

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: June 27, 2006

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Transcribed by: Kelly Barrasso

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Chairman
 Brenda Eckstrom, Clerk
 Mary Jane Pillsbury (Arrived at 7:15 P.M.)
 Bruce Sauvageau
 James Potter

Present: Michael Hartman, Town Administrator

III. UPDATE ON FIREWORKS

Present before the Board: Sam Corbitt

Mr. Corbitt stated as of today, there is \$7,977.46 in the bank for the fireworks. He thanked those specific individuals that went out seeking donations. He briefly read names of some of those that have donated. He added that W/S Development is contributing money & there are pending pledges, thus, so the fireworks fund should be in good shape. He estimates that money will be left over to make a deposit on the fireworks next year.

Mr. Corbitt explained one issue that has arisen. He stated the Coast Guard's liaison to the EPA has expressed concern re: Piping Plover nesting areas. He is working through Dave Pichette, Conservation Agent & an EPA representative to locate where any Piping Plover nesting sites may be. The Town will need to be certified by this representative for permitting purposes, although a permit has already been given.

Mr. Corbitt recommended moving forward w/ the fireworks.

Selectman Sauvageau stated he read the newspaper article re: W/S Development's contribution. He stated although he is grateful for the donation, he feels uncomfortable w/ it since the contribution has been made the same week as the decision is to be made for their mall project. He feels this may raise a conflict of interest issue. He does not feel whenever the Town is in a "crunch" that the Town should go to a big developer for help.

Brief discussion ensued re: how the donation from W/S Development came about.

Brief discussion ensued re: looking at possibly setting up a more formal committee to deal w/ the fireworks in the future & possibly getting it funded through the Town's budget.

Mr. Corbitt briefly explained the times the roads in Onset will be shut down, parking areas, & the rain date of Sunday, July 2.

IV. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

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Present before the Board: Barbara Bailey, Historical Commission
Sue Mullen, Community Preservation Committee

Ms. Bailey spoke of the Historical Commission's long-term plan, which includes three parts. She stated the Commission would now like to develop the third part, which is the Preservation Plan. She stated once this piece is done & they become certified, they will be eligible for funding/grants. The Commission is working towards this goal & they have put forward CPA applications for funding for a planner to help w/ developing the Preservation Plan. She stated the Commission's intention is to develop the plan then bring it to the Board for the formation of a committee.

NOTE: Selectman Pillsbury arrived at this time.

Ms. Bailey asked the Board for a formal letter of support that includes the Community Preservation Fund application to hire a planner to carry through w/ the Preservation Plan.

The Board members concurred to write a letter of support.

Present before the Board: Wally Quigg
Kathy Quigg

Mr. Quigg discussed an on-going issue on Locust St. He explained that the new condominiums have caused flooding in the neighborhood. He stated the builder seems to have remedied this problem, but one problem still exists. He explained that one of the drainpipes going to the beach is under the sand. The pipe is o.k. At low tide, but at high tide the pipe backs up w/ sea water & Locust St. & Cove St. get flooded. He expressed concern because this is the only way out of the neighborhood & safety/access issues w/ this problem. He just wants to make the Board aware of this issue.

Selectman Potter stated, as he understands, a flapper valve for the pipe is being looked at as an option as well as an outlet structure modification.

Selectman Sauvageau feels this issue belongs in front of the ZBA due to this project being a 40B.

Brief discussion ensued re: the drainage location from the 40B project.

Selectman Sauvageau again stated that if it is a 40B project, this issue belongs w/ the ZBA. Mr. Quigg stated he has been back & forth w/ the ZBA on this matter. Selectman Sauvageau asked why then is he present before the Board. Mr. Quigg stated the ZBA is ready to sign off on the project as he understands & he is concerned that the pipe issue will not fixed if signed off on. Selectman Sauvageau stated the ZBA is the only body that has authority over this matter. He stated if the ZBA signs off on this project & the issue still exists, the ZBA should handle it. He stated the Board has no authority to get involved w/ this matter.

