

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 18, 2006

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 P.M.

NOTE: Selectman Eckstrom invoked Chapter 88-12, s.3 to appoint Selectman Sauvageau as Chairman for this meeting.

A. Roll Cal

Selectmen Present: Bruce Sauvageau, Chairman
Mary Jane Pillsbury, Clerk
Renee Fernandes-Abbott
Brenda Eckstrom
James Potter

Present: Michael Hartman, Town Administrator

II. CAMP, DRESSER & MCKEE UPDATE

Present before the Board: Michael Guidice, CDM
James Brodeur, CDM

Mr. Guidice updated the Board on the following:

WPCF:

- Construction update – Punch list items 98% complete.

Mr. Guidice stated progress has been slow relative to landscaping & painting, but should pick up now that good weather is here. There was also an issue w/ the electrical sub-contractor, which he discussed briefly.

- Schedule update – Methuen to be completed by 5/06.
- Nitrogen/Phosphorus process started 3/13/06.

Mr. Guidice briefly discussed levels found & stated a better indication of levels should be given once the system has been on-line for a while.

Wewantic Shores Sewers:

- Celco Change Order – Thirteenth Ave. pumping station.

Mr. Guidice stated there was an issue of an easement taking for the pumping station & explained that it has now been re-aligned.

- Contract closeout will be forthcoming.

Rose Point Sewers:

- Construction update:
 - A. Leonard/Arnold/Donald/Deane area completed.
 - B. French/Elizabeth area completed.
 - C. Canedy/French/Shaw area completed.

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- D. Arnold/Gordon/Barlow/Bisbee area being installed.
- Approx. 50% of mainline sewer installed.

Briarwood Beach/Beaver Dam Estates Sewers:

- Construction started 3/06.
- Dewatering issues/problems.

Mr. Brodeur discussed the dewatering issues/problems being faced by the contractor. He explained that the contractor (RJV) has much experience in this field. The contractor started at the deepest point identified at Briarwood Drive & hit groundwater. The contractor tried to vacuum the groundwater, but it didn't work. A soil consultant has been hired to work out this problem. The contractor worked 1,000 ft. into the area, but then confronted similar problems, even in the shallow area. The contractor went 1,000 ft. more into Monroe Parkway, but the vacuum system should work here. The issue is still up in the air re: what will be done in the deeper sections. A report from the soil consultant will be needed.

Selectman Fernandes-Abbott asked if this issue would add more to the cost of the project. Mr. Brodeur feels it shouldn't add to the cost. The material the contractor is dealing w/ was saved as samples from the borings that were done. During the bidding process, the contractor applicants could have looked at the borings & other information, so there is nothing new that wasn't known prior. Borings were taken at these points the contractor is working on now. CDM will fight the good fight for the Town if need be.

Chairman Sauvageau asked if the boring results might have been misread. Mr. Brodeur briefly discussed the material being found in these areas & that the results may have been misread. He doesn't believe any of the contractors bidding on the project looked at the samples.

Chairman Sauvageau asked if discussions have been held w/ the contractor. Mr. Brodeur stated no discussions have been held yet. He proceeded to discuss a sheeting process that may have to be used that is very expensive, but he is confident that everything is covered at this point. As of today, the contractor will be working on the force main until the other issues are resolved.

New Sewer Areas:

- Awaiting Town Meeting vote.

Infiltration/Inflow Program:

- Draft final report to Town 3/31/06.
- Phase II Investigation costs for Town Meeting.

Rate Study:

- Presentation of preliminary results.

Present before the Board: John Gall

Mr. Gall proceeded to give a PowerPoint presentation re: the rate study conducted. (Information attached as reference).

Selectman Fernandes-Abbott stated based on the FY07 budget, the sewer rate will need to be raised based on the amount CDM is estimating. The Administrator explained that CDM is estimating \$701 & that \$47 of that is for short-term debt for the sewer project.

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Selectman Eckstrom stated that Town Meeting voted on the sewer plant & it is beneficial to the whole Town. She asked why all residents of the Town as a whole are not paying some debt service for the sewer plant if it was voted at Town Meeting. She feels this could be another option & that fees would go down if this were the case. Selectman Pillsbury stated the answer to Selectman Eckstrom's questions go back to the history of the Sewer Enterprise System. There was this same discussion held years ago & it was decided that the Town would go to an Enterprise System due to Prop. 2 1/2 & other issues. She explained that those who have septic systems do pay for the plant in part, when they have to have their septic systems pumped out. She feels the Town moved in the direction of the Enterprise System due to the potential impact to the Town & schools. Brief discussion ensued.

Selectman Eckstrom questioned the fairness of charging users for all the costs that actually benefit the whole Town, although she does understand users paying for operations.

The Administrator discussed that the rate has increased two times already for the haulers. He added that the primary reason for the plant was due to the large use of septic systems in Town.

