

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: November 7, 2006

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Transcribed by: Kelly Barrasso

I. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Michael Hartman, Town Administrator

III. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the Board: A woman

The woman present submitted copies of a newspaper article re: comments Mr. Hartman, Town Administrator made re: the Town in an interview in Hopkinton, MA. She expressed anger re: his disparaging comments regarding the residents of the Town of Wareham and the Board of Selectmen.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. On 11/8, the Friends of the Elderly will hold a luncheon in honor of Evelyn Tamagini who will receive the Boston Post Cane for being the oldest citizen in Town.

B. The Board will hold a recognition night on 12/19/06 @ 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: Selectman Sauvageau requested that Selectmen's Reports be placed on the agenda. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated it would be handled under Any Other Business.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Authorization to sign bills, documents, etc.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve invoice #80240364/7 from Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of \$2,025.05 re: engineering services design of improvements to three of the Town's existing pumping stations – Narrows, Kennedy & Hynes Field. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

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MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve invoice #80240366/2 from Camp, Dresser & McKee in the amount of \$4,000 re: engineering services to prepare a CWSRF for sewer construction for the Town. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

- B. Approve minutes of previous meetings: 4/4/06, 4/18/06, 8/15/06, 9/19/06, 10/3/06 (Regular Sessions) & 8/15/06 (Executive Session).

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 4/4/06. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: (4-0-1)

Selectman Potter abstained

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 4/18/06 contingent upon review of a vote taken relative to Article 4 of the Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Brief discussion ensued re: a missing page to the minutes of 8/15/06. The Board concurred to table approving these minutes.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 9/19/06 w/ corrections. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 10/3/06 w/ corrections. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of 8/15/06. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: (4-0-1)

Selectman Fernandes-Abbott abstained

- C. Interview applicants for appointments to boards, committees, commissions, or trusts:

1. Historic District Commission.

Present before the Board: Jane Gleason

Ms. Gleason spoke re: the letter she submitted to the Board that brings to light a conflict of interest. She also noted the letter from the Historic District Commission Chairman.

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Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated Ms. Gleason is speaking about Special Municipal Status. She stated the Historic District Commission lost this status in 2003. She feels it may be beneficial for this commission to have this status & explained why. She noted the boards, committees, etc. that still have this status in Town.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated that Ms. Gleason has a conflict w/ three committees she would like to serve on as well as do other members of committees. She feels the Board needs to decide if it wants to send people w/ experience & w/ conflicts away who are willing to serve. Selectman Sauvageau stated the issue is conflict of interest. He feels the question is does the Board change its policy by granting status to the entire commission to accommodate one person. He feels the Board either stands by the ethics of the policy or it makes an exception every time a conflict arises. He suggested abolishing the Special Municipal Status all together & the only people that would be lost are the ones w/ conflicts. He feels the Board shouldn't have to bend the rules to accommodate applicants w/ conflicts. He briefly discussed Special Municipal Status.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed when Special Municipal Status was rescinded. Selectman Pillsbury added that it had grown to a point where almost everything was covered, thus it was rescinded & only given to a few. She feels either this status is given or do away w/ it. She feels the Board should keep this status & discussed the hardship of getting volunteers on committees. She feels that some conflicts are so minute & remote, but volunteers are coming forward to offer this information. Selectman Sauvageau doesn't feel the three applicants that are present this evening that have conflicts of interest are minute or remote. He feels people are scared to come forward because of what has been done to those that speak out. He again expressed his opinion on the matter. Selectman Pillsbury feels the Town has worked hard to get people to volunteer on boards, thus, she disagrees w/ Sauvageau. She again offered her opinion on the matter. Selectman Sauvageau discussed the policy & statute re: status & what it states.

Selectman Potter discussed the issue of Board members being public employees & serving on the Board. Selectman Sauvageau stated the Board is exempt from this status. He feels the conflict of interest for Ms. Gleason is that the Town compensates her.

