

Board of Selectmen
May 27, 1997
Library Meeting Room
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David Ernst. Selectmen present included Jeffrey White, Lawrence Gallagher, Carolina Kiggins and John Ryerson. Acting Town Administrator William Hinchey also attended.

Open Session:

- Ann Bronsdon addressed the Board regarding payment to Department Heads for attendance at evening Board/Committee meetings.
- Clarence Smith thanked all those who assisted at the Memorial Day ceremony.
- Durand Echeverria, representing the Cemetery Commissioners, thanked the DPW Director and department personnel for their care of the cemeteries.
- Ruth Rickmers thanked those responsible for making sure the cemeteries were in first class condition this year. She also addressed the Board regarding the resignation of the Assistant DPW Director Luke Fox.
- Clarence Smith and Bob Costa commented on the condition of the Town's microphone equipment.

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 5/19/97 as written.

The Acting Town Administrator discussed with the Board:

- a) update on the Council on Aging Director search
- b) Town Administrator Search Group - it was noted that Finance Committee members are able to serve on non-permanent committees and that Howard Grossman, Florence Schmidt and David Deppen have expressed interest in serving. When asked, Bob Costa respectfully declined further consideration, and Robert Hankey indicated that he would consider serving. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to choose the date of 6/12/97 as the closing date for applications to serve on the Town Administrator Search Committee and that the Board will discuss appointments to the Committee at its 6/16/97 meeting.
- c) dates for meeting with the public to discuss a character profile for the new Town Administrator - it was announced that the Acting Town Administrator will hold public meetings on June 9th at 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.
- d) Recreation Director appointment - the Acting Town Administrator indicated that he is appointing Rebecca Rosenberg to serve as the Interim Recreation Director for a period of 6 months; he noted that during this time Ms. Rosenberg will report to the Beach Administrator. There was consensus that the Board take no action at this time on this appointment.

The Board discussed:

- a) COA Director job description - discussion included amending this job description to include responsibilities for coordination of human services. It was suggested that the matter be referred to the Council on Aging Board. Kiggins moved and Ryerson seconded a

motion to direct the Acting Town Administrator to inform, through the screening committee, Council on Aging Director candidates that a portion of the duties of the Council on Aging Director would be to coordinate human services within the Town. Gallagher moved that the motion be tabled. This motion failed for lack of a second. On the original motion of Selectwoman Kiggins the Board voted 2-3, with Ernst, Gallagher and White voting against. It was noted that opposition to the motion was due to the process not the intent of the motion.

The Board held the continuation of the public hearing originally scheduled for 5/19/97 at 7:30 p.m. to consider the application of Robert S. Costa d/b/a Christine's Oasis for a seasonal, all alcoholic, common victualler license. Selectman Ryerson recused himself and left the room. Selectman White read the public notice. Robert Costa was in attendance. Mr. Costa requested that the hours for liquor service coincide with the Board of Appeals determination of his restaurant hours which are until 10:00 p.m. for outside service and 1:00 a.m. for inside service. Discussion included potential noise problems, water issues, septic issues, illumination of the parking lot and traffic concerns. Charles Amsler addressed the Board regarding the history of problems with permitting at this location. Mr. Costa noted that patrons are currently allowed to bring into and consume alcohol on the premises of his restaurant. On a motion by Gallagher, seconded by Kiggins, the Board voted 3-1, with White voting against, to approve the application. Selectman Ryerson rejoined the Board.

The Board met with Assessor Ray Squire to discuss an intermunicipal agreement to establish a CAMA consortium. Mr. Squire noted the 1997 Annual Town Meeting vote authorizing the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for the provision of consulting and support services for the Town's computerized assessment system. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to enter into the agreement.

The Board met with Jackie Foley to discuss Route 6 issues. There was consensus that representatives from the Department of Transportation be invited to a future meeting; that the Route 6 Committee develop specific questions for discussion at this meeting and that Representative Gomes also be invited to attend.

The Board met with Shellfish Constable Paul Somerville. Chairman Ernst recused himself and left the table and Vice Chairman White chaired the meeting. Discussion included:

- a) request for approval of public statement - Mr. Somerville read his draft public statement regarding legislation proposed by Senator Rauschenbach aimed at resolving some of the problems related to aquaculture and private tidelands ownership. Selectman White read his amendment to the statement. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to take this matter under advisement and to schedule it for discussion at next week's meeting. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to send an invitation to Senator Rauschenbach to meet with the Board to discuss the merits of his bill. The

Administrative Assistant was asked to draft the invitation.
b) Small Cities Grant proposal - Mr. Somerville noted that he will be bringing his proposal for purchase of a barge for the Shellfish Department for an oyster bed rebuilding project to the Board. On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to schedule this matter for discussion on next week's agenda. Chairman Ernst rejoined the Board.

The Board met with members of the Fire Department for a general orientation of the Department. Department members present included Lt. Silverman, Captain Ferreira, Captain Hight, Lt. Bienvenue and Lt. DeForest. Discussion included services provided to the community by the Department, Departmental priorities (water source development, building needs), proposed road brushing bylaw, the need for house numbers and road names and personnel matters with emphasis being placed on the need to increase the call force and select a new fire chief.

The Board reviewed correspondence as follows:

- anonymous letter regarding Provincetown's Shellfish Rules and Regulations - there was consensus that the Shellfish Constable draft a letter of response
- letter from Continental Cablevision alerting the Board to its new corporate name "MediaOne"
- letter of appreciation from the F.B.I. regarding the work of Sgt. Parker - the Police Chief noted that Sgt. Parker had received a copy of the letter
- draft letter to the Director of Marine Fisheries regarding Town management of the Herring River - there was consensus that the letter be prepared for signature of the full Board

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted unanimously to approve the business licenses of Wellfleet Marine Corp.; Aesop's Tables and Buenos Comida at Cielo.


The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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