

SEIC Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2019 – Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich, MA

In attendance: Dick Johnson, Hank Tuohy, Daryl Crossman, Mike Miller, Doug Cabral, Joanne Westerhouse, and Sandy Scannell

Guests: Tao Wolf

Staff: Ralph Vitacco

5:30 PM The meeting was called to order by President Dick Johnson

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Mike moved to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 meeting, second by Daryl, unanimously approved.

Under new business Mike moved to appoint Hank Tuohy to the SEIC Board effective July 1, 2018, expiring June 30, 2021, to fill the Retail Business position, second by Daryl, unanimously approved. Also under new business Ralph informed the board that the DLTA Grant was approved by the Cape Cod Commission, totaling \$35,000. \$20,000 would be to contract with Union Studios and \$15,000 to the Cape Cod Commission to study Route 130 from Jan Sebastian to Snake Pond Road with no matching funds. Work to be completed by end of December. He explained that the primary purpose of the grant was to evaluate zoning and infrastructure along the 130 corridor which will include SSVc and Sandwich Green and that Union Studios will be holding two workshops after the May vote with stake holders, citizens and boards to provide public input regarding uses which will include affordable housing, By Right zoning, industrial development, infrastructure and wastewater. Mike questioned whether expedited zoning was included, Ralph responded in the positive. Hank questioned the timing and Ralph stated that zoning changes had to be approved by legal counsel, the state, selectmen and town meeting. He estimated that it would be complete in 2020.

Under Old Business, Ralph announced that the RFP for the Wing School would be ready for advertising in May and that a draft would be presented to legal counsel and the selectmen in the next few weeks. He stated that the town had received several promising inquiries. Daryl questioned the structure of the RFP and Ralph informed him that it would follow the Overlay District approved by Town Meeting. Mike asked if it would include all the various sections of the school. Ralph responded that it would include all existing buildings within the 6.2 areas but part could be demolished. Sandy asked if the agreement could be a lease or just a sale. Ralph said that it could be either. Dick stated that if it was lease the town would receive rental payments or a Payment in Lieu of Taxes. Daryl questioned the structural indignity of the building and Dick recommended that the roofs be evacuated for solar panels. Most of the interest has been for housing.

Doug provided an update of Sandwich Chamber activities that included the completion of Holiday Events and planning for the Sandwich Fest. He also stated that work was being completed on the Ad Book and that the Visitor Center was being prepared for summer visitors. Doug informed the board that the Chamber was working with the police chief for Summer Fest regarding traffic and parking.

Mike updated the Board on Town Selectmen activities which included the purchase of the Santander Bank building for the new Town Hall which would provide space for all town departments. He mentioned that existing Town Hall would be used for events and archives of town records. Mike further



stated that with the sale of the Town Building on Jan Sebastian and town hall annex coupled with funds from NRG that the Santander building could be purchased with no additional debt.

Discussion then ensued regarding wastewater and Mike stressed that the educational program would begin soon prior to the May vote for the WIIF and that the selectmen were considering the utilization of the wastewater facility at Otis being used to serve 5 towns including Barnstable. He further informed the board that the federal government was not interested in running the plant and he thought that the Wamponaug were having problems with their agreement to run the plant.

Under Public Input Tao questioned what was happening with the Wamponaug and the wastewater plan for the Base. Mike stressed that all 5 surrounding towns were interested. Daryl asked if the schools were still be included in the wastewater plan. Mike responded "yes" and that a central plant for the five communities would save thousands of dollars. Dick informed the board that the county may be interested in taking over the operation and developing a new department for wastewater.

Mike questioned Dick about the study that was completed for the Marina. Dick stated that there was a delay due to the request for NRG to build a wastewater facility after completion of the new gasification expansion. Dick also stated that the plan was to move boat rentals to rear of property and build a wastewater plant on the rear of the property as well. The rest of the land to be sold for development. Mike stressed that the 40 areas owned by NRG that goes to the point of the canal was a critical component of the study.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2019.

Daryl made a motion to adjourn, second by Mike, unanimously approved.

Approved
Deborah Johnson
President SEIC
March 18, 2019