

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: September 2, 2008
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A. CALL TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

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

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

Also present: John J. Sanguinet, Interim Town Administrator

B. OPEN MEETING VIOLATION ADMISSION

Selectmen Potter stated that the board violated the Open Meeting Law by not fulfilling its request for executive meeting minutes and stated that the minutes have been released and the request has been fulfilled. Selectmen Potter also stated that additional meeting minutes from five years ago were part of the request and the parties involved of those meeting minutes have been contacted and are hoping to get those minutes. Selectmen Donahue would like to apologize to the board members for the minutes she was responsible for when she as clerk for two sets of the minutes and stated that the drafts have been turned in.

C. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Frank DeFelice

Mr. DeFelice asked if the roads in Rose Point were accepted at the 2007 Town Meeting. Mr. DeFelice asked if Elizabeth Street was a private road because he received a stop work order from the town.

Present before the board: Donna Barros

Ms. Barros asked if any applications have been received from residents wanting to serve on the COA Board of Directors.

Present before the board: Larry Gaines

Mr. Gaines is looking for members of the community to submit applications to serve on the COA Board of Directors.

Present before the board: Barbara White

Ms. White was before the board asking what the role of the liaison was to the boards and committees.

Present before the board: Antone Campinha

Mr. Campinha wanted to let the board know that he was opposed to cutting the hours at the Library.

D ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be September 9th

A rededication of the memorial painting by artist Alexander Byron to be held at 3255 Cranberry Highway on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 10:30 AM. The painting had been displayed on a billboard since September 11, 2002 honoring the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. High winds and rain of February 13, 2008 damaged the painting and billboard.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc.
 (none)
2. Appointments to Peg Access Board of Directors and Election Poll Worker

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to appoint Carol L. Rhodes as an Election Poll Worker to a term to expire June 30, 2009. Selectmen Eckstorm seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to appoint Peter Barros as a member to the PEG Access Board of Directors to a term to expire June 30, 2011. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board appoint Lois Letourneau as an Election Poll Worker to a term to expire June 30, 2009. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

3. Approval of the Board of Selectmen Special meeting minutes of December 5, 2006

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to approve special meeting minutes of December 5, 2006. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

Vote: 3-0-2 Selectmen Donahue and Cronan abstained

4. Approval for Chairman to sign the FY08 CDBG grant

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to approve the signing by the Chairman of the FY08 CDBG Grant. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

5. Approval for Chairman to sign the Final Closeout form for FY2005 grant

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to approve the signing by the Chairman of the Final Closeout form for FY2005 grant. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

F. LICENSES & PERMITS

None

G. TOWN BUSINESS

1. Discussion re: Polling locations

Present before the board: Mary Ann Silva, Town Clerk

Ms. Silva met with Dr. Rabinovitch concerning voting at Hammond School. The Interim Town Administrator will be meeting with the VFW in Onset to negotiate an agreement to move the polling place from Hammond School to the VFW in Onset.

2. Meet with Peg Access

Present before the board: John White, Jay Heard & Jim Newman

Mr. White stated that PEG Access has signed a lease agreement with the Town for the Old Town Hall Building and are meeting with contractors and taking bids for renovations on the inside of the building. Mr. Heard said they are also looking for volunteers and looking for some members of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Heard gave the website for people interested to visit www.warehamtv.org.

3. Meet with Housing Partnership re: discussion 40B process

Present before the board: Marilyn Whalley & Anthony Scarsciotti

Mr. Scarsciotti discussed the process for 40B projects. Selectmen Sauvageau moved to terminate the Affordable Housing Partnership Advisory Committee. Mr. Scarsciotti stated that he would like to have a chance to make the Housing Partnership Advisory Committee successful. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved to sunset the Wareham Housing Partnership Committee and to have Marilyn Whalley report to the Board of Selectmen and continue on the path to produce affordable housing in Wareham. Selectmen Cronan seconded for discussion.

Vote: (3-2-0) Selectmen Potter & Donahue opposed

4. Discussion re: "The Retreat at Union Pond" 40B

Present before the board: Jim Koningisor & Brian McMillin from Gatehouse Group

Mr. McMillin gave a presentation on The Gatehouse Group and the plans for the proposed "The Retreat at Union Pond" for 144 units and stated that they do pre-screening, credit checks, employment verifications income and assets verification, previous landlord histories, criminal record and background checks and also make home visits to evaluate applications living conditions before accepting them into Gatehouse community. Mr. McMillin stated that HUD sets the rents and they would be as follows at 60% a 1 Bedroom \$965, 2 Bedroom \$1158, 3 Bedroom \$1338 also at 30% which would be 15 units would be 1 Bedroom \$483, 2 Bedroom \$580, and 3 Bedroom \$669. Mike Guidice from CDM said they have worked with Gatehouse in the past and discussed sewer capacity.

