

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

May 3, 2011

Approved on June 6, 2012

A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 in the Skaket Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Selectmen David M. Dunford, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town Administrator John Kelly, Assistant Town Administrator Myra Suchenicz and Administrative Assistant Marge Astles. Also present for the meeting were Town Counsel Michael Ford, Town Moderator Duane Landreth, Town Clerk Cynthia May, and Finance Director David Withrow. Finance Committee members present were Gwen Holden Kelly, Lawrence Hayward, Bill Weil and Ed Barr.

Mr. Fuller was not present for the meeting.

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Pre-Town Meeting with Town Counsel, Town Clerk and Town Moderator: (00:00:15)

Town Administrator John Kelly presented a review of the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrants.

Article 1 requires only a simple majority vote and the only report will be from the Planning Board. Article 2 requires a simple majority but will have a contingency on the general override ballot question for the school budget excess of \$120,000. There will also be a power point presentation on the budget. Article 3, the Capital Improvement Plan, also requires a simple majority vote, and will include a power point presentation that will explain the changes that the Board has made in response to the failure of the Capital Improvement Plan to pass at the 2010 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board had a brief discussion regarding Articles 4 and 35. Mr. Landreth stated that because the articles are in contention with one another, it would be beneficial for the Board to be prepared to speak to the article. Finance Committee member Lawrence Hayward stated that the Finance Committee has waited to take a position on these articles to see if there can be some compromise.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to direct the Town Administrator to pursue, as soon as possible, a conversation with petitioner of Article 35 regarding the possibility of amending Article 4 to meet the best interest of the Town of Orleans. The vote was 4-0-0.

Article 5 is to reauthorize \$34,000 and raise an additional \$16,0000 in order to have a professional facilities maintenance plan done for all of the town owned buildings.

Article 6 will be presented by Julia Enroth of the Community Preservation Committee.

Article 7, to revise the condo purchase program, requires a simple majority vote and would allow the Town of Orleans to enter into either rent or own projects.

Mr. Kelly informed the Board that Articles 8 and 9 are something that the town has not done before. Both require 2/3 majority votes and are contingent upon the passage of the general override ballot questions. Mr. Ford noted that it would be possible to bring a second affirmative main motion if the stabilization fund were defeated.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to direct the Town Administrator to prepare alternate motions for Article 8 and 9 that would allow for a contingency plan should the need arise to include a ballot question for debt exclusion purposes rather than the stabilization fund. The vote was 4-0-0.

Article 10 requires a simple majority for borrowing to repairs piers, ramps and docks. Article 11 is a borrowing article for the final rack at the iron and manganese treatment facility. Article 12 begins the housekeeping articles to accept transportation and bond bill funding. Article 13 to hold the state harmless for work. Article 14 authorizes the Town Administrator to sell surplus equipment and accept gifts. Articles 15 through 22 are yearly articles to fund various services in the Town of Orleans and require only simple majority votes. There have been no substantial changes to these articles from the prior year.

Article 23 would amend the Personnel General Bylaw, Article 24 would amend the deadline to obtain nomination papers to be consistent with the state law. Article 25 begins the zoning amendments with the amendment to allow signs and banners at Eldredge Park and may generate discussion. Article 26 amends the Zoning Bylaw for banners for sponsored events. Article 27 addresses changes to the Groundwater Protection District, Article 28 would amend the schedule of use regulations.

Article 29 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant will amend fees in the Building Department to make them more consistent with surrounding municipalities. Article 30 would amend the fees in the Treasurer/Collector and Town Clerk Departments. Article 31 seeks to amend the fee schedule for the Recreation Department.

Article 32 would allow for the Board of Selectmen to lease the former Hubler property. Article 33 would authorize the Town of Orleans to lease the Putnam property for agricultural purposes.

Article 34 is a petition article to limit campaign funding by allowing Congress to revoke conditions of corporate and union campaign funding. Article 35 had been discussed previously. Article 36 will certify the Town of Orleans free cash for tax rate purposes.

The Board discussed the Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Mr. Kelly informed the Board that there will be several bills of prior years and the Board will take up their recommendations prior to the meeting. The Special Town Meeting Transfer Article seeks to transfer funds for Police and Fire Department Overtime and Salary funds. The Board also discussed the transfer of \$5,000 needed to demolish an unsafe structure. It is expected that the town will be reimbursed through property taxes. The Special Town Meeting Article 3

would authorize the Town of Orleans to lease the small building at Rock Harbor to Young's Fish Market.

Adjourn: (01:19:33)

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

Transcribed by,

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Susan B. Christie, Clerk