

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SELECTMEN/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Date of Meeting: February 1, 2011
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1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN

2. ROLL CALL

Chairman Donahue called the meeting to order

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

Also present: Mark J. Andrews, Town Administrator

3. ANNOUNCEMENT

March 26, 2011 – Vietnam Veterans Day, Richard Arruda, Ronald Bumpus, James Crowley and Carlos Rose salute the Wareham residents killed in action while serving in Southeast Asia. There will be a brunch on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 am at the Dudley Brown Post in Onset.

4. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION

Present before the board: David Walton, Resident of Agawam Beach
Mr. Walton was before the board to arrange prior to any bidding on the sewer contract a meeting with the residents of the Agawam Beach area. He would like a chance for the residents to meet with the Sewer Commissioners prior to any bidding so they can have a chance to put their cards on the table.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Authorization to sign bills and documents, etc (none)
b. Appointment of associate member to the Council on Aging Board of Directors
Selectman Holmes felt the board should wait on the appointment until the making sure that the associate member is a valid slot and has been certified and the Town hears back from the state. Selectman Cruz also feels the same way. Selectman Eckstrom does not feel it's fair to make this person wait. The board tabled this appointment until after hearing from the Attorney General.

c. Interviews to Westfield RFP

Present before the board: Sandy Slavin
Ms. Slavin stated that she has drafted an RFP recently for the Minot Forest survey and was involved Wareham Historical Society and she is the Chairman of the Open Space Committee.

Present before the board: Marcia Griswold

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Ms. Griswold said that she represents the seniors in this community and their needs and she does listen carefully to what they do need. She stated that she is an experienced grant writer and spent over 25 years writing grants.

Present before the board: Michael Schneider

Mr. Schneider said that he has 20 years of experience in the affordable housing industry and works for a fairly large non-profit in Boston. He has been involved with putting out a number of RFP's from everything from breaking the ground to substantial renovation of occupied units.

6. LICENSES & PERMITS

- a. **Hearing 7:15 P.M.** – (Special Act of the State Legislature). Application for new Year Round Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages License from Rosebrook Place Hospitality, LLC, James F. Kane, Manager, 2476 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2011.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to open the hearing. Selectman Cruz seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

Present before the board: Jim Kane & Tom Berkley

Mr. Kane went over the plans for the Rosebrook Park.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to close the hearing. Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

MOTION: Selectman Cruz moved to approve the application (Special Act of the State Legislature). Application for new Year Round Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages License from Rosebrook Place Hospitality, LLC, James F. Kane, Manager, 2476 Cranberry Highway, Wareham, under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the year 2011. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

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VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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Mr. Kane spoke about the Rosebrook Place Hospitality Inn and Conference Center. Mr. Kane said they should have a few hundred seats at the Conference Center. At build out the Rosebrook place should be approximately \$1.87 million from property tax, hotel tax CPA and this project alone, the total would add \$31 million dollars of value to the tax role.

Selectman Donahue asked if anyone was present to speak for or against the project.

Mr. Walton said that he was very much in favor of the project.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to close the hearing. Selectman Cruz seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

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VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

7. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

John Charbonneau: Mr. Andrews asked John Charbonneau, Town Planner, to attend tonight's meeting to give status reports on some ongoing projects, including WalMart. Mr. Charbonneau is also undertaking preparation of a periodic Newsletter that will provide updates on various projects and issues, as well as offer information of general interest to our residents.

Present before the board: John Charbonneau

Mr. Charbonneau handed the board a report and advised the board that the next joint public meeting for Walmart is scheduled for February 15th however; he said this is a slow process because Walmart is still in the MEPA process and they cannot get any state permits until the MEPA process is complete. They will have to appear before the Board of Selectmen regarding sewer and they still need to file with the Conservation Commission.

The board asked that Mr. Charbonneau have future meetings regarding Walmart held on another night rather than on Tuesday's when the Board of Selectmen meet. Mr. Charbonneau stated that he sent out a letter with the direction of Mr. Andrews they are trying to put together a task force to start reviewing the town sign by-laws in anticipation of the work scheduled by the state on Rtes 6 & 28.

Mark Gifford Mr. Andrews asked Mark Gifford, Municipal Maintenance Director to be at tonight's meeting to give the Board an update on the status of the dams in Wareham—Tremont and Mill Pond. We received a report from the State on the status of the dams

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throughout the State, including those in Wareham. Also, Pare Associates did a report two years ago and is working on updating the reports, which we are required to do every two years. As soon as the reports are completed, copies will be provided to the Board. (Mr. Andrews asked that this be put off until next week when Mr. Gifford is available).

EMS—Group 4 Certification: Mr. Andrew's asked the Board to adopt Chapter 467 of the Mass. General Laws, which deals with their retirement options through Plymouth County. Mr. Andrews asked Donald Gfroerer, EMT, to attend tonight's meeting to answer any questions.

Recommended Action: Motion for the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wareham to Adopt Chapter 467, "An Act Relative to the Retirement Benefits of Emergency Medical Technicians," Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition amended and approved January 9, 2009. The Board of Selectmen has adopted these provisions to place the Full Time Uniformed Employees of the Wareham Emergency Medical Services into Group 4 Retirement effective February 1, 2011.

