

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

Date of Meeting: April 15, 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**

(NONE)

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents
- b. Approval of selectmen's meeting minutes of February 5, 2008 & April 1, 2008
- c. Interview/Appointment to boards, committees, commission: Council on Aging Board of Directors

Present before the board: Donna Barros  
Interview with Donna Barros who would like to serve on the Council on Aging Board of Directors. The Board thanked Donna for applying and have one more applicant to interview.

- d. Appointment of one delegate for SRPEDD

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to appoint Selectman Sauvageau as the Selectman representative to SRPEDD for the period May 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

- e. Appointment of one delegate and one alternate for Joint Transportation Planning Group.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to appoint Selectman Donahue to the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG) for the period May 1, 2008 to May 31, 2009. Selectman Sauvageau

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Appointment to the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC)

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to appoint John J. Sanguinet as an alternate delegate to the Buzzards Bay Action Committee. Selectman Donahue seconded.

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

## **5. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Town Meeting (business portion) begins at 7:00 P.M. on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Wareham High School auditorium.

Ryan Family Amusements in Buzzards Bay is hosting “Red, White and Bowl” Wareham Youth Partnership’s Bowl-a-thon, Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 P.M. to midnight and Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from noon to midnight. Proceeds support Onset Youth Center, Wareham Middle School Renaissance Program and MA Children’s Relief youth programs and support services. The Wareham Youth Partnership is donating 25 % of its proceeds to Wareham to Washington for World War II Veterans. Pre-register by April 11<sup>th</sup> to confirm a spot. For more information, or to get a participant brochure, contact Marji Wyatt at [oycmwyatt@yahoo.com](mailto:oycmwyatt@yahoo.com) or call 774-353-6053

Selectman Eckstrom congratulated Christopher Reid and Robert Davis Smith for completing the requirements to be awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. Selectman Eckstrom on behalf of the board awarded both a certificate of congratulations.

Selectman Donahue attended the Installation of officers at the Lodge of Elks Emblem Club Officers and wanted to thank both for volunteering and doing good things for our community.

## **6. LICENSES & PERMITS**

- a. **7:15 P.M. Hearing:** Application for Transfer of Stock of an existing year round retail package goods store all alcoholic beverages by

Assinippi Liquors, 3 Barker Road, Wareham.

Present before the board: Gregory Donoghue

Mr. Donoghue stated that Assinippi Liquors would like to transfer the stock from Rose Caplice to William Cowing.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to approve the application for Transfer of Stock from Rose Caplice to William Cowing of an existing year round retail package goods store all alcoholic beverages by Assinippi Liquors, 3 Barker Road, Wareham. Selectman Donahue seconded.

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

b. Application for Change of Manager by Hong Kong Island Restaurant, Inc., 3035 Cranberry Highway, E. Wareham from Wai K. Lau to Henry B. Chan.

Present before the board: Jane Carboni

Ms. Carboni stated that they would like to change the manager to Henry B. Chan since he is on the premises 6 days per week.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to approve the application for Change of Manager by Hong Kong Island Restaurant Inc., 3035 Cranberry Highway E. Wareham, from Wai K. Lau to Henry B. Chan. Selectman Donahue seconded.

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

## **7. TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Discussion with Marilyn Whalley, - Article 5

Present before the board: Marilyn Whalley and Anthony Scarsciotti

Ms. Whalley discussed the need for affordable housing. Mr. Scarsciotti said they have to see how many seniors need assistance and at what level. Mr. Scarsciotti also stated that the land should be conveyed and he is in favor of conveyance of the land and the Housing Partnership should continue to look into this. Mr. Scarsciotti said the residents are asking what this land is going to be used for and what Article 5 intentions are.

Selectman Eckstrom said she spoke with Town Counsel who spoke with Civil Service and changes in the state law and despite Civil Service sending two letters

saying there was no Civil Service status. Selectman Eckstrom asked if the board would consider making a motion to have the Town Administrator suspend any negotiations started with the Chief.

