

Board of Selectmen
October 15, 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, Cynthia Paine, David Ernst and Ira Wood. Town Administrator John Hinckley was also in attendance.

Announcements:

- Selectman Ernst noted the response of the Mass. Highway Department in removing the graffiti from the Long Pond Road bridge over Route 6. There was consensus that a letter of thanks to Harold Wood of the Mass. Highway Department be signed by the Chairwoman and sent.
- Selectwoman Paine announced: a) the date, time and place for the Chamber of Commerce scholarship auction; b) the 11/2 Economic Planning session in Orleans; c) the 10/19 Orleans walking weekend and d) the upcoming meeting at Ocean Edge regarding the Environment Resort for Cape Cod.
- Captain Ferreira announced that a test hole will be drilled on Route 6 across from the Seaman's Bank tomorrow.

Open Session:

- Zel Levin addressed the Board regarding the Town Administrator's evaluation and noted that he was disturbed by newspaper reports of the meeting. The evaluation process was outlined and it was noted that individual evaluations will be available to the public at the end of the process.
- Howard Grossman also commented on the newspaper article regarding the Town Administrator's evaluation.
- Gerard Lofgren thanked the Town Administrator for maintaining an open door and doing a good job.
- Betty Kimball addressed the Board to thank Selectman Ernst for following through with her request for graffiti removal from the Long Pond Road bridge over Route 6.
- Jim Quigley addressed the Board regarding the recent cable tv tier rate hearings and agreed to review communications to the Board regarding cable tv matters and to bring important issues to the attention of the Board.

Selectman Ernst reported for the Senior Center Development Committee. Mr. Ernst noted that the Committee is seeking a decision regarding the technical availability of the Coles Neck Water system and is discussing generalities of the structure and related site considerations. He also noted that another site inspection is scheduled for 10/16 at 1:00 p.m. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously that the Board of Selectmen vote an official statement of appreciation of the Parlante's work and others in the Friends of the Council on Aging in this regard, and that the Town Administrator be requested to draft a letter to them to be signed by the Board.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of October 4, 1996 as printed.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted 4-0-1, with Ryerson abstaining (he had not attended the meeting), to approve the minutes of October 7, 1996 as printed.

Selectman Ernst left the Board. The Board interviewed Richard Blakeley for appointment as an alternate member on the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Discussion included Mr. Blakeley's interests in oyster propagation and varied fishing background. It was noted that the second candidate for this opening scheduled to be interviewed this evening would be asked the same questions as those asked Mr. Blakeley.

Selectman Ernst rejoined the Board. The Board interviewed Irving Bronsdon for appointment to the Historical Commission. Discussion included Mr. Bronsdon's background and interests. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Irving Bronsdon to the Historical Commission through June 30, 1998.

The Town Administrator discussed with the Board:

a) upcoming Barnstable County Selectmen's Association meeting - the Board discussed the notice from the Association indicating that a vote will be taken at this meeting on the motion to support the candidacy of Edward Teague for Congress. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously that this is an inappropriate forum to endorse any candidate for Congress and that the Barnstable County Selectmen's Association be so notified.

Selectman Ernst left the Board. The Board interviewed Chris Merl for appointment as an alternate member on the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Discussion included Mr. Merl's interests and experience. Due to receipt of applications from two qualified candidates it was requested that the Town Administrator review the structure of membership of the Shellfish Advisory Committee as voted by Town Meeting. The appointment was taken under advisement.

The Board met with Rose Gross, Chairwoman of the Social/Human Services Committee. Committee member Phyllis Hill and Council on Aging Director Lisa Benson also attended. Discussion included:

a) process for review of requests for funding - it was noted that future requests could increase substantially

b) direct services to community - it was noted that the Council on Aging services all ages within the community, processes funding requests for services such as heating oil and participates within the Salvation Army program. Selectman Ryerson announced that the Council on Aging WIN Fund is receiving donations to benefit all Town of Wellfleet residents.

Selectman Wood moved that the Board reconsider its FY'98 Initial Budget Policy Statement and instruct department heads to budget to reflect level services. After discussion of the ramifications of continuing to level fund the budget and the flexibilities within the previously adopted statement, Selectman Wood withdrew the motion - on a motion duly made and seconded the Board voted unanimously to instruct the Town Administrator to revise the budget statement to reflect a level services budget and that this Level

Service Budget Statement be discussed with the Finance Committee in attendance at a Board of Selectmen meeting. There was consensus that a special meeting with the Finance Committee be scheduled for November 7th and that the amended budget message be available by October 30th.

The Town Administrator continued discussion with the Board:

- b) DPW Director Search Package - on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to endorse draft #2 of the DPW Director ad dated 10/10/96, and that it be run in the Beacon, Boston Globe and local papers. Selectman Ryerson left the meeting at 9:08 p.m.
- c) Long Pond Restroom Update - it was noted that sink facilities are available in prefabricated units. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to put the Long Pond restroom project out to bid.
- d) Transfer Station schedule - the Town Administrator noted that the Assistant DPW Director will be meeting with the Board of Health to discuss schedule changes
- e) Richard Fressilli's request to continue on the Recycling Commission and the Barnstable County Solid Waste Advisory Committee - there was consensus that Mr. Fressilli continue to serve in these capacities
- f) Fire Chief ad - the Town Administrator indicated concern with the cost of advertising a lengthy ad. There was consensus that the full ad appear in the Beacon, Fire Chiefs' of Massachusetts, Inc. publication, and "On Scene" published by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and that an abbreviated version be published in the Boston Globe and local newspapers.
- g) substitute moderator - there was consensus that Donna Robertson be confirmed to serve as substitute moderator

Comments/Reports

- Selectwoman Paine noted the need to update the Town's Sexual Harassment Policy by November 6th. The Town Administrator indicated that he will update the policy and present it to the Board within the necessary timeframe.

The Board reviewed the Draft Board of Selectmen Goals document and recommended that an "Accomplishments" section be added at the end of the document.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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