

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2012

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A meeting of the Orleans Board of Selectmen was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 in the Nauset Room of the Town Hall. Present were Chairwoman Margie Fulcher, Vice-Chairman Sims McGrath Jr., Clerk Jon R. Fuller, Selectwoman Susan B. Christie, Town Administrator John Kelly and Recording Secretary Kristen Holbrook.

Chairwoman Fulcher called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Public Comment: (00:00:12)

Fran McClennan, a representative of the Orleans Pond Coalition announced that the Orleans Pond Coalition is sending out postcards to Orleans Residents announcing their new website and wastewater information for viewing by the public.

Mrs. Fulcher announced that the Nauset Room has added four ceiling microphones to address the audio issues occurring when meetings are viewed remotely. All audience members were made aware that conversations may inadvertently be picked up by the microphones.

Approval of Minutes: (00:02:25)

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the April 5, 2011 Executive Session meeting as written. The vote was 4-0-0.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mr. Fuller, the Board voted to adopt the minutes of the January 18, 2012 Executive Session meeting as written. The vote was 4-0-0.

Meet with George Meservey, Town Planner: (00:04:48)

The Board met with Town of Orleans Director of Community Development and Planning George Meservey. Mr. Meservey spoke to the Board regarding a request from Preservation of Affordable Housing, Inc. for \$25,000 from the Town of Orleans Affordable Housing Trust fund to mitigate the cost of purchasing the Rock Harbor Village property to extend the affordable housing deed restriction for 40 years. Mr. Meservey recommended that the Board support the vote of the Affordable Housing Committee's recommendation and vote to approve this allocation.

On a motion by Mr. McGrath, and seconded by Mrs. Christie, the Board voted to support the Affordable Housing Committee and approve the expenditure of \$25,000 to Preservation of Affordable Housing Inc., from the Town of Orleans Affordable Housing Trust Fund for the purchase of the Rock Harbor Village. The vote was 4-0-0.

Mr. Meservey provided the Board with an update on a proposed Habitat for Humanity project on Namskaket Road. Mr. Meservey also updated the Board on the John P. Hinckley Jr.

Affordable Housing project. Jon Holt, Co-Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, spoke to the Board and asked them for their support in expediting the final approval of the project before the Friends of Affordable Housing meeting on February 16, 2012.

On a motion by Mr. Fuller, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to reaffirm their full support for the John P. Hinckley Jr. Affordable Housing Project. The vote was 4-0-0.

Meet with OES Playground Committee Chairman: (00:30:22)

The Chair of the Orleans Elementary School Playground Committee was not present to meet with the Board.

Town Administrator's Report: (00:31:44)

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with the step-by-step information for implementing changes to group health insurance benefits.

The Board reviewed a memo from Media Information Systems coordinator Sarah Eaton regarding the installation of four ceiling microphones in the Nauset Room. Mr. Kelly reminded the Board and the audience that it is possible for conversations in the gallery to be broadcast by the microphones.

Mr. Kelly presented the Board with a letter of resignation from Nancy Spence, Principal Clerk in the Highway Department.

On a motion by Mrs. Christie, and seconded by Mr. McGrath, the Board voted to approve moving forward with the hiring for the vacant principal clerk position in the Highway Department. The vote was 4-0-0.

The Board reviewed a proposed amendment to the Outdoor Lighting Bylaw.

Mr. Kelly provided the Board with a quarterly update for the local receipts.

The Board also reviewed a letter from the Chair of the Special Committee on Inquiry and Assembly of Delegates Speaker Ron Bergstrom regarding the CLC/CVEC matter.

Mr. Kelly reminded the Board that there is a special budget session meeting of the Board of Selectmen scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Nauset Room.

Liaison Reports: (01:02:42)

Mr. McGrath reported on meeting of the Renewable Energy and Wind Committee and the Cape Cod Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mrs. Christie asked about the ridership on the Cape Cod Regional Transportation Authority. Mr. McGrath explained that the CCRTA is a different organization.

Mr. Fuller updated the Board on meetings of the Planning Board and the Finance Committee and the Massachusetts Municipal Association seminar on renewable energy contracts.

Mrs. Fulcher reviewed meetings of the Orleans Elementary School Committee, the Affordable Housing Committee and the Human Services Committee.

Any other business: (01:21:35)

Mrs. Christie announced that the Community Preservation Committee will be making their final funding decisions at their public hearing February 8, 2012.

Adjourn: (01:23:27)

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Holbrook

Jon R. Fuller, Clerk

