

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: July 17, 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
John Cronan
Jane Donahue
Bruce D. Sauvageau (arrived as a member of the audience at 8:50 P.M).

Also Present: John D. Foster, Interim Town Administrator

III CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Diane Yarrington resident of Onset

Ms. Yarrington voiced her concerns regarding the problems in Onset with people who rented property along with their teenagers and were robbed and beaten. Also she has called Municipal Maintenance about some brush that hasn't been cleaned. Ms. Yarrington questioned what percent of the town's taxes comes from the village of Onset and how much of the taxes go back into the village and also is asking for a copy of the town budget.

Present before the board: James B. Newman

Mr. Newman addressed a letter sent to the board regarding the lack of handicapped spaces at the Town Hall. Mr. Foster agrees that more spaces are needed and he is open to suggestions. Mr. Newman also announced that the Veterans Parade will be on November 12th this year and he is hoping to have a small parade from Besse Park to Town Hall and have a ceremony at the Town Hall.

Present before the board: Anthony Drapos

Mr. Drapos asked if they could have stationery police officers in Onset due to the problems they are having with crime.

IV ANNOUNCEMENTS

Onset Bay Movie of the week is Over the Hedge at 8:00 P.M. at the Onset Bandshell

V CONSENT AGENDA

A. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve payment to Camp, Dresser & McKee Invoice # 80260451/3 in the amount of \$3,177.26 for professional engineering design services for improvements to three existing wastewater-pumping stations in accordance with the agreement dated December 19, 2005. Selectmen Donahue seconded. Selectmen Cronan motioned for discussion that he has previously asked several times for the contracts for CDM and was given eight of them from 2003 to 2006. In looking at the contracts he could not find any matches to any of the amounts of the bills and would be opposing the vote of the payment. Selectmen Eckstrom then motioned for a vote. Selectmen Potter seconded.

VOTE: (2-1-1)

 Selectmen Cronan Opposed, Selectmen Donahue abstained

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve payment to Camp, Dresser & McKee Invoice # 80260452/20 in the amount of \$3876.45 for professional residential Engineering services during sewer construction in Briarwood Beach in accordance with our agreement dated June 21, 2005. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: (2-1-1)

 Selectmen Cronan Opposed, Selectmen Donahue abstained

Appointment/Interview applicants for boards, committees, commissions:

i. Old Colony Elderly Services

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Deborah Bell, 48 Marion Road, Wareham as a delegate to the Old Colony Elderly Services to a term to expire August 30, 2008. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Dennis Allen, 4 Donna Road, W. Wareham, as an alternate to the Old Colony Elderly Services to a term to expire August 30, 2008. Selectmen Donahue seconded

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VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Barbara Ann Zoia, 13 Crocker Avenue, Wareham as an alternate to the Old Colony Elderly Services to a term to expire August 30, 2008. Selectmen Donahue seconded

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

ii. Zoning Board of Appeals

Appointment to the Board of Appeals. Selectmen Cronan stated that Don McKinlay is no longer serving on the ZBA after 20 years and should be commended. Selectmen Cronan stated that it was a pleasure working the Mary Scarsciotti and she is hard working and he would like to recommend her as a full member of the ZBA. Selectmen Cronan would also like to recommend Ticia Weare as an associate member.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Mary Scarsciotti, 35 Sippican Road Wareham, as a full member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire June 30, 2012. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Ticia L. Weare, 9 Island Brook Drive, W. Wareham as an associate member to the Zoning Board of Appeals to a term to expire June 30, 2008. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

iii. Certified Weigher

MOTION Selectmen Potter moved the board to appoint Leonard Bessette, 45 Valley View Drive, New Bedford, MA as a certified weigher to a term to expire June 30, 2008. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

iv. Community Events Committee

Present before the board: Susan Ricci-Sohn

Ms. Ricci-Sohn stated she was the Chairman of the Visitors Service for three years. Ms. Ricci-Sohn would like to bring back more events in the town such as festivals, flea markets, and concerts on the green. Ms. Ricci-Sohn would like to take the experience she had in the past and bring this to the Community Events Committee. Ms. Ricci-Sohn stated she would like to see positive press come out of the community.

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Present before the board: Sandra Slavin

Ms. Slavin would like to see the committee used as a tool for events and work on things such as making a list available such as where to advertise to get the people to come to the events. Ms. Slavin stated she is also a member of Open Space Committee and the on the Minot Forest Committee along with being the Open Space Committee Rep on the CPC.