**MOTION:** Selectman Donahue moved the board to have the Town Administrator suspend any negotiations started with the Chief of Police until a definitive answer is received. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

**VOTE: (4-1-0) Selectman Cronan opposed**

Selectman Potter discussed comp time with the Town Administrator. The Town Administrator stated that he has a 10-day cap. Selectman Potter also discussed some flyers that he has seen around town for weekly motorcycle and a hot rod show and was concerned about parking for the event.

Selectman Potter said he noticed the railing along the top of the retaining wall at the bluffs at the bandshell does not meet code and they should have a baluster railing in place and would like the inspector look into this.

Selectman Potter spoke about the missing lamp poles on Point Independence Bridge and was planning on asking Mass Highway about this situation when they come before the board at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

Selectman Eckstrom would like the Town Administrator to look into a group called Quick Build using the parking lot at Decas School, which is causing the parents who are attending their children's games to have to park on the street rather than in the parking lot.

Selectman Potter stated that he along with Selectman Donahue attended the Wareham Village Strategy presentation last week. Selectman Potter said that the sign and façade program is the key. Selectman Donahue mentioned that the applications for the sign and façade program are available and about 15 businesses have expressed interest in the program.

Selectman Eckstrom stated that the board would need to review Open Space Plan.

**8. SEWER BUSINESS**  
(none)

**9. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Attended contractors' mandatory walk-through for the Architectural Structural Assessment and Feasibility Study for the Tremont Nail Project. Conducted a question and answer session at Town Hall following the site visit. Chose the option to conduct another walk-through, which has been scheduled for April 23, 2008.

- Met with representatives from SatCom on developing concept of repowering Tremont Iron Works electricity at iron works dam. The economics of hydroelectric power have substantially improved due to technology, and substantial tax credits for developing green energy.
- Discussed Community Events Committee Funds legislation with Rep. Susan Gifford and the Department of Revenue ~ Not sure if the Governor has signed or not and hopefully will know some time later in the week.
- Worked on Fourth of July Fireworks Event, including meeting with Sam Corbitt.
- Seeking authorization for \$80,000 permanent State House Notes, which is financing for Oak Grove School.

**Sewer Abatement Request, Account 792152, 35 Lincoln Highway, Map 53, Lot 93.** The Board is asked to approve abating this account for 2nd half FY08 Omitted Sewer User Fee in the amount of \$108.34. The permit to connect to the sewer was pulled November 20, 2007, which means the homeowner should have been billed for sewer usage for December 2007 and January 2008. Instead, they were billed for four months of usage.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to approve abating the 2<sup>nd</sup> half FY08 Omitted Sewer User Fee in the amount of \$108.34. Selectman Donahue seconded.

**VOTE: (4-0-1) Selectman Cronan abstained**

**Sewer Abatement Request, Account 792200, 20 Rose Point Avenue, Map 78-2, Lot 158.** The Board is asked to approve abating this account for 2nd half FY08 Omitted Sewer User Fee in the amount of \$162.51. Although the property has been connected to the sewer system, the line has been capped off outside and it has been verified that the house has no plumbing fixtures inside. This account will be put on hold until it is ready for occupancy.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to approve abating the 2<sup>nd</sup> half omitted Sewer User Fee in the amount of \$162.51. Selectman Doanhue seconded

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

Mr. McAuliffe stated that Mary Jane Pillsbury's last day of service is today after 36 years of service and would like to commend her for her service. Selectman Eckstom stated that the board wishes her well. Susan Pizzolato has been serving as an acting director Mr. McAuliffe stated that it is his intention to put Susan Pizzolato on as Library Director.

Selectman Cronan also stated that he does wish Mary Jane Pillsbury all the best on her retirement and her health. Selectman Donahue also wishes Mary Jane Pillsbury the best.

**Unanimous (5-0-0)**

**10. LIAISON REPORT**  
(NONE)

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Donahue seconded.

**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: May 5, 2008

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

Date Signed: May 5, 2008

Date sent to the Town Clerk; May 6, 2008