Present before the Board: Nancy Miller, Historic District Commission

Ms. Miller stated the law requires her board to have a member that is a member of the American Institute of Architects (which Ms. Gleason is.) She doesn't feel this issue was meant to be a financial liability.

Ms. Gleason stated the project she is working on for the Town will not come before any board or commission that she has volunteered for. She decided to come forward w/ her conflict of interest after attending the training for boards, committees, etc. She has interest in the committees she sits on. She has no personal agenda or nothing to gain. She is a resident of the Town & her education, experience, & background allow her to offer unbiased information. She expressed her interest in the Town.

Selectman Pillsbury feels there is a critical issue facing the Town re: eligible people wishing to serve & she doesn't feel Special Municipal Status should be denied. She again stated that the Board should either get rid of this status all together or decide on an individual basis if there is a conflict w/ committee members or not. Selectman Sauvageau discussed the reason why the State Ethics Commission is reviewing this matter due to misuse of exemptions.

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Selectman Eckstrom stated she understands Ms. Gleason's interest in serving on committees. She asked what the difference is between serving vs. observing & offering information. Ms. Gleason stated being a member of a committee would allow her to offer more of a commitment vs. being an interested citizen.

Selectman Potter acknowledged that the Town wants qualified & interested people on committees. He would like to know if this status wasn't granted, how many people the Town would be losing due to conflict of interest vs. how many are being appointed. He understands the requirement for this particular committee to have an architect on board, but people w/ this qualification are not applying. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated the names of committees, boards, etc. that have Special Municipal Status: ZBA, Planning Board, Special Police Officers, Town Moderator, School bus drivers, By-law Review Committee, coaches, & Constables. Selectman Eckstrom noted that it is not the Town Moderator who has SME, but rather the Deputy Town Moderator. She also noted that the By-law Review Committee has been disbanded. She suggested changing the residency requirement for this commission if it is absolutely necessary to have an architect on said commission.

Selectman Sauvageau stated he wants policy set & followed & that the policy in place should be maintained. Selectman Potter would like to know where the Town would be w/out this status. Selectman Sauvageau suggested tabling this issue.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated she could contact the Chairs of committees w/ this status & have a review of which members need this status. She stated she is in favor of granting this status to those committees that need it. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott explained to Ms. Gleason that the Board must make a decision on Special Municipal Status before considering her for appointment as well as the other two applicants for other committees. Selectman Pillsbury suggested giving out the Conflict of Interest document to applicants. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott suggested holding another seminar re: conflict of interest.

Present before the Board: Robert Blair, Historic District Commission Chair

Mr. Blair stated he has been a member on this committee for 17 years & there has not been an architect on this committee for 14 years. He stated if there is a conflict of interest, members could recuse themselves. He expressed the importance of having an architect on this committee due to part of said committee's charge is to review historical architecture. He understands the Conflict of Interest Law, but the problem is making it broader than just this committee. He feels it will be difficult to secure another architect for this committee. He stated presently, this committee has no voting quorum & will not be able to conduct business.

Selectman Sauvageau feels the remedy for this problem re: this committee is for Ms. Gleason to not conduct work in Town. Mr. Blair stated this Town is small & businesses that come to Town are faced w/ getting as much work as they can & volunteering w/out this status would be a burden.

Ms. Miller stated Ms. Gleason is interested in the Town's history, has experience, & noted other committees she is on. She feels the Historic District Commission is one of the most important committees in Town & discussed why.

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Discussion ensued re: how the Historic District Commission & the Historical Society work together, the goals of the Historic District Commission, placing historic signage/markers on historic sites in Town.

Ms. Miller doesn't feel all the Historic District Commission members need Special Municipal Status. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott explained that they all would under the law.

Present before the Board: Carolyn McMorrow, Applicant

Ms. McMorrow discussed her experience & stated she is a current member of the commission. She wants to preserve the natural beauty & history of the Town. She discussed her ideas on how to preserve historic areas in Town. She explained the need for other boards, committees, etc. to work more closely w/ the commission. Selectman Sauvageau feels there should be a Board liaison to this commission as a first step for further information & understanding. Brief discussion ensued.

