

MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 17, 2010
270 Quaker Meetinghouse Road, East Sandwich, MA 02537
7:00 p.m.

Present: Dana Barrette, Linell Grundman, John Kennan, Jim Pierce, Ralph Vitacco

George Dunham, Douglas Lapp, SCT, Sandwich Enterprise, Kate Bavelock, Paul Bates, Andrea Killion, Paul Spiro

The meeting was called to order immediately following a scheduled Executive Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Ms. Grundman moved the minutes of May 27, 2010. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**

- **Ms. Grundman moved the minutes of June 10, 2010. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Upcoming meetings: 1) On Monday, the SEIC is meeting with Town Counsel John Giorgio. 2) Issues and Alliances meets next Thursday, 7:45 a.m. at the Dan'l Webster. Greg Smith is the guest speaker and will be discussing the proposed zoning amendments. 3) The Selectmen's meeting is next Thursday; 4) The Recreation Department announced the 4th activities. The Road Race begins at 8:30 from the Wing School, parade at 11:00 with field events at the Wing School to follow; 7:00 p.m. concert at the Shawme Pond band stand and boat parade at 9:00. Mr. Dunham thanked the churches for their cooperation. 5) Mr. Dunham has been holding weekly meetings with department heads regarding override issues. The first overview will be presented to the Board on July 8. A second presentation will be in August. 6) There was concern expressed in the fall about reserve fund request and several budgets, but it appears those budgets are in better shape than anticipated.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Jim Pierce listed items he would like kept “on the radar”: CIPC recommendations, solid waste issues, wastewater management, zoning changes, Mr. Dunham’s contract, land use plans. Mr. Dunham replied the CIPC should be bringing a recommendation in early August for possible debt exclusion; the SWAT team has been meeting almost weekly on solid waste issues, the Board will be meeting on the contract next week.
2. The Boy Scouts will be holding its first annual pancake breakfast on June 19, 8:00 – 12:00 at Clinton Mason Lodge.
3. Ms. Grundman attended the Mass. Municipal Association meeting last Saturday in Sturbridge which featured the Governor. She also attended a forum which Brian Riley of Kopelman and Paige presented on the new .Open Meeting and Ethics law – a lot of misconceptions. She suggested the town should have Kopelman and Paige do a presentation for the Selectmen and other town boards and committees. Assembly of Delegates vacancy and no one has taken out papers for Sandwich representative. Deadline for returning papers is July 20, 5:00 p.m. and only 20 signatures are required.
4. Mr. Pierce stated the decision making body of the Town is Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen is elected not to make decisions but to implement the decisions of the voters. He also noted that less than 3% of the registered voters attended Town Meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Kate Bavelock, Sandwich Chamber, invited the Board to the Chambers monthly after hours meeting on June 22, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. The “meeting” will be a stroll of the businesses in the Sandwich Industrial Park.
2. Paul Bates submitted a petition signed by firearm permit holders expressing concern over the number of new gun permits that are being denied and permits that are not being renewed.
3. Andrea Killion spoke against the Board’s decision to grant new School Committee member Nancy Crossman a waiver allowing her to be on the School Committee since she is a pool instructor. Ms. Killion discussed communication between the School Committee and the Selectmen.

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS PAUL SPIRO

Mr. Spiro and Mr. Lapp discussed the Stretch Building Code which is part of the Green Community Act. Mr. Spiro also briefly introduced himself since this is his first meeting since being hired. He has been on-the-job for twelve weeks. Mr. Spiro explained that as of July 1 Massachusetts will be following the International Building Code. The Stretch Code is an option to the new Code and is more stringent with regards to energy requirements. The Stretch Code requires that a home be 65-70% energy efficient and applies to new homes, additions and

alterations. A separate outside energy rater will inspect the home to ensure compliance. Historic Buildings are exempt and renovations are less stringent. The cost increase for a new home is estimated at \$8,000. Commercial buildings are included but at a lower rate. The Stretch Code option would have to be approved by Town Meeting. The Stretch Code has to be adopted in order to be designated a Green Community. Ms. Grundman noted that the Board felt there needed to be more public education so it wasn't brought to the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Dunham will pursue a regional meeting, as well as a local meeting on the topic. Mr. Spiro added that in 2012 the Building Code will change and many of the Stretch Code items will be included but not all. Mr. Spiro said in order to be designated a Green Community there are 5 steps that need to be taken and the Stretch Code is just one of them.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Library Director - **Ms. Grundman moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize Mr. George Dunham to appoint the new Library Director as recommended by Mr. Dunham and the Board of Trustees, Joanne L. Lamothe. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
2. Annual appointments – continued: 1. At the recommendation of the Housing Authority **Ms. Grundman moved to appoint Donald Dickinson to the Barnstable County Home Consortium term to expire January 11, 2012. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous. Ms. Grundman moved to appoint Donald Dickinson as the Housing Authority Representative to the Community Preservation Committee for the term July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
3. Mr. Dunham received a call from Diane Sullivan of the Mass. School Building Authority (MSBA). The Town had applied previously for funds to repair the roofs at the Oak Ridge School and Forestdale School; however the MSBA would only consider one at a time. The MSBA is requesting a letter reiterating the Town's interest in still being on the funding list and suggested requesting again that both roofs be considered. The reimbursement would be 40-45%. **Ms. Grundman moved that the Selectmen authorize Mr. Dunham and Mr. Barrette to sign a letter to the Mass School Building Board. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
4. Mr. Pierce plans to make a motion at next week's meeting to put an article on the Fall Town Meeting warrant to raise the meal tax by .75%. Mr. Barrette feels this needs to be an agenda item and discussed by the full Board.
5. Ms. Grundman would like a discussion put on the agenda about the restroom availability in Town, including why all restaurants are not required to offer them to the public. She asked about the portable restroom at the Fish Hatchery and would like to know why it's there.

6. Mr. Kennan responded to Ms. Killion's comments during public forum. Mr. Barrette is working with Chair Sherry Marshall on continuing the Conference Committee to keep the lines of communication open with the School Committee.
7. The Orleans Board of Selectmen has requested a letter to the Cape Cod Commission seeking support and assistance in allowing peer review of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project (MEP) methodology and implementation. Have the peer review could bring better, cheaper and more efficient technologies. **Ms. Grundman Authority George Dunham and Dave Mason write a letter regarding peer review to DEP for the Massachusetts Estuaries Program. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**
8. Mr. Dunham noted the timeframe for putting a debt exclusion on the ballot is 90 days which means August would be the deadline.
9. Ms. Grundman would like a Kopelman and Paige to hold a forum on the open meeting and ethics law.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ms. Grundman said the additional funding that will be needed above the Textron money for the wastewater management is not on the CIPC list. She would like a report from Mr. Mason on how much additional will be needed. Mr. Dunham said the RFQ be able to tell us more. Mr. Lapp noted that hopefully the scope of work that comes out of the RFQ should be complete before the \$400,000 Textron money is awarded. Ms. Grundman's main concern is that it is not on the CIPC list.
2. Ms. Grundman asked about mapping out all the potential building locations. Mr. Dunham said the map is complete and part of the LCP.

PUBLIC FORUM

1. Ms. Killion thanked the Board for their support in the funding for the Oak Ridge and Forestdale Schools. She also said the Board is always welcome to contact her.
2. Mr. Paul Bates said the area around the water fountain at Town Hall is a liability. Mr. Dunham said a plan has been designed; however, there is no funding.

ADJOURNMENT

9:10 p.m. **Ms. Grundman moved to adjourn. Mr. Kennan seconded. Unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Coggeshall