Present before the board: Albert Gregory

Mr. Gregory said he believes that the town has the best to offer and events in the town would strive and believes in corporate sponsorships.

Present before the board: Christian Fernandes

Mr. Fernandes said that he remembers always going to concerts, fairs, and parades, sand castle contests, Harvest Moon festival, etc. and would like to bring the people back to town and have them walking the streets again. Mr. Fernandes would like to share his knowledge with others that he knows that perhaps other people don't know yet.

VI. LICENSES & PERMITS

A. Application for two one-day all alcoholic beverages license permits by the Cromesett Tribe Improved Order of Redman, Kenneth Roche, Manager, 745 Main Street Wareham for Sunday, July 22, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. for a Pig Roast and Sunday, August 5, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. for their annual Clam Bake in the outside grove area.

Present before the board: Kenneth Roche, Manger

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve two one-day all alcoholic beverages license permits by the Cromesett Tribe Improved Order of Redman, Kenneth R. Roche, Manager, 745 Main Street Wareham for Sunday, July 22, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. for a Pig Roast and Sunday, August 5, 2007 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M. for their annual Clam Bake outside grove area. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

B. Application for one-day all alcoholic beverages license permit by Deborah Petronelli, 19 Bayberry Road, Wareham for a wedding to be held at the Old Red Farm Inn, 20 Stockton Short Cut, Wareham on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Present before the board: Deborah Petronelli

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Selectmen Cronan stated that the Old Farm Inn has withdrawn their application for a variance with the zoning board of appeals. Selectmen Cronan asked if Ms. Petronelli has paid any money to the Old Farm Inn and she has stated that she has paid them and have signed a contract with them. Ms. Petronelli has already sent out invitations for her daughters wedding. Selectmen Potter stated that he would like to see something resolved tonight rather than let Ms. Petronelli wait another two weeks. Selectman Cronan suggested that a tent permit, entertainment license and a food permit all be issued prior to receiving the one-day alcohol license.

MOTION: Selectmen Cronan moved the board to approve the application for a one-day all alcoholic beverages license permit by Deborah Petronelli, 19 Bayberry Road, Wareham for a wedding to held at the Old Red Farm Inn, 20 Stockton Shortcut, Wareham on Saturday, September 8, 2007 from 5:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. with the following conditions: Catering License, Entertainment License and a Tent Permit must be presented to the Selectmen's Office prior to receiving the one-day alcohol license. Selectmen Potter seconded.

VOTE: (2-1-1)
Selectmen Donahue abstained
Selectmen Eckstrom opposed

C. Application for a one-day all alcoholic beverages license permit by Susan Williams-Gifford 11 Lincoln Highway, Wareham for a Clam Bake to be held at Zecco Marine, 2 Warr Avenue, Wareham, on Thursday, August 2, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Present before the board: Barbara Morse

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve an application for a one-day all alcoholic beverages license permit by Susan Williams-Gifford, 11 Lincoln Highway, Wareham for a Clam Bake to be held at Zecco Marine, 2 Warr Avenue, Wareham, on Thursday, August 2, 2007 from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

VII. INTERMIN TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- A. Budget transfers in accordance with the Municipal Relief Act.
- B. Spinney Memorial Library Building Project
- C. Sewer abatement request for account 736064, 13 Cove Street, Map 2, Lot 207 for \$165.50 for 2nd half FY07 and supplemental usage bills.