Chairman Sauvageau asked if the Board would like Selectman Eckstrom's option studied as part of the analysis. The Administrator explained that for this option the Enterprise Fund would have to be disbanded, DOR would have to be involved w/ unallocated levy, & it would have to go to the voters. Selectman Pillsbury stated the argument years ago was that the cost for septic haulers had gone up as well so actually everyone participates in some way to the system. Brief discussion ensued.

Chairman Sauvageau feels that no matter what option is chosen, the rates will incrementally decrease & there are other options to reduce rates that deal w/ specific options chosen.

Chairman Sauvageau asked if Onset figures would skew the figures being presented. Mr. Gall stated there might be a higher percentage of seasonal homes in Onset, but he doesn't feel it would change the figures that much.

Chairman Sauvageau stated that there are possibilities for commercial development coming to Town in the future. When this is factored in, he asked if this would impact the residential fees/rate payers. Mr. Gall stated the more customers there are the more ways there are to spread the costs around. He added that a commercial user is a 4-5 EDU account. Chairman Sauvageau feels that commercial users would offset costs for residents.

Mr. Brodeur discussed rate options. He explained that options C & D encourage conservation. Brief discussion ensued.

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION (NONE)

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Authorization to sign bills, documents, etc.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board authorize the Chair to sign partial payment #4 to Albanese Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$229,235.00 re: the Rose Point sewer project. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board authorize the Chair to sign invoice #80225184/10 from Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of \$5,301.66 re: engineering

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services to perform a Phase I Infiltration/Inflow Program for the Town of Wareham. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board authorize the Chair to sign invoice #80225185/2 from Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of \$15,165.50 re: engineering services design improvements to three of the Town's existing wastewater pumping stations – Narrows, Kennedy Lane, & Hynes Field. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

B. Approve minutes from previous regular session: 3/7/06.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 3/7/06. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

NOTE: The Board proceeded to vote on a Local Official Bond.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board approve Local Official Bond for Mary Ann Silva, Town Clerk in the amount of \$15,000. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

NOTE: The Board proceeded to vote on representative appointments to SRPEDD.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board appoint the Administrator as the Board's representative & Chuck Gricus as the Planning Board's representative to the SRPEDD Commission & further, to appoint the Administrator & Mark Gifford as representatives to the JTBC Commission for a term of 5/06 through 5/07. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

NOTE: Brief discussion ensued re: reviewing applications for the PEG Access Corp. Board of Directors.

V. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Sewer Abatement Request – Acct. #791776. Asked the Board to approve abatement on this account for second half sewer usage billing for FY06 in the amount of \$261.00. When the addition was added, pipes were installed in case a future tenant would need to install a bathroom; however, no bathroom was installed.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved the Board approve abatement for Acct. #791776 for second half FY06 sewer usage in the amount of \$261.00. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. BDOD Document. The Administrator suggested A.D. Makepeace come before the Board to have the BDOD document signed. The review of the document won't be completed until this Thursday; thus, he is looking at Thursday or Friday evening for the signing.

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Chairman Sauvageau expressed concern re: not having the document available now & pushing this forward since it is virtually the same document that was agreed upon last fall.

Selectman Pillsbury discussed the original BDOD agreement that was put before the Legislature, which included the transfer tax that was 2% for original sale & 1% after turnover for BDOD uses. The Legislature hasn't moved on this. Representative Williams-Gifford said the Board should move forward on this matter. There is also additional acreage (expansion) of 300 acres to the BDOD, for which there is an agreement w/ A.D. Makepeace for a deed restriction. The 300 acres is important because it is the first acreage they can access now.

Chairman Sauvageau discussed why this bill never made it out of the three-tier conference in the Legislature. It is now a local initiative. He discussed the benefits of the 300 acres & discussed living wage jobs that will be produced.

Selectman Eckstrom suggested posting the meeting for Thursday & Friday to cover the issue. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott stated the meeting will have to be posted for Friday because the deadline for Thursday has already passed. The Board members concurred to hold the meeting on Friday, April 21, 2006 at 5:30 P.M. or 6:00 P.M. The Administrator will check w/ A.D. Makepeace on this date & time.

VI. LICENSES & PERMITS **(NONE)**

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Town Meeting (Business Portion) begins at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 24, 2006 in the Wareham High School Auditorium.

VIII. BUSINESS

- A. Vote Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

- 1. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Article 5 – Elected Officials' Salaries

The Administrator indicated that the article states, "raise & appropriate", but it is already in Article 6, thus, this article is just to set the salary rates. The rates are as follows:

Town Clerk:	\$50,532.50
Registrar:	\$ 700.00
Moderator:	\$ 118.00 per Diem
Selectmen:	\$ 0.00

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 6 – Budget

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Selectman Pillsbury stated the total budget is \$46,710,731.00. Brief discussion ensued re: transfers & raise & appropriate items for the budget.