Selectman Pillsbury stated she understands the concern re: signing off. The Administrator stated that they are not signing off on the project yet. Selectman Eckstrom stated that the ZBA has a list of criteria on the project that needs to be approved by authorities in Town. She will be attending the ZBA meeting tomorrow night & will bring up the issue as to the flapper valve & if this has gone forward. She suggested the Quigg's attend the ZBA meeting to voice their concerns.

Selectman Sauvageau stated the Board has a Memorandum of Understanding w/ the ZBA re: authority issues & the Board needs to follow it.

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Discussion ensued re: what will happen if the project is signed off on & how issues are handled after that.

The Administrator stated he is aware of the pipe problem. He stated as he understands, the Order of Conditions on the project calls for the pipe to be made clear of obstructions & this issue is still pending because there is an obstruction. He stated there is a consensus that this outflow pipe needs work & there are discussions being held as to who will pay the expenses to fix it.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Authorization to sign bills, documents, etc.

(NONE)

B. Vote appointments to boards, committees & commissions.

1. Board of Health: Emilie Rose & Robert Savary

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Emilie A. Rose as a member to the Board of Health to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Robert Savary as an Associate Member of the Board of Health to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Community Preservation Committee: Christy Gunnels

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Christy Gunnels as a member to the Community Preservation Committee (Citizen-at Large) to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

3. Community Economic & Development Authority: Sandra Besse, Jean Connaughton, & Meg Kistin

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Sandra Besse, Jean Connaughton, & Meg Kistin as members to the Community & Economic & Development Authority (CEDA) to terms to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

4. Conservation Commission: John Connolly

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint John Connolly, Jr. as member to the Conservation Commission to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

5. Council on Aging Board of Directors: Rosemary Connolly, Arnold Medeiros, Marion Walsh, & Barbara Ann Zoia

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MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Marion Walsh, Rev. Arnold R. Medeiros, Rosemary Connolly, & Barbara Ann Zoia as members to the Council on Aging Board of Directors to terms to expire 6/30/10. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

6. Economic Development Advisory Committee: Michael Houdlette & Dan Sullivan

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Michael Houdlette & Dan Sullivan as members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to terms to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

7. Fence Viewer: Gail A. Murphy

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Gail A. Murphy as a Fence Viewer for the Town of Wareham to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

8. Historic District Commission: Robert Blair

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Robert Blair as a member to the Wareham Historic District Commission to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

9. Housing Partnership Advisory Board: Donald Hall & Denise Kashner

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Donald Hall as a member to the Wareham Housing Partnership Advisory Board (Wareham Housing Authority) to a term to expire 6/30/08. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Denise Kashner as a member to the Housing Partnership Advisory Board to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

10. Marine Resources Commission: Frank Tramontozzi & Brian Miller

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Frank Tramontozzi & Brian D. Miller as members to the Marine Resources Commission to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

11. Minot Forest Committee: Richard Kent

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MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Richard Kent as a member to the Minot Forest Committee to a term to expire 6/30/11. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

12. Recycling Commission: Jennifer Gady & Marilyn Field

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Marilyn Field (Citizen-at-Large) & Jennifer Gady (Citizen-at-Large) members to the Recycling Committee to terms to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

13. Recreation Commission: Tracey Cunningham

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Tracey Cunningham as a member to the Recreation Commission to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

14. Sewer Betterment Abatement Review Committee: Richard Post

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Richard W. Post, Jr. as a member to the Sewer Betterment Abatement Review Committee to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

15. Wareham Cultural Council: Steve Ruiz & Marilyn Brown

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Steve Ruiz as a member to the Wareham Cultural Council to a term to expire 6/30/08. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Marilyn Brown as a member to the Wareham Cultural Council to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

16. Zoning Board of Appeals: Ken Ferreira & Mary Scarsciotti

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Kenneth R. Ferreira as a member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire 6/30/11. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Mary Scarsciotti as an Associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