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Mr. Foster stated he has three items before the board the first is a request from the Finance Director Robert Bliss for end of year budget transfers in the amount of, which have been approved by the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve the budget transfers in accordance with the Municipal Relief Act in the following transfers be approved to cover deficits as of June 30, 2007 transfers to Town Administrator wages \$7754.00, revaluation \$5285.00, Legal services \$72,122.00, Data processing wages \$1860.00, Planning Board \$2500.00, Town Planner wages \$18,192.00, Town Planner Expenses \$6076.00, Recycling expenditures \$6300.00, Town Building expenditures \$4223.00 Sick leave \$26,656.00, Police expenditures \$16,500.00, Animal Control expenditures \$4700.00, Inspections wages \$2893.00, Street Light expenditures \$21,288.00, Council on Aging wages \$9683.00, Veterans benefits \$8204.00, Retirement \$4640.00, Unemployment \$13,279.00, FICA \$58,255.00 for a total 290,410.00 from Selectmen wages \$4483.00, Selectmen expenditures \$1000.00, Town Administrator expenditures \$5000.00, Finance Committee expenditures \$3000.00, Town Accountant expenditures \$1500.00, General Services expenditures \$5000.00, Assessor wages \$2997.00, Treasurer/Collector Wages \$1494.00, Treasurer/ Collector expenditures \$5000.00, Data Processing expenditures \$9753.00, Communications \$5000.00, Elections wages \$5000.00, Elections expenditures \$5000.00, Town meeting expenditures \$5000.00, Recycling wages \$5000.00, Town Buildings wages \$7142.00, Clerical pool \$487.00, Police wages \$109,145.00, Inspections expenditures \$5000.00, Animal Control wages \$5000.00, Harbor Master wages \$5000.00, Harbor Master expenditures \$2500.00, Municipal Maintenance wages \$26,460.00, Municipal Maintenance expenditures \$9332.00, Council on Aging expenditures \$5000.00, Board of Health expenditures \$5000.00, Parking Attendant wages \$2036.00, Library wages \$13,657.00, Library expenditures \$5000.00, Recreation wages \$5000.00, Life guard wages \$5000.00, Holiday lights \$1242.00, Workman's Comp \$4182.00, Life insurance \$5000.00, Total \$290,410.00. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

Discussion of the Revised Donation Agreement (attached) Selectmen Eckstrom would like to have the amended donation agreement reviewed other than Town Counsel. Selectmen Potter stated that Kopelman & Paige once told him that they would not represent groups since they could be on both sides of the fence. Selectmen Eckstrom would like to know what Attorney the Spinney Memorial had look at the agreement.

Present before the board: Martha Maguire

Ms. Maguire stated that Margaret Ishahara was the attorney that looked at the agreement for them. Selectmen Eckstrom advised the board that she would like to have an independent council look at the agreement before they sign.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve a Sewer Abatement Request Account # 736064, 13 Cove Street, Map 2, Lot 207 in the amount of \$165.50 for the 2nd

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half of FY07 and the supplemental sewer usage bills period November 1, 2006 through January 31, 2007. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

VIII. TOWN BUSINESS

A. Selectmen Eckstrom would like a letter sent to boards committees and departments and to make a policy that any board committee and commissions of the town would need a letter of approval and support from both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen prior to applying to the CPC for funding. Selectmen Potter stated that their has been a lot of requests over the last few years from different boards, committees and commissions and departments due to lack of capital planning and the capital planning committee. Selectmen Sauvageau agreed with Selectmen Potter and stated that they have used CPC in the past to replace the Capital Planning that no longer exists.

B. Other Town Business. Selectmen Cronan stated that Carlton Place 40B has put in their last affordable funds for a total of \$70,000.00. Selectmen Eckstrom stated that they are still looking for volunteers to be on the Affordable Housing Trust Fund and to submit their applications.

Selectmen Potter discussed the special events application and the collecting of monies prior to special events to certain departments.

Selectmen Potter also stated that someone from Hollywood would be in Town meeting with local citizens and business owners and talking footage to bring back and possibly use the town for a television series.

Selectmen Donahue stated that a place on Highland Road where the gas company put in a main a couple of years ago is causing the street to sink and asked if John Foster could talk with the Municipal Maintenance Director about fixing the road.

Selectmen Potter motioned the board to go beyond the hour of 10:00 P.M. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1 Selectmen Donahue abstained

Selectmen Eckstrom talked about the Water Pollution Control Facility time sheet and asked that the board look over the sheet for approval.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectmen Donahue moved to enter into Executive Session to consider the purchase, exchange, taking, lease or value of real property if such discussion may have a detrimental effect on the negotiation position of the government body. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

POLLED VOTE: Selectmen Donahue – Yes
 Selectmen Potter – Yes
 Selectmen Cronan – Yes
 Selectmen Eckstrom – Yes
 Selectmen Sauvageau – Yes

VOTE: Unanimous (4-0-0)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wilson

The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on January 8, 2008

Attest: *James L. Potter*
Clerk, Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners

Date signed: January 8, 2008

Date copy sent to the Town Clerk: January 9, 2008