

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 20, 2008**

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

**Public:**

**Swearing in of Deputy Chief Frank Fredrickson**

Chief Almonte – He introduces Frank Fredrickson as the new Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department.

Mrs. Jane Hibbert Town Clerk – She swears in Frank Fredrickson as the Deputy Chief of the Yarmouth Police Department.

Deputy Chief Fredrickson – He introduces his family, and thanks retired Chief Carnes as well as Chief Almonte.

**Cape Cod Baseball League All Stars vs. U.S. Military “Red, White and Blue” Tour Team**

Nadine Mayo – She states that she is here to invite the Selectmen and Yarmouth residents to attend a baseball game on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the D-Y High School field. She says that it is a game between the Cape Cod Baseball League and the U.S. Military Tour Team which is made up of military personnel.

Ms. McAuliffe – She thanks Ms. Mayo and says that the Board will make sure that this information is posted on the town calendar.

**Public Citizen Comment:**

Peter Kenney – He speaks about the draft of the Regional Policy Plan for the Cape Cod Commission and his concerns about the Commission mitigation plan.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that the Board of Selectmen have a great representative to the Commission and the Board is on top of several potential issues with the Commission’s future plans. She also says that the Board has the right to put the question of opting out of the Commission on the next election and not 18 months from now. She thanks Mr. Kenney for coming and says that the Board also wants to ensure that the Commission’s new plan is not to be an anti-economic machine.

**Selectmen’s Items:**

**Re-appointment - Cable Advisory Committee**

Mr. Hoben - He recommends Chuck Lockhart to the Cable Advisory Committee for a term to through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Ms. McAuliffe – Motions to approve the recommendation. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 4-0**

**Approval of Minutes 4-29-08**

Dr. Marasco – Motions to approve the minutes of 4-29-08. Mr. Hoben seconds.

**VOTE 4-0**

**Hearing License Transfers:**

**Transfer Annual All Alcoholic Restaurant Liquor License and Weekday and Sunday Entertainment Licenses from County Tavern Corp., Inc. dba Clancy's II, Daniel Keefe, Manager to Calamari, Inc. dba Divino's, Benjamin Surro, Manager**

Dr. Marasco – He reads the notice for the petitioner. He describes the building and the type of entertainment the petitioner is requesting.

Paul Covell Representative for the Petitioner – He informs the Board about the plans for the new property and the type of entertainment.

Daniel Keefe – He describes the new setting and the type of entertainment that they will offer. He says that the restaurant will be Italian. He says that their goal is not to change the type of service that Clancy's had in the building but instead to update the building.

Dr. Marasco – He asks if there members from the Board that have questions for the petitioner.

Mr. Hoben – He asks how long they plan to serve dinner until?

Mr. Keefe – He states that normally dinner will be served until 10:00pm., but pizzas in the tavern area will be served until 12:00pm.

Dr. Marasco – He ask the public if there is anyone from the public who would like to address the Board on this matter? No one comes forward. He recommends closing the hearing. **VOTE 4-0**. He says that the petitioner's reputation speaks for itself and there have never been any complaints at any of their establishments. He recommends approving the license as written with the entertainment for 1 piece.

Ms. McAuliffe – She moves the recommendation. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0**

**Transfer Annual All Alcoholic Inn Holders Liquor License and Weekday Entertainment License from Ruth A. Donaruma dba Red Rose Inn, Ruth A. Donaruma, Manager. To The Red Rose Inn, Inc., Catherine Cassanos, Manager.**

Dr. Marasco – He reads the notice for the Red Rose Inn.

A discussion occurs regarding the Red Rose Inn establishment and type of service.

Ms. Cassanos – She describes what they would like to do with the property and the idea to maintain the atmosphere of the current operation. She states that the Inn is year round and they do serve three meals a day seven days a week.

Dr. Marasco – He indicates to Ms. Cassanos that there needs to be a manager on site at all times and she needs to have a manager designee when she is off site.

Ms. Cassanos – She states that there will always be a manager who is TIPS certified on site even when she is not present. She also indicates that there is extra parking next door for overflow.

Dr. Marasco – He asks if any members of the Board have questions. He also asks if the public has any questions. No one speaks. He recommends closing the hearing. **VOTE 4-0** Hearing closed. He recommends the approval of the license.

Mr. Hoben – He moves the recommendation. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 4-0**

**Doyle’s new Manager Shelly Keller**

Dr. Marasco – He states that the manager is changing at the Doyle’s Restaurant. He says that it is a policy of the Board when a manager at an establishment changes to have the new manager familiarize themselves with the Board. He introduces Ms. Keller and Attorney Tardif.

Attorney Tardif – He introduces Ms. Keller and he says the current manager believes that it is time for a change because he would like to spend more time with other areas of the business. He describes Ms. Keller’s experience. He also states that the entire staff has been TIPS trained.

Dr. Marasco – He reiterates again that if she is not there, to make sure that there is always a manager on site. He says that the Board is here to help in whatever Doyle’s Restaurant needs.

**D-Y School Representations:**

**Discussion of Recertification of Assessment**

Ms. McAuliffe – She introduces Ms. Woodbury, several members of the Yarmouth School Committee as well as members of the Yarmouth Finance Committee. She says that the Board scheduled this meeting because of the failed override of the school budget at the last election. She says that the D-Y School Committee met on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 to discuss the revised school budget.

Ms. Woodbury – She states that the School Committee met and came up with a new assessment. She reviews the School Committee’s decision. She states that the assessment to Yarmouth is \$22,561,567.