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NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item XII. Announcements

- A. The Onset Bay Movie series will commence on 6/30/06 w/ the showing of Harry Potter IV. Movies start at 8:00 P.M.
- B. On 7/1/06, the Fourth of July Fireworks will be held. Roads will be closed at 7:30 P.M. & public parking is available.
- C. The next Board of Selectmen meeting is on 7/5/06 at 7:00 P.M. at the Onset VFW. Citizens Participation will be held at 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.
- D. On 07/4/06, an Antiques Fair will be held on the Village Green.

VI. PEG ACCESS BOARD OF DIRECTORS SCHEDULE OF INTERVIEWS

- A. 7:30 – James Newman – Could not attend.
- B. 7:45 – Sandra Bell

Ms. Bell discussed her experience as a reading & literacy teacher at the Middle School. She discussed her starting the Multi-Cultural Club at the Middle School that is a curriculum-based organization. She expressed her interest in media, which she feels is a powerful tool.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott expressed the importance of Access Board's position & responsibilities. Ms. Bell stated she has reviewed the Access Board's guidelines, but has not studied them intently.

Selectman Sauvageau asked Ms. Bell what she took away from the scope of responsibilities. Ms. Bell discussed how she feels the group should embrace the responsibilities & use them for prevention measures to help the community. She would like to join a group w/ vision re: programming.

Selectman Sauvageau stated that the job description is heavy in business management due to the duty of handling a lot of money & watching over the day-to-day operations. Ms. Bell stated she would take this responsibility very seriously.

Selectman Eckstrom asked Ms. Bell to elaborate on the vision for the Community Access program. Ms. Bell spoke re: her vision of community access that could help youth & adults in all aspects of media. She would like to create a venue to help young people be creative.

Selectman Pillsbury stated ComCast had a local programming component that was not heavily utilized. She asked Ms. Bell how she would generate interest in expanding this component. Ms. Bell feels this component would be used as an outlet. She stated students could get involved. She feels youth could share their talents & highlight them. She feels that this component could be used to generate youth ideas of what they like. Selectman Potter agrees w/ getting youth involved & it would be a positive thing to give back to the community.

Brief discussion ensued re: if there is a set representation on this Board of Directors. The answer was "no." Selectman Sauvageau stated the Board is looking for a diverse group w/ strong business, media, & educational backgrounds to set a solid balance.

Ms. Bell asked when this board would commence. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated that the Board is interviewing candidates currently & there are more seats to be filled, & expecting more people will apply. She hopes to have this group up & running by 8/1/06. Ms. Bell feels this is a tremendous opportunity for the community.

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NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item IX. Town Business – A. Referral by the Department of Housing & Community Development for review of 40B project: Village at 815 Main Street” in West Wareham.

Present before the Board: Mr. Hupp
Mr. Fantoni
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Eisenberg
Ms. Gleason

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated that this project is proposed by Cornerstone Development & the Board is required to comment.

Mr. Hupp proceeded to offer a brief overview of the project as follows:

1. Studied housing plan of Town & came up w/ this proposal. It fits most of the Town's criteria.
2. Discussed his company's development experience, which includes building 90 homes in Town in the last seven to eight years.
3. Discussed location.
4. Consists of 88 residential units w/ one to three bedrooms on eight acres.
5. Abuts railroad tracks & stump pond & a few residential townhouses.
6. 100% rental units; 66% affordable aspect.

Ms. Gleason displayed a map of the property & walked the Board through showing, for example, access roads, scale of buildings, etc.

Mr. Hupp stated there is an existing building on the property that will be turned into a recreation center & possibly having a daycare center on site. He added that he would like to foster a community based environment w/in the development & the company would like to be involved w/ managing the development after its completion.

