

PLANNING BOARD MEETING of April 23, 2013: Town Hall Banquet Room

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

Vice Chairperson, Gary Staffon - Opened the meeting at 6:30pm

Quorum/Attendance

Members Present – Vice-Chairman Gary Staffon, Francis Budryk, Kaisa Cripps, John Farrell Jr., Rene Fleurent Jr., Jeffrey Lucas and Peter Nopper.

Absent – Chairman Wayne Hayward

Planning Director William Roth was in attendance.

Board Elections:

William Roth opened the nominations for Chairperson.

Rene Fleurent, Jr. nominated Wayne Hayward; and was seconded by Francis Budryk.

William Roth asked for any other nominations, there were none. Mr. Roth closed the nominations for Chairperson.

The Board voted all in favor of Wayne Hayward for Chairperson.

William Roth opened the nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Peter Nopper nominated Gary Staffon; and was seconded by John Farrell, Jr.

William Roth asked for any other nominations for Vice Chairperson, there were none. Mr. Roth closed the nominations for Vice Chairperson.

The Board voted all in favor of Gary Staffon for Vice Chairperson.

William Roth turned over the Board of Elections to Vice Chairperson, Gary Staffon.

Gary Staffon opened the nominations for Clerk.

Gary Staffon nominated Peter Nopper for Clerk, and was seconded by Francis Budryk.

Gary Staffon asked for any other nominations, there were none.

Gary Staffon closed the nominations for Clerk.

The Board voted all in favor of Peter Nopper for Clerk.

Gary Staffon opened the nominations for SRPEDD Commissioner.

William Roth advised that Rene Fleurent, Jr. is the current SRPEDD Commissioner and that Wayne Hayward would like someone to nominate Rene again for this position.

Gary Staffon nominated Rene Fleurent, Jr. for SRPEDD Commissioner and was seconded by Francis Budryk.

Gary Staffon asked for any other nominations; there were none.

Gary Staffon closed the nominations for SRPEDD Commissioner.

The Board voted all in favor of Rene Fleurent, Jr. for SRPEDD Commissioner.

Gary Staffon opened the nominations for CPC Representative.

Francis Budryk nominated Jeffrey Lucas for CPC Representative and was seconded by Gary Staffon.

Gary Staffon asked for any other nominations, there were none.

Gary Staffon closed the nominations for CPC Representative.

The Board voted all in favor of Jeffrey Lucas for CPC Representative.

Acceptance of Minutes:

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to accept the March 26, 2013, minutes and was seconded by Francis Budryk. The motion passed unanimously.

Planning Board Bills:

1. **Bill Roth** – Mileage – Jan/Mar - \$129.95

William Roth explained this was mileage incurred for four round trips to SRPEDD Meetings.

Francis Budryk asked how this figure was calculated.

William Roth stated, '56 miles x \$.565 per mile; which is the standard per mile rate.'

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to pay the \$129.95 bill to William Roth for mileage, and was seconded by Francis Budryk. The motion passed unanimously.

2. **Monaghan Printing** – Note Sheets - \$46.00

William Roth explained these were pre-printed forms.

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to pay this bill to Monaghan Printing and was seconded by Francis Budryk. The motion passed unanimously.

3. **Neighborhood News** - \$65.00

William Roth explained this was the advertisement for Teves Subdivision and Solar By-Law.

Rene Fleurent, Jr. suggested that the Board look at other alternatives, because of errors that the Neighborhood News has done in the recent past.

William Roth said there have been no errors in the legal advertisements.

Rene Fleurent, Jr. explained that his concerns were that people have been misquoted, there have been some errors in publications of advertisements; and most recently on March 17, 2013, the paper grossly misquoted the MTH of the Wind Turbines.

William Roth explained that to meet State requirements the only newspapers to advertise in is the Advocate, the Neighborhood News and the Standard-Times. Mr. Roth also stated that the Neighborhood News is the cheapest and that is one of the reasons they advertise in it.

Kaisa Cripps agreed with Mr. Roth, stating that the rate with the Advocate is more than double and the Standard-Times even more than that.

Jeffrey Lucas suggested paying this bill and bringing up Mr. Fleurent's concern under new business.

