have changed significantly the past two years since Mr. Niedzeicki took the helm. Regarding the wind regulations the Commission is working on, it is currently geared towards commercial, not regulating residential wind power. Mr. Niedzeicki briefly discussed the wastewater collaborative. The original collaborative's goal is to education; outreach; find additional resources; and promoting regional approaches where critical ability to foster regional capital projects.
2. Nancy Crossman was in to advise the Selectmen that she is running for School Committee; however, she is also a part-time employee of the community school pool. Under the conflict of interest law, if Ms. Crossman was elected, the Selectmen would have to sign off on her designation as a Special Municipal Employee. The reason she came in was to be upfront and not "surprise" the Board if she is elected. According to the Ethics Commission she could vote on the general school budget but not the line item directly related to her job at the community school. Ms. Grundman, Mr. Pierce and Mr. Barrette felt this would set a bad precedent to allow school employees to serve on the School Committee, and particularly since the Community School future will be a discussion of the School Committee. Ms. Grundman said she was uncomfortable with the discussion feeling it is related to Ms. Crossman's campaign and that she should come before the Board after the election. Mr. Pierce also was not comfortable with the discussion. Ms. Crossman said she was not before the board this evening for vote, purely as informational only.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. Dunham said the budget bottom line didn't change and hopefully the Town will get a better handle from the State within the next month.
2. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee (CIPC) will be meeting with the school department to discuss the capital report on March 15, 4:00 at Oakcrest Cove. Mr. Pierce asked if there will be a warrant article on the CIPC recommendations. Ms. Grundman said the meeting with the school department could potentially alter the recommendation. Mr. Pierce suggested that Mr. Dunham come back next week with his recommendation for a warrant article. The Board discussed the Annex repairs and that a decision will have to be made on where to put the Annex staff. Mr. Hunt said the ballot question could be set as a bullet list and let the people decide and prioritize for themselves. Ms. Grundman wondered if the article could be changed on Town Meeting floor, to include, for example, the East Sandwich Fire Station.
3. Due to a resignation on the EDC, **Mr. Barrette moved to appoint William Burbank as full voting member to the EDC term to expire June 30, 2010. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
4. Mr. Dunham said the consultant for the Police Chief search will be reaching out to the Board members. Also he noted only the finalists name will be made public.
5. The Board discussed pay-as-you-throw and would like to have additional companies come in to discuss other models. Mr. Tilton will be researching RFP's from other communities. Mr. Dunham said the Board also needs to decide how much of the budget they are trying to "recapture". Ms. Grundman would also to hear from someone at DEP and suggested creating a task force. Mr. Pierce said there is a lot of misperception in the public. Mr. Lapp suggested putting out a formal bid and see what type of proposals come back. Mr. Dunham said an enterprise fund will probably also have to be created at the spring or a fall town meeting. Mr. Barrette said if town meeting rejected the Enterprise fund then it would give a sense of where the town wants to go.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Inspector of Buildings Recommendation. Forty-six resumes were received for the position and the search committee interviewed eight. Mr. Dunham has recommended Paul Spiro. He said Mr. Spiro's references are outstanding and feels he will be a valuable team player and leader. **Mr. Barrette moved to authorize the Town Manager to appoint Paul Spiro as the Inspector of Buildings. Mr. Hunt seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Mr. Pierce asked about a road bond. Mr. Dunham said Mr. Tilton had a cost estimate done 2-3 years ago but will need to be updated.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Richard Elliott spoke about Nancy Crossman's potential conflict of interest discussion.

CLOSING REMARKS

Ms. Grundman asked that the Cape Cod Commission Representative vacancy be advertised. The current seats expires the end of April.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall