

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: October 16, 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

Also Present: John F. McAuliffe, Town Administrator

III CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: James Newman

Mr. Newman announced that they would be having a Veterans Day Parade on November 12, 2007 forming at 10:30 a.m. at Besse Park.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Authorization to sign bills, and documents, etc. (None)
- B. Appointment/Interview applicants for boards, committees, commissions:

Interview Library Board of Trustees ~

Present before the board: Dorothy Heath
Ms. Heath stated she has been a resident of Wareham since 2000 and was previously on the Library Board of Trustees in Brockton from 1993 – 2000. During her stay at the Brockton Public Library she received a grant from the state and raised enough money to

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break ground on a new addition. The Board thanked Ms. Heath for coming before the board.

Interview Cemetery Commissioners ~

Selectmen Eckstrom stated that Ms. Morrison was to appear before the board for an interview and had called to state that she would be unable to attend for personal reasons.

Present before the board: Christian Consoletti

Mr. Consoletti stated that he has 20+ years in the funeral industry and currently owns and operates along with his wife Wareham Village Funeral Home. Selectmen Eckstrom stated that prior to 1981 the Cemetery Commissioners were elected and was changed at Town Meeting to allow the Selectmen to appoint Commissioners and they took it upon themselves to appointment themselves. Selectmen Eckstrom stated that is the reason they are looking for commissioners at this time.

C. Approve meeting minutes of previous sessions: (None)

VI. LICENSES & PERMITS

Request by Wareham Veterans Council for the use of Town roads for its annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday, November 12, 2007

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve an application from the Wareham Veterans Council, c/o Jim Newman, 48 Marion Road, Wareham for use of Town roads for their annual parade. The parade starts at Besse Park down Main Street and left up Chapel Hill to Marion Road and end at the Town Hall on Monday, November 12, 2007. Selectmen Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

VII. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. McAuliffe gave a presentation on Article #17 – Swifts Beach Property. Nancy Miller from the Community Preservation Committee stated that this property fits the criteria that CPC looks for in a project. Mr. McAuliffe spoke about the FY2008 budget impact if the article does not pass.

- Met With Department Heads
 - Inspectional Services
 - Health Agent
 - Municipal Maintenance

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- Met with Finance Departments
- Met With Residents On Various Issues
- Continued Work On Background Material for Town Meeting
- Made Brief Presentation to Personnel Board
- Attended Onset Protective League Meeting with Finance Committee to Discuss Town Meeting Articles
- Met With GAF Engineering and Toured Westfield Site
- Met with Frank Gay, GATRA Administrator

SELECTMEN BUSINESS

Recommended Increase in Parking Fines. The Board is asked to approve increasing the parking fines, adding a new violation and deleting a current violation. More information is available in the attached report. Fines have not been modified since 1990 and Wareham has some of the lowest fines in the area, especially the Cape area where some towns have adopted the \$50 per violation fine allowed by statute.

Below are the violations, current and proposed fines:

<u>Offense</u>	<u>Current \$</u>	<u>Proposed \$</u>
Handicapped Parking Violations	\$50.00	\$100.00
Parking Within 10 Feet of a Fire Hydrant	\$50.00	\$100.00
Impeding Snow Removal	\$15.00	\$ 50.00
Blocking Fire/Exit Lane	\$15.00	\$ 50.00
All Other Offenses	\$15.00	\$ 30.00
Violation of Rules and Regulations—Town Facilities	\$ -0-	\$ 30.00

It is recommended that the violation “**All Night Parking**” be eliminated, as overnight parking is no longer restricted according to the Town’s snow removal regulations.

The new violation being proposed is “**Violation of Rules and Regulations—Town Facilities.**” Approval of this would allow enforcement of local regulations in municipal parking areas.

Recommended action. Motion for the Board to approve the increase in parking violation fines, delete the “All Night Parking” violation and add the “Violations of Rules and Regulations—Town Facilities” to the list of violations, effective December 1, 2007.

Selectmen Sauvageau stated that the Police Chief has every obligation to come before the board and explain his positions and only then would it be appropriate for the board to take action on the increase of fees.

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MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to respectfully table the issue. Selectmen Potter seconded.

VOTE: (4-1-0) Selectmen Cronan opposed

Selectmen Potter would like the board to direct the Town Administrator to have the Police Chief come back with the policy changes.

SEWER BUSINESS

The following abatement requests were originally on the agenda at the October 2, 2007 meeting but the Board wanted confirmation from David Simmons that they are capped. I have asked him to attend the October 30, 2007 meeting.

1. **Sewer Abatement Request—Account 736644, 3132 Cranberry Highway, Map 8, Lot 1009.** The Board is asked to approve abating this account for 1st half FY08 in the amount of \$650.00 for 2 EDUs. A site inspection August 29, 2007 confirmed two units were demolished.

Recommended action. Motion for the Board to abate Account 736644 for 1st half FY08 in the amount of \$650.00.

2. **Sewer Abatement Request—Account 738196, 3040 Cranberry Highway, Map 130, Lot 1012.** The Board is asked to approve abating this account for 1st half FY08 in the amount of \$650.00 for 2 EDUs. A site inspection August 29, 2007 confirmed that the water has been disconnected at lot 49 and the unit on lot 39 was demolished.

VIII. SEWER BUSINESS
(none)

IX. TOWN BUSINESS

Selectmen Eckstrom would like to recognize the volunteers on boards, committees and commissions rather than have the traditional recognition night where the board hands out certificates and would like to have a dinner for the volunteers as a thank for your serving the community. Selectmen Cronan suggested having a spaghetti dinner.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectmen Cronan announced the next meeting for the Cultural Council would be on the 18th at 7:00 p.m. at the VFW in Onset.

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Selectmen Sauvageau stated that as liaison to the Affordable Housing Partnership they met last evening and took a vote to rescind the favorable action on the article pertaining to the Westfield affordable housing elderly housing project and re-voted for further study on the basis of the fatal flaws on the language of the existing article.

Selectmen Sauvageau announced that CEDA would be meeting tomorrow evening and will be discussing the final economic development plan that has been produced on behalf of CEDA by their consultant and there will be a full discussion on the plan if anyone wishes to attend.

Selectmen Potter stated that last night they held their second meeting with the Community Events Committee and they will be helping with the Veterans Parade and will also be helping with the Christmas Parade.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Selectmen Potter moved the board to adjourn the meeting. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

XII. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wilson

The Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners approved the foregoing minutes on:
11-18-08.

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

Date signed: 11-18-08

Date copy sent to the Town Clerk: 11-19-08