

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2008
7:00PM
POLICE STATION**

Present: Selectmen – Suzanne McAuliffe, Jim Hoben, Bud Groskopf, Dr. William Marasco, Jerry Sullivan; Town Administrator – Robert C. Lawton Jr.

Public

Phil Morris – Updates the Board on upcoming school activities.

2008 Annual Town Meeting

a. CPC Articles –

Several CPC members are present to review the various proposed articles. Curt Sears explains the CPC articles for the Selectmen. (see attached summary of articles) The Board of Selectmen and the CPC discuss the various articles.

Mr. Groskopf – He asks several questions regarding appropriating \$38,000 for the historic preservation of the windmill located on 243 Old Main Street, South Yarmouth, since the windmill is on private property. Mr. Groskopf opposes the expenditure.

A discussion occurs about the article for preserving historic town records.

b. Planning Board

Several members of the Planning Board are present to review the various zoning articles. A discussion occurs between the BOS and the Planning Board pertaining to the potential zoning articles.

Dr. Marasco – He discusses creating a redevelopment plan for Rt. 28.

A discussion occurs between the Planning Board and the Selectmen with regards to the rezoning of the Mill Hill Club as well as changing the parking on the site. The Selectmen also discuss past zoning practices along Rt. 28 and how to fix the zoning problems that exist in that area.

Terry Sylvia – Discusses the remaining potential zoning articles. (see attached matrix)

A discussion occurs between the Planning Board and the BOS with regards to South Shore Dr. zoning article. The BOS ask several questions about building height, and the natural grade of the area.

c. RASWAC – Ballot Question

The RASWAC Committee explains the non-binding article on the 2008 ballot regarding mandatory curb-side pick-up of trash. The Selectmen ask what the price of curb-side pickup would be for the taxpayer and if the cost would be more expensive than a dump sticker.

Mr. Sullivan – He explains that the non-binding question is helpful to see if the taxpayers would be interested in trash-pickup, because the research that the RASWAC Committee will have to complete would be extensive and cost money.

The Selectmen discuss how to word the ballot question and direct the wording to be adjusted.

d. Recreation/Community Center Funding

Ms. McAuliffe – Explains that the Capital Budget Committee voted to not recommend funding for developing plans for the recreation center because the money was already parceled out for other projects in the fall of 2007. She also explains that the Capital Budget Committee believed that the community center would be a self funded project. She asks the Board if they would like to change their position on self funding the community center. In addition she also believes that regional options for a community center should be talked about.

Dr. Marasco – He does not believe that a regional approach would be the best plan because he believes that tax payers in town would not want to leave town to go to a recreation center.

Mr. Sullivan – He feels that a community center is important but this year may not be the right time with the upcoming financial problems.

Mr. Hoben – He believes that the type of community center the town needs should be discussed before the feasibility money is spent.

The Selectmen continue to discuss the fiscal requirements of building a community center.

Jim Carol, Chairman of the Recreation Committee – He discusses the purpose of a feasibility study for the community center. He also states that the Recreation Commission believes that the town needs a well rounded community center for all ages.

Appointments

a. Design Review Committee – Approval of New Charge

Karen Greene – Speaks about changing the name of the Design Review Advisory Board to the Design Review Committee as well as changes to include the Motel By-law and further zoning by-laws. Additionally, the charge would increase the Committee members from 3 to 5 and increase the terms from two years to three years. She discusses the changes in the charge.

The Board discusses the proposed changes in the Design Review Committee.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to approve the change in the charge of the Design Review Committee. Jim Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0** unanimous.

Selectmen

a. Minutes approval dtd 10-30-07 & 11-6-07

Mr. Hoben – Motions to approve the minutes. Seconded. **VOTE 4-0-1 (Jerry Sullivan abstained for 10-30-07 absent for meeting) and VOTE 5-0 unanimous for 11-6-07.**

Town Administrator

a. Old Cedar Lane

Mr. Lawton – He discusses the foreclosure of a property on Old Cedar Lane, he proposes that the BOS transfers the property to the Affordable Housing Trust.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to transfer the property to the Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0** unanimous.

b. Snow and Ice Deficit

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board of the snow and ice deficit is approximately \$33,000. He states that the Board needs to approve going into a deficit for snow and ice. Motioned. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0** unanimous.

c. Bidding

Mr. Lawton – He discusses bidding limits for construction. He asks if the Board would like to send a letter to the state expressing the town's concerns about the low dollar threshold.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to send the letter to the state. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0** unanimous.

d. Expansion of Regional School System

Mr. Lawton – He discusses a meeting that he had with the Town Manager of Barnstable and the Town Administrator in Harwich about expanding the regional school system. He also informs the Selectmen that the Harwich School Committee will be holding a meeting next week to discuss regionalization.

Selectmen Items

Dr. Marasco – He discusses the budgeting process for department. He speaks about the reduction of department's budgets. He speaks about the possibility of zero-based budgeting.

Mr. Groskopf – He informs the Board at 11:00a.m. on Thursday, February 7th, 2008 is "Tell it to Bud Time" at the Senior Center.

Adjourn

Ms. McAuliffe – Asks for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to adjourn. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0** unanimous. 9:41p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

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Donation made to DPW

**From Ned Mahoney of a Park Bench @ Parker River Beach in memory of
Barbara Mahoney \$650.00**

Donation made to The Fire Department

From OE ANON for use of Station II Meeting Room \$135.00

APPROVED: February 5, 2008