

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES

September 14, 2011

Approved on October 5, 2011

A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 in the Nauset Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Selectmen David M. Dunford, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town Administrator John Kelly, Assistant Town Administrator Myra Suchenicz, Finance Director David Withrow.

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Review and Vote on Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles: (00:00:14)

**On a motion by Mrs. Fulcher, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to place an article on the Special Town Meeting warrant “To approve Borrowing Authorized by Nauset Regional School District.”** The vote was 4-0-0.

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to recommend approval of the Special Town Meeting warrant article “To approve borrowing authorized by the Nauset Regional School District.”** The vote was 3-1-0, Mr. Dunford voted no.

Mrs. Fulcher noted that the Superintendent of the District has assured the Board that, should the project require more money, the Nauset Regional School District will cover any additional costs and not return to the individual towns for funding.

Nauset Regional School District Superintendent Dr. Richard Hoffman spoke to the Board and answered questions in regards to the project.

The Board reviewed the draft for the Special Town Meeting warrant article “To Acquire Conservation and Watershed Preservation Restriction on Brewster Land.”

Open Space Committee Chairman assured the Board that if the anticipated grant for this project does not come through; the money will not be spent. Mr. McGrath noted that this is a cash project and has no impact on the tax rate.

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to place of the Special Town Meeting warrant article “To Acquire Conservation and Watershed Preservation Restriction on Brewster Land” in the amount of \$54,000.** The vote was 4-0-0.

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to recommend approval of the Special Town Meeting warrant article “To Acquire Conservation and Watershed Preservation Restriction on Brewster Land” in the**

**amount of \$54,000.** The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with information on the Special Town Meeting warrant article for water tower leasing. Mr. Kelly further explained that the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners is in favor of having this article approved and taking advantage of the opportunities it presents through the Open Cape Project.

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Dunford, the Board voted to place and recommend approval the Special Town Meeting warrant article for “Water Tower Lease Agreement Authorization.”** The vote was 4-0-0.

**On a motion by Mrs. Christie, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to place and recommend approval of the Special Town Meeting warrant article “Fund Water Tank Rehab Design”.** The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Kelly recommended that the Board decide on the final amount for the appropriation of free cash to reduce next year’s tax burden

**On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to place the Special Town Meeting warrant article for “Free Cash” in the amount of \$300,000.** The vote was 4-0-0.

**On a motion by Mr. Dunford, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to recommend approval of the Special Town Meeting warrant article “Free Cash” in the amount of \$300,000.** The vote was 4-0-0.

Mrs. Fulcher asked if the Town Administrator might speak to the moderator, because the School Superintendent does not need special permission to speak at the Town Meeting.

Vote to place Nauset Regional School District Green Repair Project Debt Exclusion Question on the Ballot: (01:20:25)

**On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to place a question on the Special Election Ballot for debt exclusion purposes for the raising of funds to pay for the Town of Orleans share of the costs incurred to replace the windows, exterior doors and roofs at the Nauset Regional High School as presented in the draft warrant and listed as “Question 1”.** The vote was 3-1-0, Mr. Dunford voted no.

Mrs. Christie read a short public advisory statement from the Health Department regarding a Flu Clinic being held on September 23, 2011 from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Orleans Senior Center. Pre-registration is required and can be accomplished online at the Town of Orleans website or by calling the Orleans Senior Center directly.

Mr. McGrath reported on a wastewater collaborative meeting.

Adjourn: (01:30:35)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Holbrook

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Jon R. Fuller, Clerk