

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: March 25, 2008
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1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

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

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen present: Brenda Eckstrom, Chairman
Jim Potter, Clerk
John P. Cronan
M. Jane Donahue
Bruce D. Sauvageau

Also present: John F. McAuliffe, Town Administrator

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Carl St.Pierre, Chairman, Finance Committee

Mr. St. Pierre asked the board if they have formally taken a vote in an open public session to support the Town Administrators budget. Selectman Eckstrom stated that they have not voted on any warrant articles as of yet but they do plan on it. Selectman Sauvageau stated that the board does have a protocol every year and will follow that protocol and vote on every article including the budget.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents (none)
- b. Approval of selectmen's meeting minutes of January 8, 2008 & February 12, 2008.

MOTION: Selectman Potter moved the board to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2008. Selectman Donahue seconded.

Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectman Potter moved the board to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2008 with corrections that Jane Donahue was present at the meeting. Selectman Donahue seconded.

Unanimous (5-0-0)

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. State Ethics Commission – Conflict of Interest Seminar will be held on Thursday, March 27, 2008 @ 6:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Cafeteria.
- b. Town Election is Tuesday, April 1st. The polls are open from 8 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.. If you are not sure where to vote, contact the Clerk's Office at (508) 291-3140.
- c. The Board of Health is having a Volunteer Information Night on April 2, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in the Wareham Town Hall Auditorium to learn about Wareham's Emergency Plan. Please RSVP by Monday, March 31, 2008 by calling the Wareham Board of Health 508-291-3100 Ext. 3197

6. LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. Application for Change of Manager by Point Independence Yacht Club from Gerald Peters to Richard Beaulieu, 15-17 Independence Lane, Onset.

Present before the board: Richard Beaulieu

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved that the board approve the application for Change of Manager by Point Independence Yacht Club from Gerald Peters to Richard Beaulieu, 15-17 Independence Lane, Onset. Selectman Cronan seconded.

Unanimous (5-0-0)

- b. **7:15 P.M. Hearing:** Application for Transfer of Stock of an existing year round retail package goods store all alcoholic beverages license by Browne's Package Store, 135 Marion Road, Wareham

Present before the board: Karan Johar, Manager, Browne's Liquors

Mr. Johar asked if the board could continue the hearing since he didn't have a final draft of the Purchase and Sale Agreement available.

MOTION: Selectman Donahue motioned to continue the hearing until April 1, 2008 at approximately 7:15 P.M. Selectman Potter seconded.

Unanimous (5-0-0)

- c. Application of Sylvester Building Movers for a permit for use of town ways to move a building.

Present before the board: Gary Sylvester

Mr. Sylvester stated they are moving a building from Cranberry Highway to a lot owned by John Assad on Elm Street. Mr. Sylvester said he does have a traffic management plan from Mass highway and expects the move to take approximately 1 hour.

MOTION: Selectmen Potter moved the board to approve the permit for use of town ways to Sylvester Builders to move the building down Route 28 as outlined in the application in the permit document with amending the date from March 18, 2008 to April 1, 2008. Selectman Donahue seconded.

Unanimous (5-0-0)

- d. Application for use of Town road by Wareham Little League, c/o John Kelly, Charge Pond Road, Wareham. The parade starts at Park Street at Tremont Nail to Elm Street, to Route 28, to the Little League complex on April 20, 2008 at 12:00 noon with a rain date of April 28, 2008

MOTION: Selectman Cronan moved the board to approve the application from Wareham Little League c/o John Kelly, Charge Pond Road, Wareham. The parade starts at Park Street at Tremont Nail to Elm Street, to Route 28, to the Little League complex on Charge Pond Road April 20, 2008 at 12:00 noon with a rain date of April 28, 2008. Selectmen Potter seconded for discussion. Selectmen Potter stated that he was concerned that no police detail will be present for the parade. Selectman Cronan stated that in the past when he has walked they have always had the police present. Selectmen Potter would like the police detail looked at for all the events and have some kind of consistency. Mr. McAuliffe stated that he would be looking into this.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

7. TOWN BUSINESS

Selectman Eckstrom asked the board if she was correct in letting Mr. St. Pierre know that the board has no intentions of submitting a Selectmen's budget. The board did agree with Selectman Ecsktrom and she will be sending an email to Mr. St. Pierre later that evening.

8. SEWER BUSINESS

Selectman Donahue suggested that the board hold a workshop to review the EDU options. Selectmen Potter suggested waiting until after Town Meeting and having a workshop some time in May.

9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. McAuliffe said that he has attended the Finance Committee. Mr. McAuliffe said that the RFP for Tremont Nail will be posted in the newspaper and they will be having a walk-thru on April 9th.

Mr. McAuliffe stated that GATRA had cuts from the state and the program will now be moving into a part time scenario and they will be having some service reductions. The coverage will remain the same however; people may be waiting a little longer for their trip.

The Auditor is working on the FY2007 budget.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectman Cronan said that J.C. Engineering has submitted an application to the Conservation Commission and a hearing is scheduled for April 2, 2008 for the Oak Grove Cape Verdean Cultural Center. Selectman Cronan met with Joan Andrews and she would like to extend a thank you to John Churchill from J.C. Engineering for all his hard work. Selectman Cronan stated that the application for Planning is about 50% complete. Selectman Cronan stated that the Planning Board is looking for one full time and one associate member and encouraged citizens to apply.

Selectman Eckstrom stated that she was not able to attend the Plymouth 1000 committee meeting since it was scheduled the same time as tonight's meeting. Selectman Eckstrom stated that she is having some people attend the meeting and tape it for her so she can report back to the board.

Selectman Potter said that the Secretary of the Interior hearing is tonight regarding the Middleboro Casino.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Eckstorm adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wilson
Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen/
Sewer Commissioners on: April 2, 2008

Attest: ***James L. Potter***, Clerk

Date Signed: April 2, 2008

Date sent to the Town Clerk: April 4, 2008