Ms. McMorrow discussed the most important critical site needing preservation, which she feels is the Fearing Tavern that is not included in the Historic District. She also feels the Mackie House should be included. She briefly discussed expanding the Historic District.

Discussion again ensued re: the differences between the Historic Society & the Historic District Commission.

Selectman Sauvageau suggested the three historic boards come before the Board to discuss what is happening, offer information, etc.

Present before the Board: James Mellon, Applicant

Mr. Mellon discussed why he wants to serve on this commission & he could be a liaison between the commission & the Historical Society. He would like to make a contribution to the Town. He discussed his qualifications & experience. He feels a Board liaison to the commission is necessary & discussed. He requested that Ms. Gleason be appointed as a non-voting member of the commission (Associate member).

Mr. Mellon discussed the Historic Preservation Plan & the advantages of the commission gaining certified government status.

Present before the Board: John E. Perry, Applicant

Mr. Perry stated he would like to get more involved w/ the Town & he is a history buff. He is interested in preserving history & architecture. Selectman Sauvageau discussed the economic value of historic preservation. Mr. Perry discussed the importance of expanding the Historic District.

Selectman Potter asked re: the balance between business, industry, & preserving history. Mr. Perry discussed the need to balance these matters. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed the importance of promoting historic preservation.

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MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Nancy Miller & Carolyn McMorrow as members to the Historic District Commission to terms to expire 6/30/08. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint John E. Perry as a member to the Historic District Commission to a term to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint James Mellon as a member to the Historic District Commission to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Brief discussion ensued re: a Board liaison & having two liaisons for the three historic commissions.

MOTION: Selectman Sauvageau moved the Board elect Selectmen Pillsbury & Eckstrom as liaisons to the Town's three historic commissions. Selectman Potter seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Conservation Commission.

Present before the Board: Manuel S. Barros, Jr.

Mr. Barros stated he is a licensed contractor & does work out of Town. He would like to get more involved. Selectman Eckstrom stated the ConCom is in favor of appointing Mr. Barros. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott asked Mr. Barros why he was not applying to be a full member to the Conservation Commission, rather than an associate. Mr. Barros stated he is looking to be an Associate member so he can take things slow & learn instead of being a full voting member at this time. Selectman Eckstrom stated that the Conservation Commission has associate member positions so members can become familiar with the laws, as conservation is very in-depth, between the state and our own by-laws.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott read a letter into the record from David Pichette, Conservation Agent re: the ConCom's approval of Mr. Barros' appointment.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Manuel S. Barros, Jr. as an Associate member to the Conservation Commission to a term to expire 6/30/07. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

3. Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Present before the Board: Michael W. Houdlette

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Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Fund (WAHTF). Mr. Houdlette discussed his experience & housing issues that affect the economy. He feels the housing issues facing the Town are not just an issue of 40B mitigation, but also an issue of the Town providing its own affordable housing.

Selectman Sauvageau noted Mr. Houdlette's experience. He noted Mr. Houdlette's current job dealing w/ mortgages. He asked if there might be a conflict of interest if someone is applying for an affordable mortgage & he is on this Trust Fund board. Mr. Houdlette stated if there were a conflict, he would pass this on to someone else at the company.

VI. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Review of a Common Victualer's All Alcoholic Beverages License held by Kaimo Corporation d/b/a Shooter's Restaurant & Sports Bar, 2691 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, MA, Jacquelyn M. Hoban, Manager, as provided under the provisions of MGL c. 138.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated the license holder's attorney has asked to reschedule this review until 12/5/06. She asked if any abutter's were present. No abutters were present. Brief discussion ensued re: who was notified & how this notification was conducted.

The Board concurred to hold this review on 12/5/06.

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Prager Property. David Pichette, Conservation Agent has indicated that the parking area on the property will be complete for use by the public on Saturday.
2. Bourne FY2007 2nd Quarter Sewer Usage Billing. The Town of Bourne had a credit balance from FY2006 sewer usage payments in the amount of \$62,366.93 once the actual costs were determined. Second quarter estimated charges of \$43,486.90 were applied & a credit balance of \$18,803.03 remains that will be applied to the third quarter billing.

