

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

Date of Meeting: August 30, 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 (arrived 7:10 p.m.)  
Bruce D. Sauvageau

Also Present: John F. McAuliffe, Town Administrator

Selectmen Eckstrom moved the board to open and table the Wareham Free Library hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Present before the board: Michael Martin, Water Superintendent

Mr. Martin updated the board with the water situation in town and stated that a sample tested positive for e-coli and a boil water order will be in effect throughout the weekend and chlorine will be added to the system. The water department will be distributing water free of charge at the Water Department office between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Mr. Martin also stated that they have notified the residents of Wareham through the reverse 911 systems.

### **III LICENSES & PERMITS**

- A. Wareham Fire Department – request to use town roads for a Truck Parade for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Memorial Town Hall ending at the Main Street Fire Station. They are also having a Centennial Celebration for their 100 years of service.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve the request to use town roads for a Truck Parade to the Wareham Fire Department for their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

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Fire Prevention Open House on Sunday, October 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at Memorial Town hall ending at the Main Street Fire Station and would like to note that they are also having a Centennial Celebration for their 100 years of service.  
Selectmen Cronan

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

- B. Application for a one-day all alcoholic beverages by the Wareham Firemen's Association for the Firemen's Ball, held at 273 Main Street, Wareham from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2007.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve the application for a one-day all alcoholic beverages by the Wareham Firemen's Association for the Firemen's Ball, held at 273 Main Street Wareham from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2007 with the stipulation that no alcoholic beverages be consumed on town property. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

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

**IV TOWN BUSINESS**

- A, 7 p.m Hearing: Wareham Free Library – Selectmen Eckstrom moved the board to open and table the hearing at the beginning of the meeting.

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

- B. Designate a representative to the Plymouth County Commissioners Advisory Board. Selectmen Eckstrom stated in the past it's always been the Chairman and she would like to entertain a motion to be appointed to the Plymouth County Commissioners Advisory Board. Selectmen Donahue moved and Selectmen Sauvageau seconded.

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

- C. Meeting dates in September will be the 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

- D. Settlement Agreement – Mr. McAuliffe stated that in working in conjunction with the CPC that the Community Preservation Committee has voted unanimously to support the use the CPA funds for the settlement of the Swift's Beach settlement. Selectmen Potter said that the CPC worked very hard to help with this project and felt that it was definitely a community preservation project. The committee recognized this piece of property would connect the two existing town beaches, and they were unanimous in their support.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Potter moved the board to accept the settlement agreement with the Swift's beach property. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

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

**V. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Selectmen Cronan wanted to report on the 40B 815 Main Street case. Selectmen Cronan stated that the ZBA and Cornerstone Properties settled the case and the ZBA along with Cornerstone deserve a lot of credit. They agreed on 49 units and will have their own septic system onsite. Selectmen Cronan wanted to thank the ZBA for their hard work.

Selectmen Sauvageau updated the board on the Wareham Affordable Housing Partnership. The committee has met several times with respect to Westfield and how to utilize the property. They are focusing on senior housing along with assisted living facilities. They are looking at 149 units on this site.

Selectmen Potter stated that CPC does have nine projects going on and also updated the board on the 17 Community Task Force for the Casino in Middleboro.

Selectmen Potter brought up before the board an idea to consider at Town Meeting regarding the process of handling warrant articles. He noted that the Town of Bourne handles budgetary articles first within the meeting and then handles the rest of the warrant articles within the meeting by a lottery system. This keeps residents in attendance and helps in keeping a quorum.

Selectmen Cronan asked the board if anyone has addressed a letter received on the home rule petition.

Selectmen Donahue stated it has been brought to her attention that a \$900.00 Administrative fee was charged to an invoice sent to the Onset Cape Verdean Committee.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Donahue moved that the Police Department readdress the invoice to the Onset Cape Verdean Committee deleting the administrative fee. Selectmen Cronan seconded.

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

Mr. McAuliffe asked if the board voted in the past on the closing of the pier in Onset on Labor Day Weekend.

**MOTION:** Selectmen Donahue moved the board to keep the pier open on weekends through Columbus Day. Selectmen Sauvageau seconded.

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

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**MOTION:** Selectmen Eckstrom entertained a motion to reopen the hearing with the Wareham Free Library. Selectmen Potter moved and Selectmen Sauvageau seconded.

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

Selectmen Eckstrom stated this was an Administrative hearing to review the records and asked if anyone was present on behalf of or from the former Library Board of Trustees to present the records to the Board of Selectmen. Selectmen Eckstrom then asked Mr. McAuliffe if any records have been submitted to the Town Hall. Mr. McAuliffe responded that no financial records have been submitted only meeting minutes from calendar year 2006-present and also from calendar year 2005.

Selectmen Sauvageau moved to board to close the hearing. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

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

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectmen Sauvageau moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy to litigation. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

**Roll-call vote :** Selectmen Cronan – Yes  
Selectmen Sauvageau – Yes  
Selectmen Potter – Yes  
Selectmen Donahue – Yes  
Selectmen Eckstrom – Yes

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

Respectfully submitted,  
*Janet Wilson*

The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on January 15, 2008.

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

Date signed: January 15, 2008

Date copy sent to the Town Clerk: January 16, 2008