

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

Date of Meeting: May 6, 2008  
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### **1. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN**

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

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

Also present: John F. McAuliffe, Town Administrator

### **2. REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMAN**

Selectman Sauvageau moved the board to nominate Selectman Potter as Chairman.  
Selectman Cronan seconded.

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

Selectman Cronan moved the board to appoint Selectman Sauvageau as Clerk.  
Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

### **3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION**

None

### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents (none)
- b. Approval of selectmen's meeting minutes of April 15, 2008 & April 22, 2008.

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 15, 2008. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved the board to approve the meeting minutes of April 22, 2008. Selectman Cronan seconded.

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

5. **LICENSES & PERMITS**

None

6. **TOWN BUSINESS**

a. Consideration of moratorium on benches.

Selectman Sauvageau read policy statement #02-9 Commemorative Benches into the record (as attached).

**MOTION:** Selectman Cronan moved the board to accept the policy. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

b. Meeting with Bike Path Committee

Present before the board: Michael Langford, Chairman

Mr. Langford said they have cost estimates on a feasibility study for the bike path and it ranges from \$20,000 to \$25,000. Mr. Langford would like to have the boards' approval for the committee to submit a letter of intent to the CPC to cover the fees for the feasibility study.

**MOTION:** Selectman Cronan moved the board to approve the Bike Path Committee to go to the CPC to apply for the funds for the feasibility study. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

c. Consideration of proposed policies

Discussion on Policy # 08-01

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved the board to accept policy # 08-01 as amended Procedure for filling position of town employment (as attached). Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

Discussion on Policy # 08-02

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved to accept policy # 08-02 with the following changes to the last sentence: The Board of Selectman shall review the alternatives and shall make a recommendation in consultation with the Town Administrator consistent with the Charter section 6-3. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

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

Selectman Cronan reiterated the policy on contacting Town Counsel

d. Discussion re: Fireworks event

Selectman Sauvageau read the following announcement to make the fireworks a Town Event. The July 5<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Event. The Board of Selectmen welcomes the public and hereby call the fireworks event on July 5, 2008 a town event that shall be coordinated by personnel by the Town of Wareham, the Town Administrator Onset Fire District, Community Events Committee and Wareham fireworks committee. The fireworks event is anticipated to begin at 9:15 pm with a rain date of July 6<sup>th</sup> if necessary road closures and procedures including management of some public parking areas will be coordinated by the involved parties.

**MOTION:** Selectman Sauvageau moved to approve the fireworks date announced of July 5<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of July 6<sup>th</sup> in the wording of notice. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

Selectman Eckstrom spoke about a letter received from Chief Joyce responding to a letter that she sent to Lt. Wallace about a speed limit sign on Maple Springs Road.

Selectman Eckstrom requested a copy of the work order, cost associated with the town and a letter in the files of every employee who subrogated the board's authority as road commissioners.

**MOTION:** Selectman Potter moved the board to temporarily remove the speed limit sign and held until the board can review the matter at a future meeting and ascertain all the information that is above and beyond what the board has associated with this issue. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

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

Selectman Cronan spoke about some problems with the Maple Springs Road with the road conditions and would like to have Municipal Maintenance look into the matter.

Selectman Eckstrom received the information from Senator Pacheco regarding what was required in the \$160,000 grant application and we have applied for. One of the conditions to get the grant was that the police would have to acknowledge retention of the officers and a letter from the police department outlining their intention. The initial plan sent stated that we would be responsible for and intend to retain these officers from January 2009 forward and they wrote back stating that they need a little bit more and the town responded that it acknowledges its responsibility to retain these new officers from January 2009 forward this retention would be accomplished through a combination of 1- attrition 2- alternative specialized grant monies and 3- local funding initiatives.

Selectman Donahue wanted to thank Selectman Eckstrom for being Chair and all her hard work and felt that she kept the board well informed and put in a lot of hours and she should be commended.

Selectman Donahue stated that the group that presented the downtown improvement project was interested in appearing before the board with the presentation.

Selectman Donahue would like to add to the Boys and Girls club is getting a whole new face lift with a new room for school aged children, homework room and a kitchen donated by 99 restaurant and A.D. Makepeace donated \$4000 towards renovations and the people at Comcast did a great job.

7. **SEWER BUSINESS**

Selectman Cronan would like to review the policy on the cost in connecting into the sewer. Selectman Donahue would like to discuss the policy along with a general overview of the sewer commissioner's responsibilities and the sewer enterprise fund and take up all the sewer business in a workshop format. Selectman Sauvageau would like to begin the visioning sessions again and review the list of items identified and adding a sewer component and address all the sewer issues.

8. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

- Established health insurance rates for 2009 after consultation with Kevin Walsh, Group Benefits Strategies, and reviewing claims for the first eight months of FY2008. Will continue to track costs and make an adjustment if necessary on the rates.
- Responded to the Office of the Inspector General with information concerning 40B project information in Wareham. Attached is a copy of the information submitted.

- Continued efforts relative to relocating planning, conservation, zoning, and CEDA.
- The Board of Health's Employee Health Fair is scheduled for Monday, May 5, 2008 from 10:30AM-2:30PM. The town's health care providers attend to go over any questions subscribers may have. We began piggybacking on the BOH's fair perhaps two years ago and it has been a successful partnership, although clearly the BOH does the preparatory work. This year the representatives from Blue Cross Blue Shield, Harvard Pilgrim, Delta Dental and the Cafeteria Plan Advisors will move over to the high school cafeteria from 2:45PM-4:00PM. In the past, some school department employees have been unable to attend the mid-day hours so we're trying to reach their concerns by bringing the providers to them at a more convenient time.
- Saturday, May 3, 2008, approximately 200 Comcast employees and their family members will be in Wareham volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club. They will be doing some painting and other tasks as necessary. This year there are more volunteers than they need for that one location so they have offered their assistance to the Town. It was decided that a couple of good projects would be cleaning Merchant's Way and Pezzoli Square. They provide the trash bags, brooms, rakes and gloves.

#### **9. LIAISON REPORTS**

Selectman Cronan said that Planning Board will be accepting applications and is in need of members. The Verdean Cultural Center Committee is meeting on Thursday night at 7:00 PM at Town Hall.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Selectman Eckstrom moved the board to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

Roll-Call Vote:	Selectman Cronan – yes
	Selectman Sauvageau – yes
	Selectman Potter – yes
	Selectman Donahue – yes
	Selectman Eckstrom – yes

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

#### **11. 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 20, 2008.

Attest: ***Bruce D. Sauvageau***, Clerk.

Date Signed: May 20, 2008

Date sent to the Town Clerk: May 21, 2008