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to pay the Neighborhood News \$65.00 for previous advertisements and was seconded by Francis Budryk. The motion passed 7-1; with Rene Fleurent, Jr. abstaining from the vote.

## **II. CURRENT PLANNING:**

### Receipt of Plans:

None

### Approval of Plans:

None

## **III. PUBLIC HEARING:**

### 1. Unac ST Disc – Michael and Donna Ristuccia – Fir Street

William Roth read the advertisement for Fir Street. Mr. Roth advised the Board that he had forgotten to add Fir Street in the advertisement for Ebony and Dogwood discontinuance; therefore, a second hearing was required.

William Roth advised from his memorandum that the plan indicates that there is a pathway on the submitted plan and the applicant proposes to provide an easement in this location so as to allow people to continue to use the path. Mr. Roth recommended that the Board, Approves the Fir Street Discontinuance with three conditions that are noted on page 3 of his Memorandum.

Gary Staffon asked if there were any questions from the audience; there was not.

Rene Fleurent, Jr. said, "It's a nice path."

Jeffrey Lucas made a motion to approve and was seconded by Francis Budryk.

On the question, Kaisa Cripps asked Mr. Ristuccia if the easement was going to be included in the deed.

Michael Ristuccia said, 'Yes.'

The motion passed unanimously.

## **IV. LONG RANGE PLANNING:**

None

None

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS:**

### 1. SRPEDD Annual Meeting – May 22, 2013

William Roth asked for a show of the Board who would be attending. Mr. Roth advised it was going to be at the Waypoint Center/Fairfield Inn in New Bedford.

Francis Budryk asked if there was any cost to the Board.

William Roth advised it was covered by funds in the budget at a cost of \$40.00 per person.

All members of the Board, except for Gary Staffon advised they would be attending.

In other business, Rene Fleurent, Jr. said that he had already made his point for his concerns.

William Roth agreed to get the per column rate from the other local newspapers for the Board by the next meeting.

Jeffrey Lucas asked William Roth if he could find out how many times they've used Neighborhood News this year; so they could compare what they would save.

William Roth stated if they went with one of the other newspapers, they would clearly have to raise the application fee.

Francis Budryk asked Rene Fleurent, Jr. to describe why he wanted the change.

"I just did," Rene Fleurent Jr. said. He reiterated what was already stated, that in his opinion, there were past errors, with the MTH of the Wind Turbines being the most recent, and that was grossly misquoted.

William Roth said that the legal publications are done electronically by his Department and if there are any errors he takes full responsibility for them.

Gary Staffon mentioned the circulation of the Fairhaven Neighborhood News and was a bit concerned that a lot of people may live in Wareham, Buzzards Bay area and not able to read the Neighborhood News.

William Roth stated that he was of the belief and personal opinion that people read the Neighborhood News far more than they do the Standard Times. He used the example of his daughter, who was recently in both papers, and he received far more comments from people who read about her in the Neighborhood News, than the Standard Times.

Francis Budryk said that he believed the Board should stay local. He said, "We're lucky to have a paper locally." Mr. Budryk says he reads the Neighborhood News all the time and looks for the notices. "If we are talking about errors, the Standard Times is far worse," he said.

John Farrell, Jr. said, "I think Rene is not talking about censorship, he can correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe he is talking about paying for a service and receiving good service."

In other business, Rene Fleurent, Jr. asked that the Medical Marijuana Situation be put under Long Term Planning for future meetings. Mr. Fleurent said that he didn't want this situation to be upon them in the 12<sup>th</sup> hour, and have no information on it.

William Roth said he has been in discussions with Wayne Hayward and there has been a lot of misinformation and misconceptions

Rene Fleurent said that CTPC did offer a course regarding the topic, and he just wanted to bring it up, ahead of time.

John Farrell, Jr. made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Peter Nopper. The motion passed unanimously.

Before the meeting ended, Gary Staffon made a public service announcement that a Poker League fundraiser was going to be held at The Town Crier on May 4, 2013; after the Town Meeting, to help a hockey team; and encouraged all to attend if they wanted to.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Respectively submitted,

Patricia A. Pacella  
Secretary