Mr. Freeman explained the total number of units (88) that will be rental & 66% of those would be affordable. Selectman Sauvageau stated this project is unique because it will actually be 100% affordable because they all will be rental units. He stated he is opposed to 40B projects, but this project will get the Town closer to its 10% affordable housing goal & will help end the burden of 40B projects in Town. He feels this will also allow the Town to control what type of housing comes in.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated the applicants have already gone before the Housing Partnership & previously, there had been a request to tie-in to the Town's sewer system. The Administrator stated a meeting was initiated w/ the applicants where alternative sewer possibilities were discussed. Mr. Hupp stated initially they thought they could tie-in to the system, but upon discussion, they were made aware it would over-burden the system. He stated they are making plans to have an on-site sewer system that is self-contained. He stated discussions would be held re: this matter & they have retained an engineering company who is familiar w/ working on this type of development. Mr. Freeman stated the Administrator had also suggested doing a private wastewater facility & it to be a public/private ownership w/ the Town. He stated this would be explored as well. He briefly discussed looking into other options & funding as well.

Selectman Pillsbury stated she assumes it will be an on-site treatment facility & that this development will be larger than some of the areas in Town that are still left to be sewerred. She is

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happy to hear they are looking into an on-site sewer system. She stated the Town's sewer system could not take in additional areas. Selectman Potter feels if the applicants use an on-site system, it will be a model for other developers. He feels that a positive part of this project is that it will count towards the Town's affordable housing goal 100%.

Brief discussion ensued re: where the proposed community building will be located.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott noted that the market rental rate the Town is forced to use is not consistent w/ the community's makeup. She stated the Community Partnership would be interested in seeing how the rents would be structured. Mr. Freeman explained proposed rents.

Selectman Pillsbury asked if there would be preference to Town residents. Mr. Eisenberg explained that they could provide up to 70% local preference. Selectman Sauvageau asked if it could be expanded to include Town employees. Mr. Freeman stated it can be Town residents &/or Town employees, but they are limited under current mandates to have no more than 70%. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Hupp stated meetings would be held w/ local residents. He added that his company has been involved w/ community development in Town & they are residents of Town.

The Board members concurred to write DHCD a letter of support for the project that includes comments/concerns re: various issues, such as the on-site septic system.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item VI. PEG Access Board of Directors Schedule of Interviews

8:30 – Joseph Heard

Not Present.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Easement for BRT – Wicketts LLC. Article 25 adopted at the 10/05 Town Meeting authorized the Board to grant an easement for installation of utilities, conduit & related equipment over Lot 1006, Map 2, which is owned by the Town. The easement would allow for the installation of utilities for the purpose of a single residence on Wicketts Island.

The developer will bear the total cost of the work, obtain all necessary permits & has agreed to restore the Town's land to its current condition. As compensation for the easement, the developer, through their attorney, has offered a \$5,000 donation to be made to the recently created Wareham Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund. If the Board is inclined to grant the easement, the matter will be included as an action item for the next Board meeting.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott asked what the Board asked for initially. The Administrator stated the conditions were left open & there was talk re: upgrading the sewer main. He added that the island is up for sale.

Selectman Potter asked if this is a typical procedure. Selectman Sauvageau stated "no" it is not typical. He feels it looks like a "quid pro quo." He

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asked if this donation is contingent upon something. The Administrator stated it is Mr. Winokour's (counsel for the developer) opinion that the Town is allowed compensation for the easement & thus, it will go into the Trust. Selectman Sauvageau stated if the developer wants to make a donation it is fine, but he is concerned re: the developer making a donation in lieu of something else. He does not like this type of business arrangement & it seems to be becoming a habit in Town.

Selectman Pillsbury stated that she understands the concerns, but was a donation intended, regardless. She asked re: concerns at Town Meeting dealing w/ making conditions on the easement; one of which was it would be a single family home into perpetuity. She feels this can be a condition & needs to be done. Selectman Eckstrom recalled what was said at Town Meeting re: conditions. Brief discussion ensued. The Administrator feels the easement was conditioned on a single family home.