5. Any other town business

H. SEWER BUSINESS

1. Any other sewer business (none)

I. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

SELECTMEN BUSINESS

1. **Minot Forest Survey & Lease for Tremont Nail Metal Building** – I have advertised for bids for both of these projects. The Tremont Nail project will be a revenue producer for future years.
2. **FY09 Budget** – I have been able to make the additional reductions that you suggested. A quick summary: through discussions with the Executive Office of Public Safety the town has secured \$100,000 of the \$160,000 grant awarded to the town to secure patrolman positions; I used money in the Harbor Receipt Reserved for Appropriation account to offset that Department; there will be 3 or 4 full time positions and 5 to 6 part time cut. After discussions with the department heads I have placed \$20,000 in the TA Budget for cell phones and I will determine the need and distribute them that way. I adjusted the Selectmen and TA salary lines to better reflect not filling the Assistant to the BOS position. All cuts are still being reviewed but I have met the reductions.

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to request the Interim Town Administrator to re-institute the 6.5% pay cut for department heads. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

3. **Town Meeting** – On the articles not approved or voted to further study at the Annual, does the board wish to have those included on this warrant?

Selectmen Eckstrom is working on the Earth Removal by-law with Conservation Commission, BOH, Plymouth Carver Aquifer, and Buzzards Bay Estuary on water issues and is hoping to have something together for the board soon.

Selectmen Sauvageau asked that board postpone Westfield as an article until the spring or next town October meeting.

4. **Minutes for Public Information Request** – The Minutes have been provided to Town Counsel and they distributed to the DA and the requestor. A letter has been sent to a previous Clerk of the Selectmen asking for minutes that they may have. The Board needs to acknowledge the town's failure to comply promptly.
5. **8th Annual All Airborne Reunion** – I have forwarded the letter from the group to the Chief of Police and requested that this be handled through the normal shift officers.
6. **Chief of Police Report** – I hope to schedule the Chief near the end of September to come in and summarize how the summer season went.

7. **Wind Turbine** – Dave Simmons met with a representative from Atlantic Design Engineers regarding a Wind Turbine at the Wastewater plant. I have reviewed their proposal and will be discussing this with Mr. Simmons and Mr. Gifford.
8. **Fee Review** – I am preparing a fee analysis for the Board to review later this month. Enclosed are preliminary numbers provided by several departments, and areas that might be considered for increases.
9. **No Place for Hate** – The Town has received materials for this program and I will get
10. **GATRA OWL Service** – The Town was informed by Frank Gay, GATRA's Executive Director, that GATRA is expanding Wareham's OWL service to include a Wareham-Lakeville MBTA connector service, and a link to Wareham Crossing. Changes are effective September 8, 2008.
11. **ABCC Hearings** – For the Board's information, the ABCC hearings for Concol, Inc., d/b/a Narrows Crossing Restaurant and Charlie's Place, have been rescheduled to both take place on the same day. Because Concol, Inc., d/b/a Narrows Crossing Restaurant, was scheduled to begin their suspension September 9, 2008, the Board needs to table that suspension until after the ABCC hearings.

MOTION: Selectmen Donahue moved the board to table the suspension of Concol, Inc. d/b/a/ Narrows Crossing Restaurant until after the ABCC decision of the hearing. Selectmen Eckstrom seconded.

Vote: 3-2-0 (Selectmen Cronan & Sauvageau opposed)

12. **River Run FEIR** – For the Board's information, copies of the FEIR for ADM Agawam Development LLC's River Run project, Volume 1 of 2 (Volume 2 is included on a disk at the back of the report), has been received and your copies included with your informational packages. Two paper copies of Volume 2 have been requested but not yet received.

SEWER BUSINESS

FY'09 1st Half Sewer Usage Billing. The Board is asked to approve a commitment for First Half FY'09 Sewer User Fees in the amount of \$2,349,499.16.

Recommended action. Motion for the Board to approve the First Half FY'09 Sewer User Fees commitment in the amount of \$2,349,499.16 and to commit this amount to the Town Treasurer-Collector.

MOTION: Selectmen Donahue moved the board to approve the First Half FY 09 Sewer User Fees commitment in the amount of \$2,349,499.16 and to commit this amount to the Town Treasurer-Collector. Selectmen Sauvageau seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

J. LIAISON REPORTS

(None)

K. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectmen Sauvageau moved the board to adjourn. Selectmen Donahue seconded.

Vote: Unanimous (5-0-0)

L. 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 October 21, 2008

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

Date Signed: October 21, 2008

Date sent to the Town Clerk: October 22, 2008