



TOWN OF WAREHAM

54 Marion Road
Wareham, Massachusetts 02571

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
ON
WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 27, 2010 AT 6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- ▶ Roll Call
- ▶ Computer Audit
- ▶ Any other Town business
- ▶ Adjourn

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: October 27, 2010
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Selectmen Present: M. Jane Donahue, Chairman
Walter B. Cruz, Sr. Clerk
Brenda Eckstrom
Cara A. Winslow
Stephen M. Holmes

Also present: Mark J. Andrews, Town Administrator

3. COMPUTER AUDIT

Present before the board: Attorney Steve Torres

Attorney Torres provided the board with an executive summary of the audit done by Global Digital Forensics and the analysis of data. He stated the computer audit was requested to see if the computer usage within the Town Hall and the Police Department was consistent with the Internet Policy and email and Internet regulations in place at the time. He spoke about non-work related sites being accessed during working hours. Attorney Torres stated that they took the raw data and put it into Internet history and found websites such as Match Maker, Victoria Secrets, Red Cats along with gaming and shopping sites. There was software used to scan the images found on the computers with a certain amount of resolution, which means that a lot of skin was on the pictures that were searched for indecent material. Attorney Torres said that he placed the findings in three categories. The first was Child Pornography in which none was found except for one picture that was troubling of a young lady, which was not in a sexually compromising position and it was partial nudity. The next category was inappropriate material, which should not be on the computer such as frontal or partial nudity or provocative clothing. They did find several dozen images. The next category would be sexually explicit or provocative or indecent material in which they identified a number of them images. Selectman Winslow asked if perhaps since it was only one image was it possible that someone could have typed something wrong and it went to the site by mistake since it was only one image. Attorney Torres said that the images of concern would be if someone had a whole bunch of images rather than just one hit, which could have, been done in error. There wasn't a total abuse that was found and he stated that most were abiding by the policy set in place. Selectman Winslow also asked if the other images were inappropriate or indecent? Attorney Torres stated that there was about four-dozen inappropriate

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images that are were nudity or full frontal nudity. There was also a good five or six images that clearly indecent, which would be considered x-rated. Selectman Holmes asked how many computer discs were reviewed. Attorney Torres stated that 67 discs were reviewed going back to 4-5 years. Selectman Holmes asked Attorney Torres that in the past 4-5 years in reviewing 67 discs he came up with approximately four-dozen images that were deemed either inappropriate or indecent? Attorney Torres stated that is correct!

Present before the board: Keith Clark

Mr. Clark stated that on October 1st he was contracted by Mr. Andrews and Chief Stanley to take possession of 17 discs and to evaluate the Internet usage on them. He stated that in that evaluation they were told to look for pornographic, gaming, or shopping websites and also any hits on warehamobserver.com website. The discs were kept locked up and there were specifically 6 of the discs that were identified as highly sensitive in which Chief Stanley wanted to be present when they were reviewed.. Mr. Clark said out of the 17 discs in possession they did observe 16 of them since one had damage to the chip set and it wasn't accessible whatsoever. Two of them had been deleted and the information on them was recovered and one of them had an incomplete file structure that didn't allow much information to be extracted from it. They did examine the discs for common search terms on the 17 discs asked to extract. They searched for the word sex and from 2003 to 2009 it came up 79 times. They searched for the word porn and that came up 2 times which doesn't mean that someone went to a porn site it could have been an article with the word porn in it. Selectman Holmes asked if he was a police officer looking for level 3 sex offenders and typed the word sex in his computer then that would be found on the computer. Mr. Clark stated that was correct! Also Selectman Holmes asked if a police officer was looking for someone who might have been arrested for child porn and they typed that into the search engine it would also show up. Mr. Clark stated that was also correct! Selectman Holmes wanted to clarify with Mr. Clark that the police officers are not guilty of anything and saying that out of the discs examined the word sex category, which could have been entered for investigation purposes. Selectman Holmes also wanted to state that just because the officers visited the warehamobserver.com website didn't mean they were blogging. Selectman Winslow stated that she isn't surprised and it's not uncommon for the police to search websites such as Ebay for stolen items or you-tube for potential posting of an incident. Selectman Eckstrom asked for a list of all the words they searched for. Selectman Eckstrom also asked about searching the word game what would be brought up. Mr. Clark said that would show up as football game scores, ESPN, non-gambling games. Chairman Donahue asked if any images were found in which Mr. Clark replied that they were not contracted for any images. Chairman Donahue stated that this investigation was due to the concerns of a Town employee with regards to websites that were insightful to hate. That was part of the reason that some of the hits may have been made to the warehamobserver.com and observer. That was the site that was under investigation.

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4 ANY OTHERTOWN BUSINESS
(None)

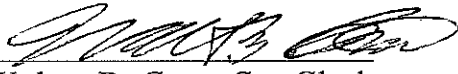
5. ADJOURNMENT

Selectman Winslow moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 5-0-0 (Unanimous)

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wilson
Department Assistant

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

Attest: 
Walter B. Cruz, Sr., Clerk

Date Signed: 3-22-11

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 3-23-11