

Board of Selectmen  
October 10, 1995  
Library Meeting Room  
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman John Ryerson. Selectmen present included Cynthia Paine, David Ernst and Ira Wood. Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins was absent. Interim Town Administrator William Hinchey also attended.

Open Session:

- Ann Bronsdon addressed the Board regarding the status of Chief Henson's reappointment and contract.
- Wendy Johnson informed the Board that she is leaving for a new position in Washington, D.C. The Board wished her good luck.
- Bob Costa, representing the Town Administrator Search Group, requested that the Board review and comment on the questionnaire to be sent to candidates being considered for interview.
- Matthew Frazier addressed the Board regarding the Long Pond paving project and indicated that hopefully the project will be able to go forward and that if more in-depth information is received and remedial actions taken funding should be forthcoming.
- David Coleman asked if the former Town Administrator had made a recommendation on Chief Henson's reappointment. Vice-Chair Ryerson responded that she had not.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3-0-1, with Paine abstaining (she had not attended the meeting), to approve the minutes of September 13, 1995 as submitted.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 2, 1995 as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 3-0-1, with Wood abstaining (he had not attended the meeting), to approve the minutes of September 27, 1995 as amended.

The Board discussed with the Shellfish Constable the shellfish grant licensing plan for Egg Island. The Shellfish Constable indicated that the Egg Island area had been surveyed and a final plan established. Members of the Board questioned whether the final plan was to be submitted to the Board for approval and whether the plan was to include walkways for access through the grants. The Shellfish Constable noted that a) since the Board had approved a rough sketch of the plan it was not his understanding that the final plan needed to be submitted to the Board for approval; b) the plan was designed to accommodate the sixteen applicants on the grant waiting list and c) to his knowledge it is not illegal to walk across a grant. There was a consensus that the Board's minutes will be reviewed to see if there was any mention that the Egg Island plan would be submitted to the Board for final approval.



The Board met with Jackie Foley and Florence Schmidt of the Route 6 Safety Committee. Discussion included:

- a) road cuts
- b) lack of a traffic count this year
- c) statistics of major and minor accidents/locations on Route 6 this year
- d) letter to State Highway Department requesting advance notice of changes to Route 6 - there was a consensus that Ms. Foley would draft a letter for review by the Board. It was suggested that Bob Mumford and David Clark of the Cape Cod Commission be contacted for assistance.
- e) on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Florence Schmidt as Chair of the Route 6 Safety Committee in Jackie Foley's absence.

The Board met with Ruth Rickmers. Ms. Rickmer's read, and subsequently distributed to the Board, a six page document containing questions regarding 1) the contract/agreement which was signed with the former Town Administrator; 2) the agreement entered into between the MMA Consulting Group, Inc., and the Town of Wellfleet; 3) vacation and disability time of the Fire Chief and 4) Department of Public Works. Vice-Chairman Ryerson indicated that the Board would respond to Ms. Rickmers questions as soon as possible and thanked her for her concern.

At 8:15 p.m. the Board held a continuation of the shellfish permit suspension hearing of William Young, Jr. Selectman Ernst left the Board. Selectman Wood indicated that the information he had requested from Town Counsel had just been received and asked that the discussion be tabled. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously 3-0 to continue this hearing to October 30, 1995 at 8:15 p.m. Selectman Ernst rejoined the Board.

The Board discussed the duties of the Interim Town Administrator. Discussion included:

- a) overseeing the budgetary process - Mr. Hinchey recommended that the Board authorize a \$100/week stipend for the Town Accountant from November 1 through two weeks after the new Town Administrator comes on board to assist the Town Administrator with budgetary duties. Selectman Ernst moved approval of this recommendation as contained in the Interim Town Administrator's October 5th memo to the Board regarding the Town Accountant's stipend and that the Board take a position on Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting warrant to the Finance Committee. The motion was not seconded. Vice Chairman Ryerson asked that the Finance Committee be scheduled to meet with the Board at next Monday's meeting to discuss Special Town Meeting matters.
- b) filling staff vacancies - it was suggested that the Board consider delaying filling current staff openings until a new Town Administrator is hired so that the new Town Administrator would have an opportunity to have input into the selection of staff members. There was a consensus that Mr. Hinchey will review

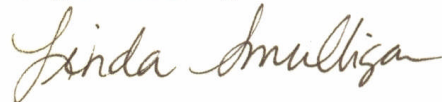
applications and assist the search committees.

c) participation in union contract negotiations - there was a consensus that Mr. Hinchey will participate in contract negotiations as time permits.


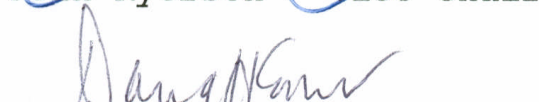
d) adding a transfer to be considered under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting warrant for additional funds for the consultancy budget to pay the Interim Town Administrator's contract - will be considered at next Monday's meeting with the Finance Committee

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously at 9:09 p.m. on a roll call vote (Ryerson, Paine, Ernst, Wood - yea) to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and not to reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant

  
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John Ryerson - Vice Chair  
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David Ernst

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Cynthia Paine

  
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Ira Wood