MOTION: Selectman Fernandes-Abbott moved Favorable Action on Article 6 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

VOTE: (4-0-1)
Selectman Pillsbury abstained

Article 7 – Upper Cape Vocational School

The amount of this article is \$1,647,136.00.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 7 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 8 – EMS Salaries/Wages

Selectman Pillsbury stated the amount of this article is \$591,500.00. This represents \$154,525.00 in expenses & \$746,025.00 in estimated receipts.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 8 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 9 – WPCF Enterprise Fund

Selectman Pillsbury stated the amount of this article is \$5,702,508 from the wastewater enterprise revenue.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 9 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 10 – Recreation Revolving Fund

The amount of this article is \$120,000.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 10 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 11 – Shellfish Revolving Fund

The amount of this article is \$40,000.00.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 11 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 12 – Transportation Revolving Fund

The Administrator stated that the figure of \$230,000.00 would be used for this article.

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MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 12 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 14 – Head Start

Selectman Pillsbury indicated the FinCom voted No Action on this article due to the donations from the Town for Head Start at the Oak Grove School.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved No Action on Article 14 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 16 – Recycling Revolving Fund

The amount of this article is \$15,000.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 16 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 17 – All Day Kindergarten Revolving Fund

The amount of this article is \$175,000.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 17 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 24 – Oak Grove School Parcel

The Administrator explained that this article deals w/ a trolley line piece of land in front of the Oak Grove School parcel that is necessary to obtain for frontage. It is part of the Gibbs estate. The money figure would come under the project monies. The Gibbs will gift it to the Town.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 24 of the 4/24/06 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Article 2 – Harbors/Beaches Maintenance Account

The amount of this article is \$25,000.00.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 2 of the 4/24/06 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Article 3 – Chapter 90

The amount of this article is \$409,664.00.

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MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 3 of the 4/24/06 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

NOTE: Selectman Pillsbury noted that the Town must act on unaccepted streets that are approved. The Administrator explained that the Planning Board must act on this matter.

Article 4 – Transfer of Land – 6 Baptiste Avenue

Selectman Pillsbury explained that this is land the Town already owns which needs to be added to the Oak Grove project in order to save part of the oak grove, which has been incorporated into the site plan. The Administrator stated the lot is buildable & is worth approx. \$150,000.

Selectman Eckstrom asked if this lot is on Baptiste Ave., are there residents near there that will be near the parking lot. The Administrator stated there is one house next to the parcel & one across the street. There will be a visual re: this article at Town Meeting.

Chairman Sauvageau stated it needs to be noted that this project will be absorbed by tax monies & will not be sold at auction.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 4 of the 4/24/06 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: (3-1-1)

Selectman Eckstrom opposed

Selectman

Abstained

Article 5 – Oak Grove School Renovation

The Administrator stated this project is short \$190,000 & the Town will need to borrow the money, but it will be covered under the first 10 years of the lease. Bids could come in lower than projected for the project as well. Brief discussion ensued.

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved Favorable Action on Article 5 of the 4/24/06 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectman Fernandes-Abbott noted that the Planning Board would not be discussing the rest of the zoning articles until 4/24/06 prior to Town Meeting. Discussion ensued re: the Board holding their meeting earlier before Town Meeting so that they can be present at the Planning Board hearings/meeting. The Board concurred to meet at 5:30 P.M.

IX. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

- A. Selectman Pillsbury – Stated that the Community Crime Watch will hold a meeting on 4/19/06 at 7:00 P.M. at the Onset VFW. The Committee is looking to expand membership to the whole community, not just Onset.

The Navy Sea Bees show at the Elks has been sold out, but they are still looking for donations to help w/ Homes for Troops. Call 759-1594 for more information.

- B. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott – The Board had previously discussed the issue of the Hathaway Estates sub-division project. The Board had discussed writing a letter to MA Highway re: the proposed curb cut to Rte. 6. The curb cut already

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exists off of Rte. 6. She doesn't know if the Board should write a letter to the Planning Board stating the Board doesn't agree in having a road from Rte. 6 go straight through to Hathaway St., which will also create a short-cut to the new mall. She feels this will create more traffic issues. Discussion ensued.

The Administrator stated that GAF Engineering has stated they may be looking to modify the sub-division w/ fewer units.

Selectman Fernandes-Abbott expressed concern re: the type of road that will be placed there & if it will end or extend into the sub-division. She feels a letter should go to the Planning Board at this point.

The Board concurred to have Selectman Eckstrom write this letter & share it w/ the Board for review.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Pillsbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Selectman Fernandes-Abbott seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Transcribed and respectfully submitted by,

Kelly Barrasso

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The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on: Nov. 7, 2006

Attest: *Mary Jane Pillsbury*

Mary Jane Pillsbury, Clerk

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date signed: Nov. 7, 2006

Date copy sent to Wareham Free Library: Nov. 8, 2006