

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

**Date of Meeting: October 23, 2006**

**Date of Transcription: October 24, 2006**

**Transcribed by: Kelly Barrasso**

### **I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Selectmen Present: Renee Fernandes-Abbott, Chairman  
Brenda Eckstrom, Clerk  
Mary Jane Pillsbury  
Bruce Sauvageau (Arrived at 6:25 P.M.)  
Jim Potter

Present: Michael Hartman, Town Administrator

### **III. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Authorization to sign bills, documents, etc. (NONE)
- B. Appointments to boards, commissions, committees:

- 1. Conservation Commission
- 2. Historic District Commission
- 3. Minot Forest Committee
- 4. Tremont Nail Advisory

Discussion ensued re: past discussions relative to interviewing new appointments &/or re-appointments. Selectman Pillsbury felt the discussions pertained to major boards, such as Planning Board, ZBA, etc. Selectman Potter feels interviews give exposure to committees & the public, but he understands the time aspect & that the process takes awhile. Selectman Eckstrom expressed concern re: rubber-stamping appointments.

Discussion ensued re: the immediate need for members for the Tremont Nail Advisory. The member limit is nine, but there are only four current members due to resignations.

Present before the Board: Alan Slavin (Applicant for Tremont Nail Advisory)

Mr. Slavin stated he is interested in Town properties & feels he can be of financial assistance. He briefly discussed his experience in business. He noted some ideas he has re: a vision, such as an art center.

Present before the Board: Jim Newman (Applicant for Tremont Nail Advisory)

The members acknowledged knowing Mr. Newman well & his involvement w/ the Town.

Brief discussion ensued re: applicant Mr. Short's experience.

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**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved the Board appoint Alan H. Slavin & James B. Newman, Jr. as members to the Tremont Nail Master Plan Committee to terms to expire 6/30/09. Selectman Potter seconded.

**VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)**

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott read a letter from Jane Gleason, applicant to the Wareham Historic District Commission into the record relative to review of her application by the Chairman of said Commission.

Discussion ensued re: how to proceed w/ this appointment if the Chairman of the Commission doesn't respond. The Board concurred to hold off on this appointment.

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

**VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)**

The Board concurred to interview Mr. Barros (Applicant for Conservation Commission) & Mr. Short (Applicant for Tremont Nail Advisory).

### IV. TOWN BUSINESS

#### A. Town Meeting Warrant Articles.

Present before the Board: Bill Heaney, Finance Committee Chairman

**NOTE:** Selectman Sauvageau arrived at this time.

#### Article 1 – Supplemental Budget

Mr. Heaney explained the total amount of transfers & appropriations & how it will be done in sections. Section 1 will include rescinding appropriations made in 4/06 totaling \$1,409,051. Section 2 will be to raise & appropriate \$23,000 to the Town Administrator line item. Section 3 will be to move free cash to the School Dept. in the amount of \$368,000 & \$781,000 to the health trust fund. He noted that articles 2, 7, & 8 are included in Section 4. Money is being taken from the Waterways Improvement account & from the Stabilization Fund & going into corresponding expense lines to fund the School Department's minimum. There will be a need to re-vote articles 2, 7, & 8. Section 5 deals w/ transfers. Section 6 will move money from the WPCF retained earnings account for the I/I Study account. He noted that free cash was certified Friday & that \$130,000 is left in the Stabilization Fund.

The Administrator discussed DOR's admonishment for utilizing all free cash now.

**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved Favorable Action on Article 1 of the 10/23/06 Fall Town Meeting Warrant.

There was no second to the motion.

Selectman Sauvageau stated he will vote No Action on this article & he will discuss it on Town Meeting floor. Discussion ensued re: moving forward. Selectman Sauvageau stated Town Meeting would vote on

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how to proceed. Selectman Potter asked what is Selectman Sauvageau is dissatisfied w/ relative to the article. Selectman Sauvageau feels no cuts are being made where they should be & things are being added & spending is occurring which he feels makes no sense fiscally. He objects to the way this is being done.

**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved No Action on Article 1 of the 10/23/06 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

**VOTE: (2-2-1)**

**Selectmen Fernandes-Abbott & Potter opposed  
Selectman Pillsbury abstained**

Article 2 – Stabilization Fund

**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved No Action on Article 2 of the 10/23/06 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Article 7 – Harbors/Beaches Maintenance Account

**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved to reconsider the prior vote on Article 7 & move No Action on Article 7 of the 10/23/06 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Article 8 – Harbormaster Expense Budget

**MOTION:** Selectman Eckstrom moved No Action on Article 8 of the 10/23/06 Fall Town Meeting Warrant. Selectman Potter seconded.

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Article 11 – Surviving Spouse Health Insurance

Chairman Fernandes-Abbott stated there would be an amendment to this article. The amendment will be changing 10 years to 20 years & a request will be to fund this article through the Stabilization Fund. The Administrator stated this is a Home Rule Petition & there isn't a need for appropriation now. Discussion ensued.

The Administrator expressed concern re: not having a cap on this article. Lengthy discussion ensued re: figures, costs, etc. Brief discussion ensued re: what happens when a retiree turns 65.

**NOTE:** Present before the Board: Mr. Walker

Mr. Walker explained that he was waiting in the wrong area re: his appointment w/ the Board. Chairman Fernandes-Abbott indicated that Mr. Walker was appointed to the committee.

**NOTE:** John Giorgio, Attorney arrived at this time.

Discussion ensued w/ Attorney Giorgio re: articles, amendments, etc.

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Article 26 – Westfield Property

Selectman Sauvageau stated he would get up & amend the FinCom's vote on this article. Brief discussion ensued.

Lengthy discussion continued re: Article 11.

B. Any other business (NONE)

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Pillsbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 P.M. Selectman Potter seconded.

**VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso

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: 1/9/07