

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

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A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, May 6, 2009, in the Nauset room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairman David M. Dunford, Vice-Chairman Mark E. Carron, Selectman Sims McGrath, Selectwoman Margie Fulcher, Town Administrator John Kelly and Recording Secretary Kristen Holbrook.

Chairman Dunford called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Public Comment: (00:00:21)

Anne Carron, a member of the Orleans Bike and Walkways Committee, invited the Selectmen to a Coast-to-Coast ride event the committee is hosting on Sunday May 17, 2009 at 1 pm. Participants will be riding from Rock Harbor to Nauset Beach.

Meet With Executive Director of Housing Authority Tim Buhler: (00:02:50)
The Board met with Tim Buhler, the Executive Director of the Housing Authority to obtain an update on the Housing Authority.

Posy Cameron of the Housing Authority, spoke to the Board regarding the issues facing the Housing Authority and affordable housing in the Town of Orleans.

James Dishner, a resident of Orleans, spoke to the Board regarding the Housing Authority and the issues regarding liability insurance for volunteers working on the Housing Authority properties.

Erica Parra, of East Orleans, spoke in support of the affordable housing in Orleans.

Selectman Sims McGrath spoke to the Board to provide information from the Health Department regarding the H1N1 virus.

Cape Cod Commission Update: (00:32:15)

Paul Niedzwicki, Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission and Frank Hogan, Orleans Representative to the Cape Cod Commission, spoke to the Board to present them with an update on the Cape Cod Commission and the new Regional Policy Plan.

Committee Interviews/Appointments: (00:44:10)

The Board met with and interviewed Orleans citizens Alfred Perreault and Buddy Young, regarding their interests in serving on the Town Maintenance Facility Committee.

The Board will attempt to interview two additional citizens and entertain a vote for placement on the Town Maintenance Facility, at the May 13, 2009 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

<u>Pre-Town Meeting with Moderator, Town Counsel and Town Clerk:</u> (00:51:06) The Board met with Town Counsel Michael Ford, Town Moderator Duane Landreth, and Town Clerk Cynthia May to discuss the pre-town meeting motions, requirements, procedures and questions.

Town Clerk Cynthia May spoke to the Board regarding a question of crossing an invalid question off of the Annual Town Ballot. Town Counsel recommended that a brief statement be made at Town Meeting regarding the validity of the question rather than crossing the question off the Ballot.

Town Administrator's Report: (02:16:02)

Town Administrator John Kelly presented the Board with a land gift acceptance request for the Board to consider for their approval.

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to sign the approval and acceptance of the deed from John Stix to the Orleans Conservation Commission dated April 9, 2009. The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with a proclamation for Arbor Day observance in the Town of Orleans. In conjunction with the Arbor Day Observance, the Massachusetts Tree Warden and Foresters Association will be honoring Orleans Tree Warden Dan Connolly. There will also be a tree planting ceremony at the corner of Main Street and Brewster Cross Road.

On a motion by Mrs. Fulcher, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to proclaim May 13, 2009 as Arbor Day in the Town of Orleans. The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with information on proposed vegetation changes at the NStar substation, and the Comcast request to commence renewal process.

On a motion by Mrs. Fulcher, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to endorse the proposed vegetation changes at the NSTAR substation as presented. The vote was 4-0-0.

Liaison Reports: (02:26:24)

Mr. McGrath reminded the Board that the Wastewater Management Validation and Design Committee will be giving a presentation on the finding of the Woods Hole Group on May 10, 2009 at 9 am in the Nauset Room.

Mrs. Fulcher presented the Board with an update of a recent Orleans Elementary School Committee meeting.

Mr. Carron presented the Board with an update on a recent Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Dunford reported on a Board of Water Commissioners meeting and a Bike and Walkways Committee presentation that he had attended on May 5, 2009.

Any other Business: (02:49:25)

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming presentation by the Woods Hole Group for the Wastewater Management Validation and Design Committee.

Adjourn: (02:53:00)

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mrs. Fulcher, the Board voted to adjourn. The vote was 4-0-0.

Respectfully submitted, Kristen Holbrook