

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 7, 2009
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

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

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also Present: John J. Sanguinet, Interim Town Administrator

3. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Alan Slavin

Mr. Slavin wanted to apologize to the board as he had misspoke at a Planning Board meeting.

A citizen was concerned about the board's safety and suggested that there be an officer stationed at the meetings. Mr. Potter stated that other communities have officers presence. He explained that it would be costly.

Donna Barros approached the board and she thanked Chairman Potter for giving all of his time.

4. DISCUSSION WITH TOWN MODERATOR

Present before the board: John Donahue, Town Moderator. Mr. Donahue had attended the Massachusetts Moderator Association meeting and came away with several ideas which would be helpful in speeding up the Wareham Town Meeting process on April 27th. Mr. Donahue stated that he will also make a presentation to the finance committee at their meeting.

Mr. Donahue will present a consent calendar at Town Meeting and the intent of the consent calendar is to propose articles that is considered to be non-controversial articles. He will present a list to the body and if 5 or 10 members stand up and say, I want to discuss that, it will come off the consent calendar and the articles will be discussed. The types of articles that should appear on the

calendar would be Articles 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,24,25,26. There were about 20 articles if the body will be willing to expend the rules of town meeting to take these out of order to pass them without debate, we could get through the 15 or 20 articles at the beginning of town meeting. It is a new proposal and it may meet with the expected resistance. It is a starting point for town meeting to move and speed up the process. There are 60 articles and need to get through them. Mr. Donahue stated what happened at the last town meeting and that we did not get through the entire town warrant. He will not accept a motion to adjourn town meeting until we have debated, discussed and voted on all articles. He also stated that he will use an electronic timer that will display the clock on the power point presentation and the speaker will be able to see how much time he has left. Lastly, he would like to get several high school students to participate in the town meeting process by having them act as tellers along with the current tellers, to have two tellers in each section. Discussion ensued.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc. – there were no bills to be paid.
- b. Selectman Sauvageau stated that there is one set of minutes to approve. Selectman Donahue was absent.

MOTION: Board voted approval of regular minutes of March 24, 2009

VOTE: 4-0-1 (selectman Donahue abstained)

7. LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. Application for Common Victualler's License by J. David Nourse d/b/a/ A Shore Thing, 197 Onset Avenue, Onset, MA under the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Present before the board: David Nourse

Mr. Nourse stated that he would like to be able to put seats outside. Selectman Sauvageau stated that he would need to keep the seating under 19 in order not have restroom facilities.

MOTION: Selectman Sauvageau moved to approve the application of J. David Nourse dba A Shore Thing, 197 Onset Avenue Onset, MA under the provisions of Chapter 140 of the Massachusetts General Laws. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

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- b. 7:15 p.m. – Hearing – Application of G. Michael Besse & John Nelson, P.O. Box 232, Onset, MA for renewal of Shellfish Grant No W-84, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to open the hearing and seconded by Selectman Donahue.

VOTE: 5-0-0

Present before the board: Michael Besse, John Nelson and Michael Parola, Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable.

Mr. Besse stated that they have been growing each year and the last two years has been going very well. Mr. Parola said that Mr. Nelson has had this grant for numerous years and Mr. Besse got involved in this grant 10 years ago and since Mr. Besse got involved, both of these gentleman have used numerous resources to get this grant up and running and being very productive and have been working diligently this past 10 years and it is his strong recommendation to renew this grant and that things are going well for them with a very successful season coming up and getting very close to market size. Mr. Parola also stated that quahog resources have been very good but limited on softshell clamming.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to close the hearing and seconded by Selectman Donahue.

MOTION: Selectman Sauvageau moved and seconded by Selectman Donahue to approve the application of G. Michael Besse & John Nelson, P.O. Box 232, Onset, MA for renewal of Shellfish Grant No W-84, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 130, Section 60 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

8. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. **Chapter 90 Funding:** The Town received Notification of our Chapter 90 Highway funding. Wareham will receive \$549,196 for FY2010. These funds are for expenses relating to road repair and maintenance.
2. **Speed Limit Sign Request:** The Wareham Police Department is requesting that Charge Pond Road be posted at 35MPH. There are no speed limit signs on this road in either direction except in the area of 172 and 212 Charge Pond Road where it is posted at 30MPH. Lt. Wallace recommends that the BOS/Road Commissioners vote to set the speed limit on Charge Pond Road at 35 MPH. Selectman Sauvageau stated that the residents be invited to a road commissioner hearing, there should be a process and that the hearing will be put off for now.
3. **FY09 Budget:** The Clerical, Foreman, and Library have agreed to furlough days, municipal maintenance (labor) opted for lay-offs. Five laborers had to be RIF'd and these employees **will not** be coming back in July. Due to the

Furlough days Town Hall will be closed on Fridays starting April 10 through June 12. Due to the lay-offs, some of the weekend cleanup will be limited during May and June. The residents need to be made aware of the changes in services that the Town was once able to provide. Town Administrator will be working with Municipal Maintenance Director and that there will be come clean-up at the beaches and plans to clean up before the Memorial Day weekend.

4. **Town Hall Roof:** The bid was awarded to SOM Construction out of Webster, MA to repair the Roof at Town Hall. Based on the review of the Project Review Committee, SOM had the best credentials and at the lowest cost of \$194,470.
5. **February Revenues:** Revenues received in Local Receipts through February. These estimates show the continued trend in slowing revenues.
6. **Onset Mobile Home Park:** Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre ask for the board to vote to allow them to clean the drain with a private contractor. The Town has an easement on the property and they are looking for official word from the Board that they can move forward on this at their expense. Motion moved by Selectman Sauvageau to allow the cleanup. Vote 5-0-0.

Selectman Donahue would like to invite Mr. Gifford to discuss plans for use of the Chapter 90 funds re. Choosing the roads to be repaired, etc.

Selectman Sauvageau stated that there are two notices of violations at the WPCF. Would like to invite Mr. Simmons to the board's meeting. Chairman Potter stated that he is coming before the board on their April 21st agenda.

9. TOWN BUSINESS

Vote on Town Meeting Warrant Articles (town meeting votes attached as referenced).

10. LIAISON REPORTS

Selectman Eckstrom asked about the auditorium for line dancing, Mr. Sanguinet put a hold on all action until he can find a place in a better location. Selectman Eckstrom also stated that the Trench bylaw was very complicated, there was an all day seminar, had a lot of loopholes and details, that the board needs to seek analysis from Hancock Associates.

11. CHAIRMAN'S FAREWELL

Mr. Potter stated that it has been a pleasure serving the Town and a privilege because that privilege was your vote and that put him in a seat three years ago, that there had been some trying times on the board. It has been a

pleasure working with this board and wishes the new selectperson well.
Selectman Sauvageau presented Mr. Potter with a certificate of recognition and a plaque.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to enter into executive session for the purpose of collective bargaining of non-union personnel and litigation.

Poll vote: Selectman Eckstrom – yes
 Selectman Sauvageau – yes
 Selectman Cronan - yes
 Selectman Potter – yes
 Selectman Donahue - yes

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to adjourn the meeting, take a short recess to have cake for Chairman Potter's departure.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Oldfield
Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners on:

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

Date Signed: April 7, 2009

Date sent to the Town Clerk: May 4, 2009