MOTION: Selectman Holmes moved the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Wareham to Adopt Chapter 467, "An Act Relative to the Retirement Benefits of Emergency Medical Technicians," Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition amended and approved January 9, 2009. The Board of Selectmen has adopted these provisions to place the Full Time Uniformed Employees of the Wareham Emergency Medical Services into Group 4 Retirement effective February 1, 2011. Selectman Eckstrom seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT 9-1-1 DISPATCH FEASIBILITY STUDY

On Tuesday, January 25, 2011, Mr. Andrews attended this meeting with Lt. Walter Correia at UMass Dartmouth. SRPEDD has utilized grant funding to secure the services of GeoCom to fully explore ways to improve public safety and communications. Ross Perry, Municipal Management Specialist, has coordinated this process. The purpose of this program is to provide SRPEDD communities with an assessment based on a thorough examination of the current 9-1-1 operations and look at opportunities to improve the system and save money in the process.

MIIA UPDATE ON FY2011 REWARDS GUIDELINES

On Wednesday, January 27, 2011, Mr. Andrews invited Mr. David Labonte and Adrienne Magnolia to join our Leadership Team meeting for an update of the MIIA "Rewards Program." To date, our efforts have saved the Town +\$83,000. MIIA promotes a myriad of educational and training programs and policies/procedures designed to reduce insurance costs. Also, these policies and procedures will help Departments deliver services more effectively and efficiently. Mr. Labonte will be

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attending our Leadership Team meetings on a quarterly basis and will be further advising the Town on new insurance programs that better protect our Town and resources. I will keep you informed.

JOINT FY2012 BUDGET MEETING

On Wednesday, January 19, 2011, the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Finance Committee met in joint session on the FY2012 Budget. Superintendent Dr. Barry Rabinovitch made a presentation on the proposed School District Budget. He focused on performance in the Wareham Public Schools, and the +8% increase requested. I provided a Power Point presentation on the Town proposed budget and Town Services (please see enclosed). It was noted that, by law, the Town could only increase local taxes by 2 1/2%. This presentation underscored that new growth; coupled with going to the levy limit of 2 1/2% amounted to \$960,000. Also, all Town Departments have been level funded, with no increases.

Mr. Andrews underscored the importance of stable Local Aid, especially Governor Patrick's House 1 recommendations for FY2012. After consulting with Chair Jane Donahue, Mr. Andrews followed up with a meeting to share information on Monday, January 24, 2011. This was to accommodate the Superintendent's timeline with the School Committee. Mr. Andrews hosted this meeting, which included Selectmen Brenda Eckstrom, Walter B. Cruz Sr., and Cara Winslow; Superintendent Dr. Barry Rabinovitch; Geoff Swett and Rhonda Veugen, Wareham School Committee, and Donna Bronk and William White, Wareham Finance Committee. We covered a wide range of budgetary issues.

8. TOWN BUSINESS

- a. Municipal Maintenance update on Dams (Mr. Andrews asked that this be placed on the next agenda).
- b. Wareham Police Department – Certification Award (will be brought up at future meeting)
- c. Discussion of consumption of alcohol on town property

Chairman Donahue stated that it was asked if a wine-tasting event could be held on Town Property.

Present before the board: Eleanor Martin & Theresa O'Neill from the OBA
Mr. Andrews said this event would be held in a closed area monitored by a detailed officer on town property. Ms. O'Neill said this event would take place between 6pm and 10pm and would be held after the Jazz Festival and also on the same night as Illumination Night. Ms. Martin stated that this would hopefully keep the people who attend the Jazz Festival there for the Illumination Night. Ms. O'Neill stated that this would be a very controlled event. Chairman Donahue said that Town Counsel has recommended to the board require them to take out a policy that names the town as the co-insured. Chairman Donahue asked Mr. Andrews to look into what other town's policies are on serving alcohol on town property.

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- d. Discussion re: Town of Wareham bylaws – Surety – Division 1 – Article VII
(No discussion)
- e. Budget Review Sub-Committee discussion
(No discussion)

- f. Vote on Special Town Meeting dates

MOTION: Selectman Cruz moved to vote on the Special Town Meeting dates (as attached) Selectman Holmes seconded. Selectman Eckstrom asked why the warrant was going to be printed on March 31st rather than waiting until after the election. Some discussion ensued.

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

- g. Vote on Notice of Intent to call Town Meeting

MOTION: Selectman Cruz moved to vote on Notice of Intent to Call Town Meeting (as attached) Selectman Holmes seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- h. Vote to adopt Chapter 467 “An Act Relative to the Retirement benefits of Emergency Medical Technicians”

- i. Westfield discussion

Selectman Holmes spoke about having someone from the Westfield Study board attend the Board of Selectmen’s meetings weekly to ask any questions or get clarifications on any issues dealing with the RFP. Selectman Holmes said the purpose of the committee would be to review and make recommendations to the board on the RFP. Some discussion ensued on what the committee’s responsibilities would be.

MOTION: Selectman Eckstrom moved to go beyond the hour of 10:00 p.m. Selectmen Cruz seconded.

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

- j. Any other town business

Selectman Eckstrom said the next planning meeting for the stop the violence rally will be held on Thursday, February 3rd at 6:30 in the Selectmen’s meeting room

9. SEWER BUSINESS

- a. Meeting with Mike Guidice from CDM
- b. Any other sewer business

Selectman Eckstrom spoke about the Fairhaven sewer plant turning sludge into energy.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

(None)

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11. ADJOURNMENT


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

VOTE: 4-0-0 (Unanimous)

12. 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:

Attest: 
Walter B. Cruz, Sr. Clerk

Date Signed: 4-5-11

Date sent to the Town Clerk: 4-6-11



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Board of Selectmen/Sewer Commissioners
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 - a. Leadership Team.
 - b. SRPEDD 911 Dispatch Feasibility Study.
 - c. MIIA update on FY2011 Rewards Guidelines.
 - d. Governor's House 1 Recommendation on joint FY2012 Budget Meeting.Status Report of ongoing issues/projects.
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