

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: July 10, 2007
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I CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

Chairman Eckstrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

II ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: Brenda Eckstrom, Chairman
Jim Potter, Clerk
Bruce Sauvageau
Jane Donahue
John Cronan

Also Present: John Foster, Interim Town Administrator

III CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the Board: Diane Yarrington, Resident of Onset

Ms. Yarrington expressed her concerns about the Village of Onset with the recent drug bust and gangs along with a lack of police presence. Ms. Yarrington discussed her concern about a check that was given to Mr. Hartman for unused sick time before leaving and also the lack of trash barrels on the beaches in Onset.

Present before the Board: Nicole Richer, Resident of Ocean Avenue

Ms. Richer was concerned about the loud music being played at the Harbor Watch Inn and the patrons of the Inn park illegally and won't allow for emergency vehicles to pass if they need to. Ms. Richer would like the board to review the license of the Harbor Watch Inn. Mr. Richer also spoke in regards to the Harbor Watch Inn operating the Wicket's Restaurant and with rock bands playing at the restaurant being very loud. Selectmen Potter stated that he does live down the street and spoke with Ms. Kisten himself about the noise level and the board was looking into having a show cause hearing. Selectmen Sauvageau stated that the Ms. Kisten needs to be present to discuss this further and both the owner and the citizens have rights. Selectmen Sauvageau made a motion to hold a show cause hearing on July 31, 2007 @ 7:15 P.M for the Harbor Watch Inn and Selectmen Cronan seconded. Selectmen Potter suggested that everyone talk with the owner to try and come to some type of agreement. Selectmen Donahue suggested that the Police make a few more runs in Onset and should start ticketing the vehicles.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Present before the Board: Philip Drapos , Resident of South Blvd.

Mr. Dapos expressed how frustrated he was with the lack of community relations with the police in Onset and said that he has personally called the Police department to report a pit bull dog on the beach and was told they don't have the staff. The Police did state that they don't have any Animal Control on weekends. Mr. Drapos also reported loud vehicles cruising and would like to know if the noise level is enforceable and how to go about getting the bylaw changed. Selectmen Eckstrom advised him that if he wanted to change the bylaw he would need to have 10 signatures to put on the town fall warrant. Mr. Drapos said that his mother met with the Municipal Maintenance at 6:00 A.M. to let them know where the barrels should be placed in Onset. Selectmen Donahue said that the board would do the best they can to bring up these issues and take actions within their control.

IV: ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint TDR meeting for July 16, 2007 will be cancelled.

Selectmen Eckstrom is working on putting together the application for the Massachusetts Municipal Police Station Grant Program before the deadline of July 20, 2007. The state is making up to \$2 million available statewide for the repair, renovation, and construction of municipal police stations.

On August 14, 2007 the board will be having workshop with Robert Ethier, Board of Health Agent to discuss Emergency response and infectious disease control.

David Simmons will be at the next Board of Selectmen's meeting to discuss setting of the sewer rates. Mr. St.Pierre, Chairman of the Finance Committee is looking to come up with some type of rebate discounts senior citizens.

Selectmen Donahue said the problem for this fiscal year is that the budget at town meeting is already passed based on a \$662 fee and the timing on voting for the sewer rate is off and should be voted prior to the sewer enterprise budget being presented at town meeting. Selectmen Donahue said that next year she anticipates setting the rates prior to the Town meeting and they should change the process. She also agrees that they should not keep the rate of \$662 for the next five years.

Selectmen Potter said that he also would like to see the rate reduced but feels cannot change at this next vote because they will have to balance in October. Right now the town is subsidizing Bourne sewer users that are paying based the water usage. Selectmen Potter agrees change needs to be done.