Mr. Lawton – He indicates that the override number would be \$1,512,215.

Mr. Hoben – He discusses the amount of money that Dennis would get back if the assessment to the Town of Yarmouth did not include an override.

Mr. Morris – He says that although the Town of Dennis would get money back if there was no override, Dennis would have to absorb several cuts in services. He believes that although Dennis would get back money if there was no override in Yarmouth that the citizens of Dennis do not want that outcome because they approved the override.

Mr. Hoben – He states that the residents in Yarmouth are wondering why the school is going for another override because the override was voted down at the election on May 6<sup>th</sup>. He says that since the Town of Yarmouth would not be in this position if the Town of Dennis did not pass an override on the school’s budget.

Mr. Lawton – He describes the process for the approval of the School’s budget including a Special Town Meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Dr. Marasco – He states that he did not expect that the School would come back with almost the exact same number when the override was voted down at the polls. He also says that it is up to the school to determine their budgets but during tight financial times the citizens should also be thought of because

every family is on a tight budget. He says that if the override passes, huge cuts would have to be made on the town's side of the budget.

Ms. McAuliffe – She believes that it is a wise move to quickly decide the school budget. She also brings up the transfers and the amount the school has in their reserve funds. She believes that it is a wise idea to fund the schools this year without a district meeting because the town will be looking for an operational override in the near future.

The discussion continues with regards to children leaving the district because of school choice.

Phil Morris – He says that a district meeting allows for the budget to go up or down. He also speaks about the impact of no override to both towns. He also talks about growing special education costs.

Dr. Marasco – He speaks about separating out the cost of items in order for the voters to decide what they want to pay for.

Phil Morris – He says that separating out the budget could cause internal problems with the school and in-fighting with school staff. He also indicates that DOE would not accept the school budget in that piecemeal manner.

The discussion continues with regards to looking at different avenues to achieve more funding for schools.

Mr. Groskopf – He speaks about freezing of school employee salaries.

Mr. Morris – He states that they have not put a freeze on salaries because salaries are agreed upon in contract negotiations but the school has reduced rehiring for people who have left or have retired. He also speaks about the cost cutting avenues such as closing the John Simpkins School and consolidation.

The discussion continues with regards to changing healthcare benefits for school department employees to reduce costs. They also discuss the override and whether or not an override can sustain the school department in the future or if another override is necessary to keep school services the same.

### **Housing Update:**

Ms. McAuliffe – She introduces members from the Community Housing Committee as well as Karen Greene the Community Development Director. She informs the Board that she has made Jim Hoben the point man for the Board for housing issues because of his extensive background in housing. She says that she is looking for an update from the Community Housing Committee on where Yarmouth stands today with affordable housing.

Mr. Aarons – He reviews the Community Housing Committee's progress with regards to affordable housing including the buy-down program, motel by-law, accessory apartment by-law and other incentive programs. He reviews census numbers including family size, and income levels. He states that one of the problems is trying to retain the middle age group. He says that younger citizens who grew up here cannot stay in the Town of Yarmouth.

Ms. McAuliffe – She says for the record Yarmouth will not put people out on the street.

Mr. Hoben – He speaks about motel owners converting motel rooms to housing. He speaks about the affordable housing summits the town has put on and the mechanisms that the town has put into place to keep the low income residents in the community by building affordable units.

Dr. Marasco – He speaks about the lack of good jobs in Yarmouth and creating an economic environment that has higher paying jobs. He also talks about lowering the tax rate for citizens. He says that this is the best affordable housing report that he has seen in years.

The discussion continues with regards to the conditions of the motel rooms that people are residing in.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that it is a myth that affordable housing is not available for people in need in Yarmouth, she also says that there are several programs available for people in need. She explains that the town is willing to work with all the housing groups along with the state to ensure that the residents in Yarmouth are in proper housing. She says that the Board is also willing to work with motel owners who have unsafe units.

### **Selectmen's Items:**

Mr. Groskopf – He speaks about funding the Regional Technical High School budget for Yarmouth by reducing the hours at the Transfer Station. He states that the Town is in a serious financial state and the citizens need to see what cuts will look like.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that Bud's idea is very reasonable and Mr. Lawton should look into a reduction of hours at the Transfer Station.

Dr. Marasco – He talks about the financial problems that the town is facing for the future. He also talks about Chief Almonte's plan for reduction of vehicles and also changing vehicle types. He also states that Chief Almonte has been in contact with the Cape Cod Light Compact to install energy efficient lights in the Police Department.

Mr. Lawton – He indicates that all the Department Heads have been put on notice to find cost saving measures.

Mr. Lawton – He speaks about a letter regarding Cape Cod Baseball League.

### **Town Administrator's Items:**

#### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Lawton – Explains the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Hoben – Motions to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 4-0**

Mr. Lawton – He reminds the Board that there will be a Memorial Day Parade on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 beginning at 10:00am.

#### **Adjourn**

Ms. McAuliffe – She asks for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

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CONSENT AGENDA**

**DPW Donation:**

**Gift of a Bench to be installed at Parker's River donated  
By Christine Putz in Memory of Anthony C. Putz**

**\$650.00**

**Donations to Police Department:**

**Training donations City of Somerville  
Town of Middleborough**

**\$135.00**

**\$405.00**

**Approval: VOTE 4-0 (Mr. Sullivan Absent)**

**DATE: May 20, 2008**