Selectman Pillsbury feels that there is a need to figure out a way that a donation can be made that is not offered in lieu of something. Selectman Sauvageau stated a decision on the easement should be based on its own merit.

The Administrator discussed conditions already placed on the project, such as time of day when work commences & restoring area in same condition. Brief discussion ensued. The Board concurred to vote on this matter after reviewing what was said at Town Meeting.

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8:45 P.M. – Sally Morrison

Ms. Morrison stated she is a resident in Town & is a speech/language pathologist in the school system. She has also worked for the State re: supervising & training staff. She is interested in communication in general, although she has no experience w/ media equipment. She stated she would like to highlight the youth in Town that is a needed piece.

Selectman Sauvageau asked Ms. Morrison if she reviewed the duties & responsibilities. Ms. Morrison replied "yes." Selectman Sauvageau stated the duties & responsibilities deal w/ business management, budgeting, operational issues, etc. He stated it is just like operating a business. He asked Ms. Morrison re: her strengths & what she would be able to contribute. Ms. Morrison stated this is a new venture & she has the patience to get things up to speed & making this venture available to the community. She would look into what resources there are & ensure that the guidelines are in place.

Selectman Eckstrom asked what direction Ms. Morrison sees the Access Corp. going in. Ms. Morrison discussed the newness of the venture & making it user friendly.

Selectman Pillsbury stated this is a new venture & the Board of Directors will have a chance to set the tone on how it moves forward. She stated in the past public local programming has not been highly promoted. She asked Ms. Morrison how the Board of Directors could change the community's perception of local programming. Ms. Morrison feels a "mini-page" may be needed to

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show what the main programming will be like. She feels offering a sample of what it will be like & then putting it out there will be helpful. She feels there is a need for a visual piece.

Ms. Morrison stated that in the documents there is an educational piece under the School Department. She asked if there are organizations that are educationally based, and where would they fit. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated that it would be up to the Board of Directors. Selectman Sauvageau explained that there are three distinct channels & directories the Board of Directors will be making judgment calls on re: local programming.

Selectman Potter asked Ms. Morrison what specific program ideas she would have. Ms. Morrison stated she would try to make sure everyone is involved & follows the guidelines. Discussion ensued re: focusing programming for seniors, youth, etc.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed Ms. Morrison's resume & experience. Ms. Morrison continued to share her ideas.

8:30 – Joseph Heard

Mr. Heard stated he has been in the TV business for 30 years. He feels his experience will be an asset. He proceeded to discuss his lengthy experience in media. He feels he can help.

Selectman Sauvageau commented on Mr. Heard's amazing resume & how his experience will fit into this venture. He asked how much time Mr. Heard can offer. Mr. Heard stated he is unsure because he still freelances, but he would like to help get this venture off & running & he could offer 10-20 hours p/week.

Selectman Eckstrom asked Mr. Heard what his vision would be for the cable station. Mr. Heard stated he would want it to be something that people gravitate. He feels young people should be drawn in first & then it would spread.

Selectman Pillsbury stated once the Access Corp. is put together & working, the Board of Selectmen is out of it. She stated the Access Corp. will need to get off on a good foot & set the tone for the community. She asked how Mr. Heard would bring people in w/ re: to local programming. Mr. Heard feels the programming needs to become visible & then discussed his ideas on this.

Selectman Potter feels that youth are not watching local programming presently & if they can be captured, this venture will be successful. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbot asked how Mr. Heard would start. Mr. Heard stated he would start out simply & small & grow from there.

9:00 – Savino Magaletta – Not present.

9:15 – Peter Barrows

Mr. Barrows stated he is a resident & has experience in social work. He was on an organizing board of a counseling agency & helped w/ that venture start to finish. He applied for this position because there were unfilled vacancies on many boards, committees, etc. & he wants to get involved.

