

Board of Selectmen /95  
Town Hall Meeting Room  
September 27, 1995  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice Chairman John Ryerson. Selectmen present included Cynthia Paine and David Ernst. Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins and Selectman Ira Wood were absent.

The Board met with Steve Pechonis and Fran Bishop to discuss Building Department coverage until a new Building Inspector is hired. Discussion included:

- a) search committee - Mr. Pechonis requested to be considered for appointment to the Building Inspector search committee.
- b) hours of coverage - there was a consensus that Mr. Pechonis and Mr. Bishop will work three days/week and two days/week respectively, which will include morning office coverage and inspections, and each will be paid at their current inspector's rate.
- c) on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Francis Bishop as an Alternate Building Inspector through June 30, 1996.

The Board met with Fire Chief Henson. Chief Henson updated the Board on Fire Department coverage. He indicated that adequate coverage will be maintained while Deputy Chief Jentz is available for administrative duties only by alternate assignments being made to the officers. Chief Henson requested permission to hire a person from the call ranks for station coverage, as was the case during the summer, since one person coverage (a paramedic) will occur due to Department secretary Theresa Townsend being out of work for medical reasons for approximately one month. The Chief estimated that the Department will probably exceed budgetary limits in its rescue line by approximately \$2,200 due to the necessary coverage. There was a consensus of the Board to approve the suggested departmental coverage. Fire Chief Henson discussed with the Board his pending vacation request. He noted that he is currently on disability and awaiting clearance from his physician to return to duty. Town Counsel indicated that due to the Chief's 111F status, his vacation request cannot be addressed until he receives permission from his physician to return to work, but that while he is on 111F status he is not limited by any travel restrictions.

The Board met with the Town Accountant. Discussion included her request for additional compensation for the additional budgetary duties requested by the Board, said compensation to be retroactive to September 15th at an hourly rate of \$24.18. Vice Chairman Ryerson indicated that this subject will be addressed when there is a full board.

Selectman Ernst left the Board. The Shellfish Constable addressed the Board and indicated that he will be sending a letter to pending shellfish grant applicants with the hope that the Egg Island



shellfish grant applications will be addressed in a public hearing at the end of October. He further noted that Town Counsel had indicated that the concept of community service as a penalty for a shellfish department infraction is not within the Board's authority, but if the permit holder agrees, it probably would not be challenged. At this time Town Counsel indicated that since Selectman Ernst had recused himself there was no longer a quorum of the Board and the Board could not conduct business. Mr. Ernst rejoined the Board.

The Board met with Town Counsel. Discussion included:

a) Town Counsel indicated that he had reviewed the Special Town Meeting warrant and approved it as to form.

b) Special Town Meeting warrant draft dated 9/27/95 as follows:

- Article 1 - added transfer of \$3,234 from Free Cash to #241 Building Department Salaries and Wages for interim building inspectors
- Article 4 (Chapter 90) - add word "borrow"
- Article 7 (Licenses & Permits) - change word "local bylaw" to "general bylaw"
- Article 8 (Charter amendment to 7-8-1) - change introductory language to be consistent with other Charter amendment articles
- Article 9, 11, 12 - minor changes suggested by Town Counsel

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the changes.

c) Draft contract with MMA Consulting Group - Town Counsel reviewed the contract and indicated additions to paragraph I "Scope of Services and Product, paragraph IV "Fees" and paragraph VII "Amendment or Termination". On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract as amended by Town Counsel.

d) Ann Bronsdon asked if an employee on 111F is precluded from holding departmental meetings at his home - Town Counsel indicated that an employee could participate with clearance from his physician.

Town Counsel left the meeting.

The Board further discussed:

e) Roger Putnam updated the Board on Town Administrator Search Group activities. He also indicated that current shellfish penalties included in the Town's Shellfish Regulations do not include community service.

f) Fred Young addressed the Board regarding his complaints about Bethia Brehmer's bed and breakfast operation. Per the Board's request, Mr. Young gave a signed letter of complaint to the Board. Mr. Young requested that Ms. Brehmer's business be inspected over the upcoming Columbus Day weekend. Vice Chair Ryerson assured Mr. Young that proper procedures would be followed regarding his complaint.

g) Off Road Vehicle Advisory Group - there was a consensus of the



Board that the Police Chief contact Ken Granlund and/or Paul Conor or Meg Conor to see if they would be available to serve as an alternate.

h) Beach Administrator's request for computer equipment for the Beach Sticker House - discussion included the Beach Administrator's agreement to address reductions in staffing due to improvements through computerization, security and current wiring of the building. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to amend the explanation language of Article 1 in the Special Town Meeting Warrant for a transfer of funds from the Beach Fund to the Beach Department for computer equipment to include a sentence as follows: "Cost to be offset by a reduction in employee expense."

i) There was a consensus of the Board that a memo be sent to all department heads regarding Mr. William Hinchey's role as consultant.

j) DPW bid for 1 1/2" drainage stone - on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to accept the bid of Paul Berry of \$13.50 per ton for 1 1/2 inch drainage stone as low bidder.

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Smulligan  
Administrative Assistant



John Ryerson



Cynthia Paine

David Ernst