

Board of Selectmen
July 29, 1996
Library Meeting Room
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairwoman Carolina Kiggins. Selectmen present included John Ryerson and Cynthia Paine. Selectman David Ernst arrived at 7:08 p.m. Selectman Ira Wood was absent. Town Administrator John Hinckley was also in attendance.

Announcements:

- Chairwoman Kiggins announced that Selectman Wood would not be attending tonight's meeting.
- Selectwoman Paine announced that the Boy Scouts are participating in a project sponsored by the Elm Research Institute to bring back the Elm tree into New England through sales of disease resistant elms.
- The Beach Administrator announced that the Wellfleet Lifeguards had participated in the Annual Lifeguard Tournament at West Dennis Beach and had tied for second place. There was consensus that a letter of congratulations be drafted and that the following participants from the Beach Department be noted in the minutes: Leah Bartsch, Suzy Blake, Jody Craven, Carolina Freitas, Anna Godin, Chris Hafferty, Karl Kolb, Bill Lloyd, Tom Quimby, Ben Ribnick, Dennis Rogers, Jen Walker, and Courtney Welch.

Open Session:

- Gerard Lofgren addressed the Board regarding Highland Avenue. It was noted that the Board is not a land court and relies on the opinions of Town Counsel.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 22, 1996 as printed.

The Town Administrator discussed with the Board:

- a) MMA information regarding the Fire Chief selection process - discussion was continued to next week when a full Board will be present
- b) letter from Continental Cablevision regarding transfer of license to U S West, Inc. - there was consensus that the Administrative Assistant will contact the Town of Harwich to ascertain the status of their license transfer and that the Town Administrator will contact Commissioner Patrone to learn the ramifications of a vote of non-approval of the transfer. Other discussion included the unavailability of cable service to many parts of Town. It was suggested that the Town seek professional assistance for the upcoming contract negotiations for cable television services.

Ann Bronsdon addressed the Board regarding building contractors bringing dogs to job sites - there was consensus that the Town Administrator discuss this matter with the Building Inspector, noting the suggestion that a handout regarding the Town's leash law

be provided to persons applying for building permits

The Town Administrator continued discussion with the Board:

- c) update on agreement with TRI (The Resource Inc.) - review of services provided by TRI
- d) 7/24/96 letter from Bob Costa regarding the formalization of the Fireworks Committee - there was consensus that this matter be scheduled for discussion by the Board next week

At 7:30 p.m. the Board held a public hearing to discuss establishment or modification of rules and regulations pertaining to personal watercraft also known as jet skis. Chairwoman Kiggins read the public notice. Discussion included:

- a) Town and State regulations - difficulties with enforcement and inadequacy of signage
- b) dangers of use too close to swimmers and surfers
- c) legal status as boats - personal watercraft are registered and titled
- d) noise problems
- e) regional issue - question of application of local regulations to watercraft launched from other towns; there was consensus that the Town Administrator contact other towns to determine if they are also receiving complaints regarding personal watercraft
- f) concern with regulation of vehicles launched from private beaches
- g) concern with regulation of businesses renting personal watercraft
- h) potential liability should swimmers be injured
- i) hand count of members of the audience - majority favored greater regulation of these vehicles

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to continue this hearing to August 12, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of further discussion after advice from Town Counsel.

The Town Administrator continued discussion with the Board:

- e) there was consensus that the Town Administrator refer the issue regarding the Morrow Family Limited Partnership to Town Counsel

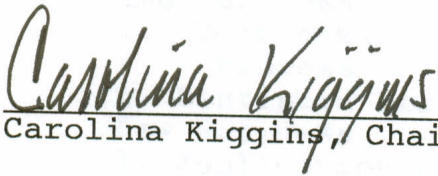
The Board discussed the Application to Conduct Races, Events, Shows, Exhibitions, etc. within the Town of Wellfleet submitted by Pan Mass Challenge. Discussion included the lateness of the application, lack of attention to safety issues in previous years and concern with the potential dangers imposed by the new guard rails and berms on Long Pond Road. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request on the condition that the route of the event be changed to utilize West Road, Route 6 and Lawrence Road only and that the same arrangements as last year for porta-potties, dumpsters and clean up of the water stop area be adhered to. The Board requested that the applicant be advised of the safety concerns contributing to the decision.

The Board discussed the Town Administrator evaluation process. Discussion included the draft evaluation form and proposed evaluation process.
The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

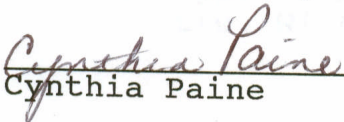
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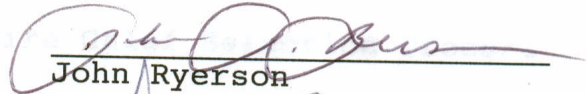
Linda Smulligan
Administrative Assistant



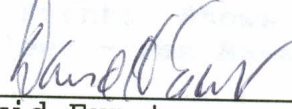
Carolina Kiggins, Chair



Cynthia Paine



John Ryerson



David Ernst