

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: April 20, 2010
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

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

Also present: Mark J. Andrews, Town Administrator

3. ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Cruz stated that they will meet on April 26th they will open the meeting and then call for a recess to resume on May 3rd

The Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District will hold its Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The board reported with sadness that Jeffrey W. Rhodes son of Donna Rhodes in the Town Clerk's office has passed away at the age of 29.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: Gerald Barrows

Mr. Barrows had some questions regarding the announcement made with the date change of Town Meeting. Mr. Andrews explained that they had a communication glitch in the office on getting the warrant printed in the newspaper in time.

Present before the board: Ellen Begley

Ms. Begley was before the board to report some information she received from the school department regarding the busses. Ms. Begley spoke about the documentation on the school bus inspections and found the results alarming. Chairman Cruz stated that this is something that the Town Administrators will have to get in touch with the School Department on. Chairman Cruz stated that she should make an appointment with Mr. Andrews if she had any further questions. Selectman Eckstrom stated she would like to have a joint meeting scheduled with the School Department.

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Present before the board: Tom Monahan

Mr. Monahan said the Community Arts and Action wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen and the viewers at home for their support of their 11th monthly fundraiser this past Sunday, which was well attended.

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin

Ms. Slavin stated that the Historical Society is making a recommendation that a crosswalk be placed on Elm Street across from the Fearing Tavern. Ms. Slavin also thanked the Maintenance Department for putting a new speed limit sign across from the Cape Cod Shipyard since the previous one could no longer be read. Ms. Slavin also stated that there is only one speed limit sign when you head down Minot Avenue heading towards Main Street that states 35mph and she had a concern that people may think they can travel thru the center of town at that speed limit. She also asked if there was any chance of making Minot Avenue a no passing zone.

Present before the board: Jim Newman

Mr. Newman was before the board inviting them to attend the Memorial Day Parade, which will begin at St. Patrick's Church, then to Point Independence Bridge then to Dudley Brown Square.

Present before the board: Jack Silva

Mr. Silva spoke about the RR Crossing on Hathaway Street being dangerous and stated that the RR Crossing on Depot Street is deplorable and his car hits bottom when he goes over them.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

6. **LICENSES & PERMITS** (none)

7. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

UPDATE ON FY2011 BUDGET: On Thursday, April 15, 2010, the House Ways and Means Committee released their version of the FY2011 State Budget H.4600 (please see attached). This measure is set for debate the week of April 26, 2010. Mr. Andrews intends to continue to monitor the budget, follow amendments and keep the Board informed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Bill 2133: An Act Relative to Authorize Eight (8) Additional Licenses. We continue to work with both Senate and House staff and leadership of the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection. Mr. Andrews will be attending Committee hearings this week.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE (DOR) REGIONAL ASSESSORS

CONFERENCE: On Thursday, April 15, 2010, we hosted a regional seminar on fiscal matters at Town Hall. This Seminar centered upon new assessing techniques in conjunction with revaluation programs for local municipalities in Plymouth County. On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Andrews offered greetings for our Town to over 50 Assessors from our region. The DOR thanked the Town for hosting this professional seminar for Assessors and staff.

ENHANCE OUR REGIONAL PURCHASING POWER: On Thursday, April 8, 2010, Mr. Andrews met with Mr. Ross Perry, Municipal Management Specialist for the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) regarding regional purchasing. He believes that we maximize our purchasing power on a regional basis for a myriad of goods and services. Mr. Andrews is aggressively pursuing the potential for finding additional cost savings, such as ESCOs (Energy Services Company) designed to produce energy savings in our buildings and Regional 911 dispatch (at no cost and no firm commitment at this time). Please see attached list for more possibilities for regional purchasing services.

CRANBERRY COMMONS TASK FORCE: On Wednesday, April 14, 2010, the newly formed CCTF organized after our Leadership Team Staff Meeting. This Task Force is organized specifically to assist in the re-use of the Cranberry Commons fire site. The Task Force includes: Chris Reilly, CEDA Director as Clerk, Stephen Holmes, BOS Member, Jay Collins, Building Inspector, Myles Burke, Director of Inspectional Services, Mark Gifford, Director of Municipal Maintenance, John Sanguinet, Administrative Assistant to Board of Selectmen, David Pichette, Conservation Agent, and Mr. Andrews.

We are working towards a Phase I demolition of the site and then to secure the site for public safety. Then, our intention will be to position the site for the highest and best re-use, in conjunction with the property owner. Mr. Andrews will keep you posted on progress of this important process.

