

MINUTES OF "WORKSHOP" MEETING
SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

#19-07

Date of Meeting: June 12, 2007

Date of Transcription: June 13, 2007

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I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Eckstrom called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Brenda Eckstrom, Chairman
Jim Potter, Clerk
Bruce Sauvageau
John Cronan
Jane Donahue (Arrived at 7:15 P.M.)

Also Present: John Foster, Interim Town Administrator

III. LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Application for a one-day liquor permit, under the provisions of MGL c. 138 §14 for Christopher Smith for a wedding reception (Ms. Dubovik & Mr. Sooy) at the Old Red Farm Inn, Stockton Shortcut, Wareham on June 23, 2007 beginning at 4:00 P.M. & ending at midnight.

Present before the Board: Monica Dubovik
Mr. Sooy

Mr. Sooy stated that Christopher Smith is the bar caterer.

Selectman Cronan asked if the Old Red Farm Inn could hold receptions. Chairman Eckstrom stated she checked on this & this seems to be grandfathered. She stated the issue at the Inn is that that had a café added on & they were seating & serving w/out permission. This reception is part of the bed & breakfast permit the Inn holds, thus it is allowable.

MOTION: Selectman Potter moved the Board approve the application for a one day liquor permit, under the provisions of MGL c. 138 §14 for Christopher Smith for a wedding reception (Ms. Dubovik & Mr. Sooy) at the Old Red Farm Inn, Stockton Shortcut, Wareham on June 23, 2007 beginning at 4:00 P.M. & ending at midnight. Selectman Cronan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

- B. Application for a one day liquor permit, under the provisions of MGL c. 138 §14 for Debra Sones for a funeral reception at the Old Red Farm Inn, Stockton Shortcut, Wareham on June 16, 2007 beginning at 12:00 noon & ending at 4:00 P.M.

Present before the Board: Debra Sones

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MOTION: Selectman Potter moved the Board approve the Application for a one day liquor permit, under the provisions of MGL c. 138 §14 for Debra Sones for a funeral reception at the Old Red Farm Inn, Stockton Shortcut, Wareham on June 16, 2007 beginning at 12:00 noon & ending at 4:00 P.M. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

NOTE: Selectman Cronan feels any further applications relative to this Inn should be held off on until it is determined what they can do there. Chairman Eckstrom stated the Inn will be in front of the ZBA shortly & the Board of Health is involved as well. Selectman Sauvageau asked for clarification from the ZBA.

Chairman Eckstrom explained that these two applications were grand fathered use under the bed & breakfast permit. Selectman Sauvageau again stated that a letter should be obtained from the ZBA & the Board of Health indicating clarification on matters concerning this Inn.

Mr. Foster stated the pavilion referred to on the property is a permanent structure. There had been complaints from neighbors re: the serving of food & renovations done. There was a lack of communication it seems relative to what the intent of the owners' is/was. It will be in front of the ZBA to clarify. Selectman Sauvageau stated the Board needs information on the Inn to continue to issue these types of application licenses.

IV. UPDATE & PRESENTATION FROM TOWN AUDITOR

Present before the Board: Claude Boudwin, CPA (Town Auditor)

Also present for presentation: Carl St. Pierre, FinCom
Dominic Cammarano, FinCom
Bonnie Catulli, FinCom
Dave Trudell, FinCom
Dan Cheever, FinCom
Chris Teves, FinCom
Donna Bronk, FinCom

NOTE: Selectman Donahue arrived at this time.

The Board welcomed the new FinCom members & brief discussion ensued re: their role.

Mr. Boudwin explained that he has been the Town's auditor for two years. He stated the presentation he will make this evening is for the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/06.

Mr. Boudwin proceeded to make a presentation re: the Fiscal Year ending 6/30/06 audit in which he highlighted key elements. (Attached as reference).

During the presentation, the following discussions ensued.

Selectman Sauvageau asked how depreciation is handled relative to the WPCF. Mr. Boudwin discussed how straight line depreciation is utilized.

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Mr. St. Pierre asked where on the statements is depreciation for rehabilitation of a building that utilized a grant over a period of time shown. Mr. Boudwin discussed how a grant such as this is shown on the financial statements.

Selectman Sauvageau noted the business type activity & the WPCF. He asked re: program revenue vs. expenses as well as charges for services. Mr. Boudwin discussed betterments indicated on the financial statements & what these numbers represent.

Mr. St. Pierre asked re: cash statements & encumbered funds. Mr. Boudwin discussed how encumbrances are shown on statements.

Mr. St. Pierre asked re: the bond borrowing procedure & how it is accounted for. Mr. Boudwin discussed the accounting of this & how it is shown, for example, for the WPCF fund.

Discussion ensued re: the reflection of betterments paid & that no WPCF debt has been pre-paid for yet. Discussion ensued re: how pre-payment is handled & when this will be reconciled. (It is put in cash until further dispensation). Mr. Foster discussed how this has been handled the past six years.

Selectman Sauvageau asked re: unfounded liabilities. Mr. Boudwin discussed how showing this on the financial statements is not required. There is a footnote indicating these liabilities & how they are tied to retirement plans. Brief discussion ensued.

Mr. Boudwin discussed use of estimates.

Mr. Foster discussed the Town's bond rating status.

Mr. St. Pierre asked if the leases for the school's buses are under the town's name or the school Dept. Selectman Sauvageau believes they are registered in the name of the town. Brief discussion ensued.

Selectman Sauvageau asked how the Town looks relative to ratio of debt to overall valuation. Mr. Foster stated it is at a favorable ration for Moody's.

Selectman Sauvageau asked re: the re-insurance contract. Mr. Boudwin discussed the stop/loss insurance the Town has in place. Discussion ensued re: the Health Care Trust Fund.

V. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Donahue moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy relative to negotiations. Selectman Potter seconded.

**POLLED VOTE: Selectman Donahue – Yes
 Selectman Potter – Yes
 Selectman Cronan – Yes
 Selectman Eckstrom – Yes
 Selectman Sauvageau – Yes**

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VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

NOTE: Chairman Eckstrom stated the Board would not be coming back into open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Barrasso
Kelly Barrasso, Transcriptionist

The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on July 31, 2007.

Attest: James L. Potter
Jim Potter, Clerk
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date signed: July 31, 2007

Date copy sent to Wareham Free Library: August 6, 2007