Selectman Eckstrom asked if there is a reason why the sewer bills have not gone out yet. The Administrator stated that the commitment papers were ready to be signed prior to the Board's meeting before Town Meeting, but it wasn't done. They normally would have gone out 30 days ago. Selectman Eckstrom expressed concern re: the timing of sending these bills out now. The Administrator stated the Board has to vote on the commitment.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board hold a special meeting on Friday at 6:00 P.M. to vote on said commitment.

NOTE: There was no second to the motion. Selectman Sauvageau stated the Board couldn't vote on something that is not in front of them. These bills were supposed to go out at the end of August. He asked the Administrator when these bills were going to go out & why they have not. The Administrator stated he had planned to have the commitment for these bills signed at the Board's meeting prior to Town Meeting & it should have been included in tonight's packet.

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Chairman Fernandes-Abbott asked the Administrator to obtain the commitment document from his office promptly. Discussion ensued re: sending out the bills now.

Selectman Sauvageau understands the FinCom will be presented w/ the results of the Sewer Rate Fee Study that was requested. He asked why the Sewer Commissioners were not notified of this. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott asked why the Board's liaisons to the FinCom were not advised. Selectman Potter stated he was by e-mail. Selectman Sauvageau feels the Sewer Commissioners, as a whole should have been advised.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item VIII. Town Business – B Any other business.

1. CPC funding of Municipal projects.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott has received a letter of support from the Community Preservation Committee re: municipal projects from the Municipal Maintenance Dept. She suggested Mr. Gifford, Municipal Maintenance Director come before the Board to discuss the three projects.

2. Roadway relinquishment.

Selectman Eckstrom asked the Administrator re: a bill from Town Counsel relative to the roadway by Atlantic Boats. She had previously asked the Administrator about it and was told it was an old bill. The Administrator explained what Town Counsel found & it was determined that Town Meeting vote would need to be re-voted in the spring. Brief discussion ensued re: the road in question. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott indicated that there was a typing error in the document. The Administrator explained that the original Town Meeting vote was not valid.

Selectman Eckstrom discussed the release deed. The Administrator discussed what Town Meeting did. Selectman Sauvageau stated that Town Meeting voted to relinquish a small portion of the road. He feels that Selectman Eckstrom is indicating that now an article will be placed on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant to relinquish thousands of square feet of land. The Administrator stated the document must be re-written. Selectman Eckstrom stated that there has been no discussion with the selectmen regarding this and yet Town Counsel is writing up warrant articles to give up town owned land. She wanted to know when was this going to be addressed with the Board. Discussion ensued.

The Administrator stated that no one authorized Town Counsel to do this & the fee would be paid by the developer. He again stated he knew it wasn't approved, it was delayed until April, & no one authorized Town Counsel to do this work. Selectman Pillsbury feels an assumption was made that this matter should be brought up before it would come forward again to deal w/ it, but it should be fully vetted again. Discussion ensued re: why this issue wasn't brought forward. The Administrator stated the problem was found, intercepted, & needs to be fixed. Lengthy discussion ensued.

3. Town Counsel Interviews.

Discussion ensued re: the status of Town Counsel interviews. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott understands that the RFP is going to be re-done & the Board will interview individual counsels instead of just firms. Selectman Sauvageau discussed what the Charter states & he expressed his unhappiness w/ the Town's present Town Counsel. He feels if there are presently three responses, they should be brought in for interviews.

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Chairman Fernandes-Abbott expressed concern re: the position the Town will be put in w/ a new Administrator & a new Town Counsel. Selectman Sauvageau disagreed & feels that a fresh start is needed. Selectman Eckstrom feels a meeting needs to be held w/ Town Counsel so they can clarify some pending issues because she believes there is a discrepancy in the perception of their performance.

NOTE: The meeting proceeded w/ item IX. Sewer Business.

A. CDM Update

Present before the Board: Michael Guidice

NOTE: Selectman Sauvageau departed the table at this time.

