

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2010

Approved on April 7, 2010

A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, March 24, 2010 in the Nauset room of the Town Hall. Present were Vice-Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Clerk Sims McGrath Jr., Selectman David M. Dunford, Selectman Mark E. Carron, Town Administrator John Kelly and Recording Secretary Kristen Holbrook.

Vice-Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted, by way of roll call, to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing property negotiations. The vote was 4-0-0, with Mr. McGrath, Mr. Dunford, Mrs. Fulcher and Mr. Carron all voting aye.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted, by way of roll call, to return to open session. The vote was 4-0-0, with Mr. McGrath, Mr. Dunford, Mrs. Fulcher and Mr. Carron all voting aye.

Mrs. Fulcher reconvened the public session at 6:40 pm.

Mrs. Fulcher called for a moment of silence for John Wherry, who passed away March 21, 2010.

Public Comment: (00:00:52)

Ben Buck, a resident of Rock Harbor Road, spoke to the Board regarding hiring, employee evaluations, committee member evaluations, and constitutionality.

Mark Matheson, a resident of East Orleans, spoke to the Board regarding placing the citizen peer review committee report on the Town Website.

Approval of Minutes: (00:10:30)

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to approve the minutes of March 3, 2010 Executive Session as amended. The vote was 3-0-1; Mr. McGrath abstained from the vote.

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the March 3, 2010 meeting as amended. The vote was 3-0-1; Mr. McGrath abstained from the vote.

Meet with Library Trustees: (00:13:42)

The Board held a joint meeting with three members of the Snow Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Megan Fates, Chairwoman of the Snow Library Board of Trustees, introduced Sue Lederhouse. Ms. Lederhouse is interested in serving as a Trustee for Snow Library. The Snow Library Board of Trustees recommends that the Board appoint Ms. Lederhouse to Snow Library Board of Trustees until the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board of Selectmen and the Snow Library Board of Trustees voted to appoint Sue Lederhouse to the Snow Library Board of Trustees until the 2010 Annual Town Meeting. The vote was 7-0-0.

Meet with Superintendent Richard Hoffman: (00:20:12)

The Board met with Nauset Regional School District Superintendent Richard Hoffman, and Orleans Elementary School Principal Diane Carreiro to discuss and review the proposed budgets for the Nauset Regional Middle and High Schools as well as the proposed budget for Orleans Elementary School.

Dr. Hoffman and Ms. Carreiro presented the Board with information on the budget for Orleans Elementary School for FY2011.

Mr. Dunford asked Dr. Hoffman to characterize the sustainability of the proposed budget cuts. Dr. Hoffman replied that there is no way that the school can handle these cuts on an ongoing basis.

Mrs. Fulcher asked if the projected enrollment figure is accurate. Ms. Carreiro stated that the figure has increased since the form was published in December.

Mr. Carron stated that he had a difficult time with the justification of the reduction of the secretarial salaries, while there is an increase in the principal's salary.

Mrs. Fulcher stated that she is disappointed that the Orleans Elementary school committee could not get down to the number that the town has requested.

Dr. Hoffman presented the Board with information on the proposed budget for the Nauset Regional High School and Nauset Regional Middle School.

Mrs. Fulcher and Mr. Dunford commended the Regional School Committee for their efforts in reducing the budget to hit the town's threshold. Mr. Dunford further urged the School Committee to explore the possibilities of doing business in a better, smarter way.

Mr. Carron concurred with Mrs. Fulcher and Mr. Dunford.

Mr. McGrath stated that the educational opportunities to the students should not be a step down from any of the other services offered in the Town of Orleans.

FY11 Budget Review: (01:28:05)

The Board reviewed the remaining budget items for discussion for FY2011.

Mr. Kelly informed the Board of request to the Conservation Commission to release of \$10,000 in funds from the Wetlands Protection Fund to help defray budget costs.

Mr. McGrath asked if any increases in fees that had been discussed would have a positive impact on the proposed budget. Mr. Kelly replied that any increases would impact the FY12 budget.

Mr. Carron stated that he did not think that the appetite of the voters would be to increase fees at all.

Mrs. Fulcher stated that she did not support increasing fees, and that she would not be able to support a stabilization fund if the money were going to be used or transferred to pay for other things.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to place the projected loss of motor vehicle receipts in the amount of \$90,000 and the projected loss of investment income in the amount of \$30,000 into the five-year financial plan and FY11 proposed budget. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to increase the revenues appropriated by \$35,000 for the municipal self-insurance fund. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to and reduce the dues for meetings and training as indicated in the amount of \$4,638. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to reduce the small tools account budget item in the Fire Department in the amount of \$2500. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to reduce the cleaning contract cost at the Community Building at an amount of \$6,000. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to fund an additional 9.5 hours of clerical support in the Health Department in the amount of \$8,500. The vote was 3-0-1; Mr. Dunford abstained from the vote.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to fund the Police Building Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$5,000. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mrs. Fulcher, the Board voted to recommend that the Annual Town Meeting not fund the Orleans Elementary School budget overrun. The vote was 3-1-0, Mr. Carron voted no.

Mr. Carron stated that there is nothing in front of the Board that addresses a long-term plan for the infrastructure in the Town of Orleans.

Mrs. Fulcher stated that she was disappointed with the finance committee and the comments that were made at the last meeting.

Mr. McGrath stated that he voted in favor of the expenditure for the move to the Legion Building because he understands that the infrastructure has been neglected.

Mr. Dunford stated that he was not in favor of instituting a fee for resident beach stickers.

Vote to Approve 5% Water Rate Increase: (03:17:15)

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to approve the proposed 5% increase in water rates as proposed:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	
Basic Service	\$74.10	\$77.81	per thousand gallons
0 to 15,000 gallons	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.65	per thousand gallons
15,001 to 30,000 gallons	\$ 3.88	\$ 4.07	per thousand gallons
30,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$ 4.98	\$ 5.23	per thousand gallons
Over 50,000 gallons	\$ 6.03	\$ 6.33	per thousand gallons

The vote was 4-0-0.

Vote to Approve Capital Improvement Plan FY12-16: (03:24:30)

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the revised Capital Improvement Plan and recommended that the Board vote to approve the revised Capital Improvement Plan for FY12-16.

On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to approve the revised Capital Improvement Plan for FY12-16. The vote was 4-0-0.

Review Draft Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants: (03:39:40)

The Board reviewed the draft on the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Carron, the Board voted to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to replace the Fire Department Pumper Truck. The vote was 4-0-0.

Town Administrator's Report: (03:47:25)

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a request from WOMR, to allow the sale of alcohol at Eldredge Field for a fundraising event they will be hosting September 11, 2010.

On a motion by Mr. Carron, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to invite WOMR to use the facility without the sale of alcohol. The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with updated information on local receipts for FY09 and FY10.

Mr. Kelly also presented the Board with a recommendation to institute a policy to increase all town fees on an annual basis by an amount of up to 5%.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a request to support a proclamation for Teacher Appreciation Week, from the President of the Nauset Regional Middle School Parents in Education.

Liaison Reports: (04:00:10)

Mr. Dunford reported on a recent meeting of the Council on Aging.

Any Other Business: (04:01:58)

Mr. Carron asked Mr. Kelly if he had heard about the Dog Birthday Party that had been held at Kent's Point Park and if there should have been a permit application for that event.

Mr. Carron also stated that he had heard that the Orleans Chief of Police had lost his funding for the annual block party.

Adjourn: (04:04:12)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Holbrook

Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk