

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: May 20, 2008
Date of Transcription: May 28, 2008
Transcribed by: Janet Wilson

A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

1. Roll Call

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

Also present: John F. McAuliffe, Town Administrator

B. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Franklin Smith
Mr. Smith would like someone to enforce the sign bylaw in the Onset village

Present before the board: Larry Gaines
Mr. Gaines discussed the budget cuts with the Gatra Bus Service. Mr. Gaines provided a notice that was posted at the COA. Selectman Eckstrom read the following dated May 12, 2008. Dear Clients, Due to Gatra cuts we have lost three of our full time drivers until we can hire more drivers we will not be able to accommodate everyone's needs effective as of Wednesday, May 14th we will only be transporting ADA Medical our Daycare and shoppers only on Friday we are asking that everyone please be patient and bear with us until we can resume our normal transportation schedule. This is only temporary and we hope to have this problem resolved soon. If there are any questions please call us at 508-291-3100 x 3130. Sincerely, Wareham Senior Social Services.

Present before the board: Jim Newman

Mr. Newman wanted to clear up the parade route that was on the Agenda notice. Mr. Newman also invited the Board of Selectmen to march in the parade.

C. ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners is May 27th
2. The Sewer workshop meeting will be on Thursday, June 5th.

3. The Board will be meeting on the following dates: June 3rd & 17th, July 1st, 15th & 29th and August 5th & 19th.

D. **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc. (none)
2. Approval of May 6, 2008 Board of Selectmen's meeting minutes.

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 6, 2008. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

E. **LICENSES & PERMITS**

1. Annual Memorial Day Parade ~ On May 26, 2008 beginning at 11 a.m. from Besse Park down Main Street to the Town Green then down Gibbs Avenue to Marion Road and ends at the Town Hall.

MOTION: Selectmen Donahue moved the board to approve the application for the Annual Memorial Day Parade. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Cape Verdean Festival Association ~ Requesting to close off a portion of Union Avenue for use of the Onset Bandshell and Bluffs for their annual Onset Cape Verdean Festival to be held on August 9, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Present before the board: Michael Roderick
Selectman Potter asked if everything was the same as in the past and if the details were the same as last year. Mr. Roderick said that the amounts have gone up and would appreciate any help they can get. Selectmen Potter would like to have the Police Dept in on the 17th to see if they can reduce the fees. Selectman Eckstrom stated that the board did vote unanimously not to charge the 10% fee any longer. Selectman Potter advised Mr. Roderick that he could deduct the charge.

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to approve the application with the stipulation for holding out the detailed monies until the board can speak with the Police Department. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

F. TOWN BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Open Space Plan

Present before the board: Anne Campbell, Marjorie Tietelbaum, and Sandy Slavin

Selectmen Potter said that he attended a CPC meeting last week and it came up at that meeting that they have until June 1st to approve the plan.

Discussion ensued about the Open Space Plan.

MOTION: Selectman Sauvageau moved to approve the Open Space Plan.
Selectman Eckstrom seconded with the following changes:

Pg.3 The entire paragraph that begins with at the Fall Town Meeting and ends with affordable housing needs to be redacted.

Pg.78 The fourth paragraph starting with other recreational needs to be redacted.

Pg. 92 Remove section 3E

Pg. 109 At the bottom of the page that begins with Westfield Playground needs to be removed.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

2. Discussion Onset Pier Parking – Weekend collections

MOTION: Selectman Donahue moved the board to begin weekend collections at Onset Pier starting on Memorial Day weekend and every weekend until July 1st the beginning daily after July 1st. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

3. Any other town business

Discussion about the road conditions on Maple Springs Road.

MOTION: Selectman Sauvageau moved to have Mr. McAuliffe contact Hancock Associates and direct them to provide preliminary assessment of the condition of the road and advise of the scope of the services that may be required. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectman Cronan stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals asked for him to intervene on a lawsuit with South Shore Housing (not with the town) Selectman Cronan would like the Board to support the ZBA on the 40B issue.

MOTION: Selectman Cronan moved the board to motion to the Court to allow the Town to intervene on a question that it has a meaningful interest in and not to be a party to the lawsuit. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectman Eckstrom would like to thank Lt. Wallace for going above and beyond covering shifts while two other Lieutenants are out.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the board to write a letter of thanks to Lt. Wallace. Selectman Sauvageau seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

Selectman Eckstrom would like for the board to receive a copy of the Police Policy book.

Selectman Eckstrom asked if any minutes from the Planning Board have been transcribed in reference to the Maple Springs Road.