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

VOTE: (3-1-0)
Selectman Pillsbury opposed

NOTE: Selectman Sauvageau returned to the table during Mr. Guidice's WPCF update.

Mr. Guidice updated the Board on:

WPCF:

- Construction update – Control valve actuators replaced 11/2.
- Nitrogen (4.0 limit): Sept. average = 1.39 mg/l; October average = 2.08 mg/l.
- Met nitrogen permit limit for 7-month average (April – Oct.)
- Phosphorous (0.2 limit): Sept. average = 0.26 mg/l; Oct. average = 0.16 mg/l
- Workshop to discuss capacity – 12/12/06.

Selectman Sauvageau feels the capacity matter needs to be discussed right away because of the 40B project that has come forward that seems to want to tie into the system. Information is needed right away. He requested re-arranging future agenda items to have this happen more quickly. Discussion ensued re: when to hold this meeting. The Board members concurred to hold this meeting on 11/16/06.

Selectman Pillsbury would like to know how the septage receiving part of the plant is doing. Mr. Guidice stated there are no issues the last time he spoke to Mr. Simmons. Selectman Pillsbury has heard that the receiving is down. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott indicated she has heard this information as well & would like this matter looked into. Mr. Guidice stated he would look into it.

Selectman Sauvageau discussed the anticipated rate study results to be heard by the FinCom tomorrow evening. He indicated he would be making further requests on how to handle this issue, such as turning over the administrative function to the plant vs. the Town doing it. He asked if CDM could help do this. Mr. Guidice stated he would find out.

Rose Point Sewers:

- Construction update –
- TV Inspection
- Pipe Testing/repair
- Pumping stations startup/testing
- Complete by end of 11/06.
- Final paving remains – 2007.

Briarwood Beach/Beaver Dam Estates Sewers:

- Construction update –
- All mainline pipe installed.
- Route 6 crossing completed.
- Easement restoration/planting completed.
- Beaver Dam services/paving ongoing.
- Pumping Station – electrical pedestal installed.
- Staffing – Chris Sharpe leaving.

New Sewer Areas:

- Survey work underway.
- New aerial photography.
- Coordination w/ WFD.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott suggested working cooperatively w/ the Wareham Fire District due to GIS information they have. Mr. Guidice discussed issues w/ the GIS system relative to accuracy.

- Letter sent to homeowners.

Infiltration/Inflow Program:

- Smoke testing ongoing.
- 45,000 lf completed (out of 160,000 lf total).
- CDM amendment for Phase II pending.

Rate Study:

- Date for workshop.

Brief discussion ensued re: date. The Board concurred to hold this meeting on 11/28/06 at 6:00 P.M.

- B. Any other sewer business.

1. FY2007 sewer commitment.

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MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board accept the first half FY2007 sewer user commitment in the amount of \$2,005,633.62 & to establish an annual sewer user rate of \$522.00 per EDU. Selectman Pillsbury seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

VIII. TOWN BUSINESS

A. Bike Path.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott has prepared a draft letter relative to the Bike Path.

Selectman Sauvageau has grave concerns re: the bike path, such as costs, which are unknown. He had signed a previous letter on behalf of the Board because the Board had voted.

The Board members concurred w/ Chairman Fernandes-Abbott that the draft letter can now be sent out.

B. Any other Town business.

1. Consulting services.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated that the final RFP for consulting services for the new Town Administrator have been sent out.

2. Town Charter.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott feels the Town Charter should be on the Town's website. Brief discussion ensued.

3. 815 Main St. – 40B project.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott discussed this project going before the ZBA tomorrow. She received an email from Ken Ferreira, ZBA Chairman asking for the Board's direction re: this project. After speaking w/ Mr. Ferreira, she has drafted a letter re: said project & other information, for example, on site sewer treatment, etc. A letter has now been received from the applicant's attorney (Cornerstone Properties) stating that they will not be considering on site sewerage & have asked the ZBA for permission to connect to the Town's system & waive or reduce sewer fees. The letter she is preparing will now need to be changed w/ stronger language & also to inform the applicant that the ZBA does not have the authority to grant a sewer extension. Brief discussion ensued.