Acoustic Music Series begins on Wednesday
Onset Bay Movie Company will show Superman Returns on Thursday at 8:00 P.M.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to approve the Regular Session meeting minutes of 4/10/07, 4/23/07. Selectmen Donahue seconded

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to approve the Regular Session meetings of 4/17/07. Selectmen Donahue seconded

VOTE: (4-0-1)
Selectmen Sauvageau abstained

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to approve the Regular Session meetings of 5/22/07. Selectmen Cronan seconded

VOTE: (4-0-1)
Selectmen Donahue abstained

Appointments:

1. Election/Poll Workers

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to appoint the following individuals as Election/Poll Workers to term to expire 6/30/08: Selectmen Donahue seconded.

Precinct One

Poll Workers

Kathleen Clements
Marie Cooney
Barbara A. Giberti
Nancy L. MacNeill
William A. Rush
Hazel Tabor

Precinct Two: Officers:

Barbara Porter
Joann R. Senna
Eleanor C. Senay

Precinct Three: Officers

Joanna DaSilva
Margaret Gomes
Billie Sleightholm
Elizabeth Morrison
Poll Workers
Geraldine Barrows
Patricia Evans
Anne Hunter
Deborah J. Rose
Gertrude Sullivan

Precinct Four: Officers

Marlene DeCoster

Poll Workers

Sheila Evans

Ramona Barros

Rosemary Carter

Lucille Dardis

Pamela Faria

Mary Paulette

Linda Perkosi

Diane M. Wolstencroft

John Durham

Poll Workers

Jo Anne Anderson

Elaine Butler

Antone Fernandes

Sherren Frazier

Patricia Harju-Zimmer

Diane Lazarus

Deborah L. Pfinster

Donald Rogers

Robert E. Short

Precinct Five: Officers

Lorriane Gregoire

Kim McNair

Katherine Britt

Leonora Fernandes

Poll Workers

George Choquette

Wilma Engerman

Theresa A. Gregoire

Hannah Gregoire

Barbara Hunter

Joyce Veiga

June P. Woodland

Norma White

Precinct Six: Officers

Robert Joy

Elizabeth Diliddo

NanC Marshall

Poll Workers

Julianne C. Cummings

Betty Gilmette

Alberta Joy

Carol MacGray

James Magnan

Francis Murphy

James B. Newman

Nancy Schultz

Precinct Four:

Poll Worker

Jack M. Silva

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Certified Weighers

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to appoint the following individuals as Certified Weighers to a term to expire 6/30/08. Selectmen Donahue seconded

Norris A. Walecka, Jr.

Lester D. Andrews, Jr.

David St. Germain

Ashley St. Germain

Brian Walecka

Brett M. Walecka

Daniel A. Walecka

Leonard Maxim

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

3. CEDA

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to appoint James Giberti as a member to the Community & Economic Development Authority to a term to expire 6/30/10. No Second.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved that the Board appoint John White as a member to the Community & Economic Development Authority to a term to expire 6/30/10. Selectmen Cronan seconded. Selectmen Sauvageau motioned for discussion stating that he would like for Mr. to dedicate his attention as Chairman of the Peg Access Board of Directors. Selectmen Sauvageau would like to see the Peg Access Corporation up and running and support and admire John White but would not favor his appointment so that he can focus on Peg Access. Selectmen Eckstrom also agreed and added diversity is needed on CEDA and referred to the acts of 2004 that they are suppose to find racially ethically and diverse people. The CEDA board should be well rounded. Selectmen Sauvageau would also like to see someone from the Cape Verdean community serve.

VOTE: (1-4-0)

Selectmen Potter, Sauvageau, Eckstrom opposed

4. Open Space Committee

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the Board to appoint Sheila Herrick as a member to the Open Space Committee to a term to expire 6/30/10. Selectmen Sauvageau Seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved to appoint Selectmen Donahue as the Representative to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG). Selectmen Cronan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

- A. Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve the application for Use of Town Roads Permit by the Dick Melloni Youth Foundation for its 5th annual Foundation 55 Bicycle Ride on Sunday, September 16, 2007

beginning at 7:30 AM on Onset Pier traveling through Wareham to Plymouth, through Bourne ending back at Onset Pier at approximately 2:30 PM. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