Selectman Potter said they have had an on-going issue with flooding at the Onset Mobile Home Park and would like Municipal Maintenance look into this to see if it's a drainage issue

G. SEWER BUISINESS

1. Any other sewer business.

Sewer Workshop Meeting will be on Thursday, June 5, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M.

H. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- As I mentioned last week, the State Department of Conservation and Recreation contacted us relative to space to hold a public meeting in Wareham for recently updated preliminary flood maps. The date has now been confirmed for June 25, 2008, beginning at 7PM. It is scheduled in the Town Hall Auditorium.
- For the Board's information, on Friday, May 30, 2008, the Department of Environmental Protection's Waterways Regulation Program will hold a Public Hearing regarding the Onset Bay Marina at 10:00AM in the Cafeteria regarding

their proposed expansion plans. The project involves constructing and maintaining a marina extension, pile held float system with relocated fuel dock and pump out, floats and ramps at 18 Green Street on flowed tidelands of Onset Bay. Please see attached notice for more information.

- I am pleased to inform the Board that the Town has been awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) for a solar light for the Town Hall memorial for World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. This was first mentioned in my April 28, 2008 report following submittal of the application. It is under a Pilot Municipal Solar Lighting Program that MTC is working on in cooperation with Senator Marc Pacheco.
- Attended Community Events Committee meeting. Discussed the summer events and funding sources for each. The committee reviewed the status of the Fireworks Fund and discussed some of the logistics of conducting possible collections for the day of the fireworks.
- Met with George Coleman in Onset. Mr. Coleman introduced me to several business owners in Onset. We reviewed a location for a storefront for a combined satellite police office and Crime Watch office. Mr. Cubellis has offered the use of one of his properties for this purpose as a donation to the Town. As the summer season approaches we are very optimistic that with the returning of the seasonal police officers and the highly visible police and crime watch office in the center of the village, that this will be a major improvement towards having a peaceful summer season.
- **Seasonal Soft-Shell Clam Areas.** The Board is asked to affirm the enclosed proposal from Michael Parola, Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable. All areas except those specifically noted are closed to the taking of soft-shell clams from June 1, 2008 through September 15, 2008 with the exception of areas noted.

Recommended action. Motion for the Board to affirm the closing of all areas to the taking of soft-shell clams from June 1, 2008 through September 15, 2008, with the exception of the following areas, which shall be open Monday through Saturday:

MOTION: Selectman Donahue moved the Board to affirm the closing of all areas to the taking of soft-shell clams from June 1, 2008 through September 15, 2008, with the exception of the following areas, which shall be open Monday through Saturday. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

- Warren Point westerly to the eastern corner of Management Area #3 (67 Towhee Road)

- Stony Point Dike
- Sunset Cove/Shell Point Bay—Except for the easterly shoreline between the Shell Point parking area and a sign placed on the shoreline opposite the intersection of First Street and West Boulevard and/or any swimming beach.
- Widow's Cove/Bass Cove
- Southern Tip of Burgess Point to Codman's Point
- Wickets Island
- The northerly point of Lydia's Island to the western end of Burgess Point
- Northern portion of Marks Cove and Cedar Island
- From the shellfish sign on the beach in front of #4 Seahorse Land southeasterly to the shellfish sign located at #22 Nobska Way.

I. **LIAISON REPORTS**

Selectman Eckstrom said that the Friends of the Wareham Bike Path are planning to meet on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Gleason family YMCA. They will be showing a film on the Southcoast Bike Path and the film will highlight the entire route and they will be having a Q&A dialogue and is open to the public.

Selectman Donahue asked the board to send him a letter of appreciation for Rev. Medeiros for serving on the Council on Aging Board of Directors. Selectman Donahue also asked people to submit their application if they wish to serve on the Council on Aging.

Selectman Cronan said the ZBA has scheduled an open meeting on Wednesday, May 28th in the Cafeteria for the final comprehensive decision permit for 809-815 Main Street. Selectman Cronan also said that the Planning Board is looking for members.

Selectman Cronan also mentioned the Cape Verdean Cultural Center and the planning board will hold a hearing on June 9th.

Selectman Sauvageau would like to invite the Marine Resources Commission to discuss issues of critical concern to them.

Selectman Sauvageau would like to invite the Herring Commissioners to come before the board.

Selectman Eckstrom would also like the board to send a letter of well wishes to Senator Kennedy.

MOTION: Selectman Donahue moved the board to have reminder flyers sent to the businesses in town with the sign requirements and would like the sign regulations enforced. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: Unanimous (5-0-0)

J. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation and to discuss the deployment of security personnel. Selectman Donahue seconded.

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

K. 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 July 29, 2008.

Attest: ***Bruce Sauvageau, Clerk***

Date Signed: July 29, 2008

Date sent to the Town Clerk: July 30, 2008