Selectman Sauvageau stated w/ the dock moratorium language Town Counsel prepared, there was case law that allowed a Town to make their own decisions, for example on sewerage. There is now a more urgent need to know the capacity information of the sewer plant.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott will contact Town Counsel to reference specific case law to put in the letter & express the importance of 40B compliance.

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NOTE: Selectman Sauvageau requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel, non-union personnel, & potential litigation.

4. Verizon.

Selectman Sauvageau stated he & Selectman Potter met w/ Verizon representatives & Attorney Solomon to start discussions. He highlighted what was discussed. Another meeting will be held on Friday at 10:00 A.M.

5. Cape Verdean Resource Center.

Selectman Eckstrom stated a directive was made at Town Meeting to have the Board research placing the Cape Verdean Resource Center at the Oak Grove School. She discussed the issue w/ the lease & if the original lease cannot be found, the money authorized at a Town Meeting may not be available, and the whole process may have to be re-done. Mr. Hartman stated that he would check his office again and check with Head Start for the original lease and get Selectman Eckstrom a copy. Selectman Eckstrom would like Marilyn Whalley, Director of Community Development in before the Board to discuss the lease matter before the Cape Verdean Resource Center is dealt with. Selectman Pillsbury stated if this is the case re: the lease, then the project needs to be stopped now. Selectman Sauvageau stated another issue is if the rent that will be charged to Head Start will pay for the bond. Selectman Eckstrom stated she was concerned w/ this matter as well, as the figures provided in the lease do not cover the Town's principal debt, let alone the interest. Selectman Eckstrom offered preliminary bond figures. She indicated that in discussions with the Town Treasurer, Mr. Foster has suggested a 20-year bond instead of the ten-year payback that was stated at the Town Meeting.

Selectman Pillsbury discussed the charge of the Board on this matter. She feels a committee needs to be put together to make sure the Cape Verdean Cultural Center piece happens & to work w/ Head Start to make sure space is available. Discussion ensued re: the need for figures.

6. Stormwater drains.

Selectman Potter discussed conditions of stormwater drains on beaches. He feels the Board should think about maintenance of stormwater drains & seawalls.

7. Laundromat issue re: EDU's.

Selectman Potter discussed the Laundromat issue re: EDU's. He has looked into this issue & feels it is the same argument everyone has had for 30 years. Discussion ensued.

8. Sewer bills – payment agreements.

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated the Town Collector couldn't enter into payment agreements on sewer bills. The Town Collector feels there is a policy re: this, but he has never seen it.

9. Wickets Island.

Selectman Potter stated that there is a need for an Order of Conditions for an easement re: Wickets Island. He has spoke w/ the CPC to see if there is interest in purchasing the island for open space.

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Discussion ensued. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott suggested possibly speaking to the Land Trust as well re: the island.

Selectman Potter asked if another Selectman would like to work with him and meet with Wickets Island representatives to explore the possibilities. Selectman Eckstrom volunteered.

10. Town Meeting.

Selectman Potter offered his observations of the past Town Meeting. He suggested looking into a representative form of Town Meeting, which he discussed. He feels there is need to complete the process & the Warrant.

Selectman Sauvageau discussed what he feels needs to be done before contemplating any change in government including participation.

IX. SEWER BUSINESS
(DONE)

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved at 11:00 P.M. to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy in preparation for negotiations w/ union & non-union personnel. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

POLLED VOTE: Selectman Eckstrom – Yes
 Selectman Sauvageau – Yes
 Selectman Pillsbury – Yes
 Selectman Potter – Yes
 Selectman Fernandes-Abbott – Yes

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated the Board would not be coming back into open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasse

Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on: Jan 2, 2007

Attest: *Brenda S. Eckstrom*
 Brenda Eckstrom, Clerk
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date signed: 1/2/07

Date copy sent to Wareham Free Library: 1/2/07