



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town Hall Hearing Room**  
**January 11, 2011**  
**Informational Meeting**

**Executive Session** – Collective Bargaining

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Selectmen Erik Tolley. Selectmen present: Suzanne McAuliffe, Bud Groskopf Tracy Post and Curt Sears. Also Attending: Acting Town Administrator Peter K. Johnson-Staub. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

**Public**

- *Chris Greeley spoke about the School Committee meetings she had been attending and more specifically the previous evening's meeting. She was concerned with the School committee spending only 2 hours reviewing the FY12 budget of over \$50 million dollars.*

**Sewer Construction Project** - Roundtable discussion with members of the Planning Board, Board of Health and Conservation Commission.

*Also in attendance: DPW Director George Allaire, Chamber of Commerce Director Bob DuBois, Director of Natural Resources Karl vonHone, CDM representative Dave Young, UMass Professor Brian Howes, Conservation Administrator Brad Hall, Director of Community Development Karen Greene, Town Planner Terry Sylvia, former Town Administrator Bob Lawton and Director of Health Bruce Murphy.*

*Presentation #1, by Director of Natural Resources Karl vonHone, will review environment and quality of life issues. Presentation #2, by Chamber of Commerce Director Bob Dubois, will review economic issues. Presentation #3, by DPW Director George Allaire, will review the construction proposal. Presentation #4, by Acting Town Administrator Peter K. Johnson-Staub, will review the financial costs.*

**Presentation #1: Environment and Quality of Life**

*Mr. vonHone reviewed, with the assistance of a PowerPoint Presentation, the many ways the ecosystems in Yarmouth have deteriorated in past years. Photos were displayed of fish kill and large amounts of algae.*

**Presentation #2: Economic Issues**

*Mr. Dubois reviewed, with the assistance of a PowerPoint Presentation, many types of erosions of choices that provide strong deciding factors for people in choosing Yarmouth over another community. Mr. Dubois reviewed the beginning history of Wastewater Planning in 2003 and how the plan has evolved since discussions first began. Mr. Dubois stated that he did not feel that the plan was ready for April Town Meeting.*

**Presentation #3: Construction**

*Mr. Allaire reviewed the charge and make-up of the Integrated Wastewater Planning Committee formed in 2003, and what types of systems could be viable in Yarmouth. A consultant was hired to assist the committee. Mr. Allaire reviewed, with assistance of a PowerPoint Presentation of the phases, the Adaptive management plan, and why the town should move forward now.*

**Presentation #4: Financial Costs**

Mr. Johnson-Staub reviewed, with the assistance of a PowerPoint Presentation, the costs of each phase, assuming that each installment is on a 20 year term at either a 0% or 2% rate. The Finance Proposal would include no betterments and have the taxes support the Capital construction while user fees cover the operating costs.

- Board of Health Chairman Brian Braginton-Smith summarized the Health Board's opinion ranging from very in favor to the other spectrum of very much against the project. The Board wanted the watersheds to be prioritized in the phase planning. Mr. William Snowden spoke against the plan and hoped that the Town could have looked into a more regional plan. Mr. Snowden asked if it would be mandatory for a property to hook up. Mr. David Young, from CDM, and Board of Health Director Bruce Murphy both stated that enforcement comes from Board of Health. Mr. Snowden encouraged the Board to table the project until a regional plan is in place and look into having zoning bylaws to protect property usages before the first plan is in place. Mr. Allaire gave a brief description as to the Town's efforts in regionalization of the sewerage plan. Ms. Hayes felt that the Town should address the sewer at a Special Town Meeting. Mr. Braginton-Smith
- Conservation Commission Chairman Dave Flaherty. The Commission was generally in favor of the project. Steve Durkin spoke about the Town being ready to present the plan at the Annual Town Meeting but had hesitation on how prepared the public is ready to vote in favor.
- Planning Board Chairman Tom Roche stated that there was concern with any allowed growth and flow for areas which the Planning Board is focused on redevelopment. Tom DiPersio stated that the biggest challenge is the growth and outreach plan.
- Mr. David Young stated that there will not be a Nitrogen loading increase in Parkers River.
- Doug Peabody spoke about Barnstable's involvement in a needs assessment and invited Yarmouth to be included in the discussions which he was appointment to be Yarmouth's representative. One of the main areas of exploration of options being looked into is the Lewis Bay region.
- The Selectmen spoke in favor of the project. Ms. Post asked how much growth has been calculated in the plan, which Mr. Young stated roughly 20% growth. Mr. Sears asked about Septage treatment and water usage. Mr. Dubois stated that he had concerns with how to sell the project to the voters and thinks that the Town needs more time. Mr. Allaire felt that the Town is not ready for the Annual Town Meeting to present the sewer project to the voters.

It was decided to hold another public discussion on wastewater, on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

A 5-Minute intermission was taken

The Meeting was turned over to Co-Appointment Chairman Sears

## **Board and Committee**

### 1. Review of Wastewater Implementation Committee Charge

*Postponed till meeting next week.*

### 2. Appointments

- Wastewater Implementation Committee [5 members, 1 Alt. Member]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint 9 members to the Wastewater Implementation Committee until January 31, 2012; Jack Hynes, Tom Dipersio, Bob DuBois, Joe Sarnosky, Doug Peabody, Hillard Bosky, Tom Durkin, Peter Kenney and Kathy Gigorio.

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe

**Seconded by:** Tracy Post

**Yea 5 Nay 0**

## **TA Selection**

### 1. Confirm Interview Dates & Times

Mr. Johnson-Staub informed the Board that it was Tom Groux's recommendation is to keep the interviews to January 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>.

2. Interview Questions

3. Conduct of Interview

Mr. Tolley announced that four finalists have been determined. Mr. Tolley reviewed the interview process which Mr. Groux recommended.

4. Contract Negotiation SubCommittee

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Suzanne McAuliffe and Erik Tolley as the negotiating team for TA contract negotiating.

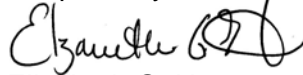
**Motion by:** Tracy Post                      **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf                      Yea 5    Nay 0

## Adjourn

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 10:03pm

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe                      **Seconded by:** Tracy Post                      Yea 5    Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove