

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: August 31, 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 (absent)
Brenda Eckstrom
Cara A. Winslow, Clerk pro-tem
Stephen M. Holmes

Also present: Mark J. Andrews, Town Administrator

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to have Selectman Winslow serve as Clerk pro tem for the evening. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

3. ANNOUNCEMENT

(none)

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: John Cronan

Mr. Cronan was before the board asking for the residents to be placed on the September 14th agenda to comment on the Wind Turbine proposals that will be discussed tonight.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc. (none)

Appointment to WCTV Board of Directors

MOTION: Selectman Winslow moved to appoint Paul Ciccotelli as a member to the WCTV Board of Directors for the Town of Wareham to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2011. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Winslow moved to appoint Roy Branton as a member to the WCTV Board of Directors for the Town of Wareham to a term to expire no later than June 30, 2011. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

6. LICENSES & PERMITS

(None)

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

Mr. Andrews stated that the Town is prepared for Hurricane Earl and he is working with Onset and Wareham Fire along with the Police.

FY2011 CHAPTER 70 FUNDS AND PUBLIC LAW 111-226 FEDERAL EDUCATION JOBS BILL. Please see attached.

POLICE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL COOKOUT FOR SENIORS: Mr. Andrews attended this year's Annual Cookout at the Wareham Elks for the Seniors, held Thursday, August 26, 2010. This is sponsored by the Wareham Police Association and was attended by a group of approximately 350.

LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE—R. Garry Buckminster

VESSEL SAFETY DAY: Mr. Andrews has asked Garry Buckminster, Acting Harbormaster/ Shellfish Constable, to be here tonight to give the Board an overview of this event, which is scheduled to be held Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 9:00AM-1:00PM.

ONSET PIER RENOVATIONS: Garry Buckminster gave an update to the Board on the renovations that will be taking place on the Onset Pier.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS/QUALIFICATIONS (RFP/Q): A Request for Proposals/Qualifications for Advisory Services for the CEDA office. On Friday, August 27, 2010, Mr. Andrews submitted an RFP/Q for services needed as the core transition plan for the CEDA Department as per recommendations of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. This RFP/Q will be advertised in the Central Register September 8, 2010 with proposals due September 24, 2010 at 10:00AM.

PERSONNEL UPDATE. Mr. Andrews is recommending Judith Lauzon for the position of Assistant Town Accountant and she has accepted. She will begin work on or about September 13, 2010 pending completion of a CORI check and physical.

MEMORIAL BENCHES: The Board is asked to approve the placement of the two memorial benches discussed last week. One will replace an existing bench by the Bandshell and the other at the end of Grove Street. Both would be in accordance with the Board's policy on memorial benches.

UPDATES: See attached list for status of ongoing issues/projects.

**STATUS REPORT OF ONGOING
ISSUES/PROJECTS**

August 31, 2010

Take Pride in Wareham

Municipal Early Retirement Incentive Program

Legal Opinion
Completed
Ongoing

Municipal Law Seminar
Safe Summer 2010
Civil Service Ceremony
Wareham District Court

Ongoing
Ongoing
Completed
Ongoing

8. TOWN BUSINESS

Approval of FY2010 CDBG Mini-Entitlement

MOTION: Selectman Winslow moved to accept the FY2010 CDBG Mini Entitlement grant. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-1 (Selectman Eckstrom abstained)

Discussion with Bike Path Committee

Present before the board: Michael Langford, John Wagner and Bill Paille from Weston & Sampson.

Mr. Langford went over the Project Goals and Objectives and the Revised Route alternatives. The Marion Bike path and Wareham Bike path Committee have been in contact with the Wareham Department of Public Works regarding the possible use of County Road as either a share-the-road or a separate bike path in order to connect the two systems. There are two projects along US. Route 6 & State Route 28 that are currently being managed by MassDOT that may impact the Wareham bike path.

Representative will discuss the Bog Wind Project

Present before the board: Jamie Fay, President of Fort Point Associates & Glen Berkowitz from Beaufort Windpower, LLC

The plan is to have eight (8) turbines that are 328' tall with a 492' tip to blade and to be spread out over 6 miles. The turbines would be rated somewhere between 1.8 and 2.5 megawatts a piece and on average would generate enough electricity to power 6000 homes which is approximately 2/3 of the residents in Wareham. It is their intent to finish the permitting process by the end of this year. The benefits from the project would be an estimated \$200,000 for the building permit; property taxes per year would be an estimated \$350,000 and farm.

Any other town business

Selectman Eckstrom spoke about the noise ordinance and was looking to include times to the bylaw along with a fine. The board discussed the amount of the fines along with some type of community service program. Selectman Holmes feels that it would be best to enforce some type of community service rather than have a fine in place. Chairman Donahue feels that a fine along with community service would be a good ideal. Selectman Winslow feels that it would be difficult to enforce and collect such fines.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved the board to place on the warrant and with the stipulation that they get the opinion of Town Counsel on the idea of Community Service aspect of the enforcement and the penalties as proposed by Selectman Holmes and get a response back it will be placed on the warrant. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 3-1-0 (Selectman Winslow opposed)

Selectman Winslow stated that she had a question about an opinion received from Town Counsel regarding the Downtown agreement. She stated that the copy she has states that this agreement may not be terminated, amended modified or waived except in writing and executed by the Town and WS. She wants to see the opinion by Town Counsel that they can make changes to the agreement.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved upon the receipt of counsel's opinion for the board to use the downtown revitalization money in the way that it was described in the Take Pride in Wareham pending WS Development acceptance of their proposal. Selectman Holmes seconded for discussion. Selectman Holmes thought that they already had a plan to cleanup and paint downtown. Chairman Donahue would like to vote on it to have a record and said that the board seems to be in majority that this is the way to go with the \$50,000.00 - Selectman Eckstrom stated that she would withdraw her motion.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to use the money from WS Development Agreement for Downtown revitalization in the creative ways that will maximize the money to be spent on tangible improvements. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to go beyond the hour of 10:00 p.m. Chairman Donahue seconded out of necessity.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Selectman Eckstrom spoke about the EEE alert and advised people to take precautions when the mosquitoes are active.

9. SEWER BUSINESS

- a. Any sewer business

10. LIAISON REPORTS

Westfield Committee, Finance Committee and Appointing Authority updates

Selectman Eckstrom has been attending the transportation committee meeting and they have hired a new director, have inspected the busses and 28 out of the 30 busses are ready to go. They are in a good position for school and there are a lot of issues that she thinks they need to address.

Chairman Donahue stated that the Appointing Authority filled the final seat on the Finance Committee by appointing Samuel Gray and the Fields & Grounds Committee is officially at full membership. The Westfield Committee met last night and voted unanimously to put as part of the report and recommendation to Town Meeting an article on the warrant which has three major changes one is a restriction on the amount of land that will be used for the senior

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affordable housing plan and the article would call for an RFP review and recommendation committee to work with the BOS and the negotiations with any developers would include rehabilitation and maintenance of the recreation playing fields. Chairman Donahue also stated that the Housing Authority joined the Westfield meeting and supported the project at Westfield and one of their main components of support is that the Westfield project will cover a large segment of the population. They feel it will serve many of the people that they have to turn away everyday.

Selectman Holmes wanted to thank Bob Ethier and Matthew Underhill for working on getting notices out to the public on the threat of EEE.

Selectman Winslow stated that the Department of Public Health has Wareham as a high-risk community and everyone should take precautions which are listed on the Wareham website.

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Winslow seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

13. 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: November 23, 2010.

Attest: *Cara A. Winslow*, Clerk pro-tem

Date Signed: 11-23-10

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 11-24-10