- B. Selectmen Potter moved the Board to approve the application for the use of Town roads for the 4th annual Readers Become Leaders 5K Walk & Run on Sunday, October 21, 2007 beginning at 12 noon at the Minot Forest School to Great Neck Road to R.D. Stillman Drive returning to Minot Forest School and ending at approximately 1:30 PM. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

VI: TOWN BUSINESS

Selectmen Cronan brought up the Wareham Tiger Football and asked if any conversations have been held about Westfield and the bond issue. Selectmen Eckstrom didn't want to bring up the issue at this time.

Selectmen Sauvageau had a conversation with Tiny Lopes who would like to have a liaison from the Board to be on their building committee for the Oak Grove Cultural Center both Selectmen Sauvageau and Cronan will be the liaisons for this committee.

Selectmen Donahue asked Mr. Foster if any award has been given for any contract on the Oak Grove Cultural Center. Mr. Foster said it is still in planning stages and nothing is out to bid and they are working on the architectural design and just getting underway.

Selectmen Donahue stated that Mr. St. Pierre has made a request from both John Foster and the Town Accountant asking for a laptop for the Finance Committee to use and Mr. Foster did state they have a \$7000 budget and one could be appropriated from that budget.

Mr. McAuliffe stated that he did speak with Mr. St. Pierre and he wanted both the prospective and retrospective view of debt services. Selectmen Donahue said Mr. St. Pierre was also looking for a line item detailed budget.

Selectmen Donahue stated that she will be the Board of Selectmen liaison for the Personnel board and would like them to have a copy of the Charter, Bylaws, Personnel Plan and the Open Meeting Law.

Ken Sleightholm, Chairman of the Personnel Board was before the board looking for minutes that were missing from the Library from 1994-1996. Mr. Sleightholm stated that the Employee rep election should be taken soon.

Selectmen Donahue questioned Wareham Gatemen players working at the Town Hall and the Library and the protocol and would like the board to be informed in the future.

Selectmen Potter brought up the point that the town should employ the system of having trash barrels with covers and locks.

Present before the Board: Glen Hawley, Pan-Mass Challenge

Mr. Hawley was asking the board for permission to put thirteen permanent signs on Town roads. The State Legislature approved the route from Sturbridge to Bourne. Selectmen Potter had concerns about Municipal Maintenance being able to put up the signs being short staffed. Selectmen Cronan suggested that Mr. Hawley speak with Mr. Gifford and offered his help in putting up the signs. Selectmen Donahue also suggested that maybe she could get someone from the Water Department to volunteer to put up the signs. Mr. Foster didn't see any problems with getting Municipal Maintenance to put the signs up.

MOTION: Selectmen Cronan moved that the board approve the installation for the thirteen permanent signs. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectmen Potter motioned that the Board to schedule a meeting to speak with police administration about the deployment of security personnel. Selectmen Donahue seconded. Selectmen Sauvageau stated that would have to be in executive session.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectmen Potter suggested that a letter be sent to the people who have installed memorial benches and let them know that they are town property and cannot personalize the bench and decorate the benches or plant flowers around the bench and that the board will be revising the policy.

Selectmen Potter would like to start fundraising now for next years July 4th fireworks.

Selectmen Potter also stated the interview process will begin soon for the Community Events Committee.

Selectmen Potter was contacted by a woman from Hollywood and was considering Onset for a television series and will be around town for a few days. If the town was selected it

would be 8 weeks of filming and would be bringing a crew of 50 to 150 which would be an economical boost to the town.

VII: ADJORNMENT

MOTION: Selectmen Eckstrom moved at 10:00 PM to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the purchase exchange lease of real property. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

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

NOTE: The meeting will not be coming back into open session. The next meeting of the board will be July 17, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Wilson

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners for their approval on September 11, 2007

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

Date signed: September 11, 2007

Date copy sent to Town Clerk's Office: September 12, 2007