Selectman Sauvageau feels Mr. Barrows' experience in social work will work well towards the diversity needed on this Board of Directors. He feels they need to be proactive in information sharing. He asked Mr. Barrows if he looked at the duties & responsibilities. Mr. Barrows stated he reviewed them & they look routine.

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Selectman Eckstrom asked what Mr. Barrows' vision for cable TV is. Mr. Barrows feels there should be concern w/ the public in general, government, & schools.

Selectman Pillsbury stated the Access Corp. will be setting the tone. She asked how Mr. Barrows would be getting people involved. Mr. Barrows discussed how he will get schools involved, utilizing public service announcements, newspapers, & contacting specific groups. He feels word of mouth is important.

Mr. Barrows asked what the Town has for media equipment. Selectman Sauvageau stated there is limited equipment at this time, but the budget will be forthcoming & handled by the Board of Directors.

Discussion ensued re: upcoming negotiations w/ Verizon.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to go beyond the hour of 10:00 P.M. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

VIII. LICENCES & PERMITS (NONE)

IX. TOWN BUSINESS

- A. Done.
- B. Any other Town Business.

1. Town Counsel Bills.

Selectman Eckstrom stated she was reviewing Town Counsel's bills. For instance, she sees "phone conference w/ Administrator re: pending matters." She would like to see more information/more elaboration on these bills.

Selectman Eckstrom discussed the minutes of 3/21/06 & 3/28/06. During the week of 3/21/06 as she understood, the Administrator was on vacation, but Town Counsel's bill indicates that on 3/23/06 that Town Counsel spoke to the Administrator. The Administrator stated he returned from vacation on 3/22/06. Selectman Eckstrom stated she brought this up because of a specific charge that occurred on 3/23/06 where it says that the Town Administrator had a discussion w/ Town Counsel re: an individual holding public office that had a criminal record. Selectman Eckstrom asked what business that was of the Administrator. She feels the Town Administrator has no business inquiring who is running for office of this town. If a resident, a citizen of this Town was concerned, they could have easily made a phone call to the Elections Commission, but this certainly is of no business of the Town Administrator's. She doesn't believe the Town should be paying for this opinion, as they didn't ask the question. She feels the Administrator was looking for information on who he might be working with.

Selectman Sauvageau stated he understands Selectman Eckstrom's concerns. He feels any Board member or citizen can call the Elections Commission. He discussed issues of perception.

The Administrator discussed what happened re: this matter. The Administrator stated that former Board member Cindy Parola emailed Town Counsel this inquiry w/out his knowledge. Town Counsel gave information back to the Administrator. Brief discussion ensued.

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2. Tobey Will Fund.

Selectman Eckstrom stated Chairman Fernandes-Abbott had told the Board that Town Counsel wrote the letter re: the issue w/ the Tobey Will Fund. She has found by comparing the dates of Town Counsel's billing that Town Counsel did not write the initial letter & a letter was drafted only after the Board refused to sign the initial one. The Administrator stated he could produce the e-mail from Town Counsel showing the date & draft letter from Town Counsel.

Selectman Sauvageau feels that more specificity is needed from Town Counsel in the future & discussed briefly. The Administrator stated he could ask Town Counsel for more specificity.

Selectman Sauvageau stated there is also a need for clarification re: Board attainment of Town Counsel & the protocol to do so.

Selectman Eckstrom stated she would like to see the e-mail re: the draft letter from Town Counsel.

3. Town Hall Parking Lot.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed the issue of parking in the Town Hall parking lot during Gatemen games & that the first two rows are reserved for Town Hall business. She asked the Administrator to look into fixing this problem.

X. SEWER BUSINESS
(NONE)

XI. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS
(NONE)

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS
(DONE)

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 P.M. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Respectfully submitted & transcribed by,

Kelly Barrasso

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The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on: Sept 5, 2006

Attest: Brenda S. Eckstrom

Brenda Eckstrom, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date signed: Sept 5, 2006

Date copy sent to Wareham Free Library: Sept. 6, 2006