GO GREEN WAREHAM: On Thursday, April 15, 2010, Mr. Andrews met with Ms. Louise Hardiman, Principal Transportation Planner at SRPEDD, Mr. Thomas Paine, a student at U-Mass Dartmouth, Project Manager for Energy Management, Ms. Ana Miranda, Director of Operations/Finance for the School Department, Mr. Alan Slavin, member of several Town committees and boards, and Ms. Michaela Miteva, an unpaid intern at Suffolk University, to continue work on energy conservation and sustainability for municipalities. Our discussion centered upon working on grants writing to reduce costs, increasing our ability to increase renewable energy, and qualifying as a Green Community under the Mass. Department of Energy Resources. Additionally, we are evaluating the benefits of being a green community, including:

- Shrinking energy costs in municipal and school buildings
- Fostering clean energy technologies
- Curtailing greenhouse gas emissions
- Promoting energy-efficient construction of homes, businesses, municipal and school buildings

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- Accessing Green Community Grant funds to make our Town even greener
- Making Wareham a great place to live, work, and play

Also, Michaela will represent the Town Administrator and Town at the Council on Sustainability for Southeastern Massachusetts as they present: ***Building a Sustainable SouthCoast, A Regional Conference on Sustainability***. The conference is a two-part, one day event scheduled for April 27, 2010, 8:30AM-4: 30PM at Bristol Community College in Fall River. The keynote speaker for the morning session is Mark Sylvia, Director of the Green Communities Division, Department of Energy Resources. The lunchtime keynote speaker is Richard Heinberg, Leading educator on Peak Oil and author of nine books, including: 'The Party's Over, Peak Everything, and the newly released, Blackout.

Lastly, we have provided a number of documents related to our energy conservation research for your review (see attached) and we are evaluating services of "MCAN," the Massachusetts Climate Action Network, and the potential for improving energy services and Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) and "Cape Light," long term renewable energy resources. This reduces our carbon footprint by creating "Go Green Wareham:"

- a) Completing a comprehensive energy audit for all Town buildings, using energy insight;
- b) Based upon the energy audit, we will create an energy action plan;
- c) Work with the Executive Office of Energy Resources (EOER) to establish an energy management performance based system;
- d) Evaluate putting out an RFR (Request for Response) for an "Energy Services Company (ESCO) to help manage our overall energy needs.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY: The annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is Saturday, May 1, 2010 from 9AM to Noon at Municipal Maintenance on Charge Pond Road. This is for the residents of Carver, Marion and Wareham. Accepted are: pesticides, household chemicals, oil-based paint, anti-freeze, motor oil, spent gasoline, and products containing mercury (thermostats, thermometers, fluorescent bulbs, float switches, etc.). We will also accept EMPTY propane tanks. NOT ACCEPTED: latex-based paint, tires, PCBs, radioactive materials, and explosives.

8. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Welcome the newly elected Town Moderator

Present before the board: Claire Smith

Ms. Smith also introduced the Deputy Town Moderator Ben Donahue.

Ms. Smith said that she had several meetings with Mr. Andrews, John Sanguinet and the Town Accountant to get prepared for Town Meeting to ensure that all bases are covered. Ms. Smith stated that no significant changes would be made for the upcoming Town Meeting however; she will be setting up meetings with the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen along with the Department Heads to plan for the Fall Town Meeting. Some changes she has planned for this meeting is that the Finance Committee

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along with the Board of Selectmen will be seated on stage. Also the Department Heads will be sitting up front. For the Fall Town Meeting Ms. Smith would like to have the students hold a consecutive town meeting and have them vote and compare the votes after town meeting also she mentioned that the school had no portable microphones available. She also encouraged residents who have access to a computer to print out the warrant and bring it with them.

b. Discussion re: Tax possession auction and tax lien auction

Present before the board: John Foster, Treasurer/Collector
Mr. Foster stated that an auction has been tentatively scheduled for May 22, 2010 and was looking for approval from the board so that they can start to advertise for the auction. Mr. Foster also stated that the board would have to appoint a custodian for the auction.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved the board to set the date and time for the Tax possession and land of low value auction to be held on May 22, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.
Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved to appoint Mark Andrews as the custodian of the May 22, 2010 tax possession auction. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved that restrictions to be placed on land of low value properties to prohibit construction of a residential dwelling on any of the lots.
Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (unanimous)

c. Any town business

Selectman Eckstrom asked if Barbara Sullivan from the Boys and Girls Club could speak before the board about the warrant article. Ms. Sullivan spoke about the lease and the improvements that need to be made to the building.

9. SEWER BUSINESS

a. Any sewer business

10. LIAISON REPORTS

(none)

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to adjourn Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 3-0-0 (unanimous)

12. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS APPROVED BY THE BOARD

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Respectfully submitted,
Janet Wilson
Department Assistant

The foregoing minutes were submitted to the Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners on:
June 22, 2010.

Attest: Stephen Holmes. Clerk, pro-tem

Date Signed: 6-22-10

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 6-23-10