



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town Hall Hearing Room**  
**Informational/Targeted Issue Meeting**  
**May 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. by Chairman 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**

1. *Town Clerk Jane Hibbert updated the Board on the new Vote Counting Machines and demonstrated how it works. Ms. Hibbert updated the rules on any organization supporting or not supporting any ballot question.*
2. *Housing Help Fair – Represented by Karen Greene and Mary Waygan. Ms. Greene updated the Board on staff efforts on how the Town is providing help to the residents within the motels as well as the property owners as they move towards compliance with the Court Order. Ms. Waygan updated the Board on the Housing Help Fair. 41 households and individuals attended. The Yarmouth Affordable Housing Trust has committed \$24,000 towards assistance with first and last month's rent for the effected residents. Ms. Waygan thanked the Moose Lodge and the Cape & Islands Regional Network to End Homelessness. An additional fair is scheduled to be held in late June.*
3. *Mr. Tom Sullivan spoke to the Board about options on how to split or lower taxes. He also asked if the Town received a letter from the Conservation Law Foundation if the Town is obligated to sewer within a certain amount of time. Mr. Johnson-Staub stated that no direct correspondence was received specifically naming the Town. Mr. Peter Kenney informed the Board that the Town would not specifically be sued; it would be the State and wind up in Federal Court.*
4. *Mr. Peter Kenney stated that the past six months, Cape Light Compact had an agreement with ConEdison to supply 9.6kw instead of 8.6. Mr. Kenney would like to know why the Town is being charged more for the last six months. He stated that in April NStar began charging the lowest commercial rates in the last 6 years and he wanted to know why the Compact agreed to a contract for 3 year term with ConEdison.*
5. *Mr. Brian Braginton-Smith spoke to the Board about a meeting he went to in Chatham regarding wastewater options with the Senator Dan Wolfe and Governor Patrick.*

## **Wastewater Financing & Special Town Meeting Timeline**

### **1. Wastewater Implementation Committee**

*Represented by Tom DiPersio, Peter Kenney and Brian Braginton-Smith. Mr. DiPersio updated the Board on several of the WIC's outreach meetings, most recent of which was the past Saturday at Fire Station #3, where roughly 20 people attended. The main concerns with the public regarding Wastewater are the financing aspect of the project. Mr. DiPersio stated that it was the recommendation from WIC that the Special Town meeting originally scheduled for June be delayed until mid-September since SRF would not be jeopardized. Mr. Kenney stated that the Committee needs the financial information to provide the public. Mr. Kenney also spoke about the Committee also needing more information on the proposed wind turbines or solar PV. Ms. McAuliffe apologized that the Board has not provided financial information yet. Mr. Groskopf asked when the drafts of the treatment plan will be ready for presentation. Mr. Young said that plans would be available within the next week or two. Mr. Young stated that the plans are being reviewed by the Cape Cod Commission and the final Single Environmental Impact Report will be filed within the next month. The DRI review will be done after that. Ms. Post had concerns with the Road map and identify the point person for this project. Ms. McAuliffe suggested charging the new Town Administrator with being the point person, taking the direction from the Board and getting the job accomplished. Ms. Post suggested revising the WIC's charge. Mr. Sears agreed with directing Mr. Hinchey to be the*

point person and encouraged the WIC to use Town staff as a resource. There was discussion between the Board on how WIC could present financial options. The Board agreed to direct WIC to craft the revised charge. Mr. Tolley asked if the plans for the treatment plans were similar to other communities. Mr. Young stated that the Town's is similar to other communities but condensed yet modular to allow growth. The height would not be higher than Zoning allows and the roof would be designed to sustain PV solar panels in case the Wind turbines are denied by the town as a power source for the plant. Mr. Sullivan asked if the Selectmen would be the Sewer Commissioners and reminded the Administration that a charter change might be required. He asked the location of the treatment plant. Mr. Young stated that the plant will be located in the current irrigation location and would not be disturbing any tree buffer around that site off of Buck Island Road. Mr. Sullivan gave the Board some background history on the contentious public meeting back in the 1970's regarding the treatment plant which was proposed in the same location. Mr. Kenney stated the he was confident in the siting of the plant. Mr. Al Gray spoke about his concerns with inflation and other costs and asked those be included in the total cost when presented to the residents. Mr. Gray spoke about lifting stations possibly placed in central locations rather than have each homeowner be in charge of maintenance. Mr. Gray informed the Board that the majority of people he had talked to were against the concept of betterments. Mr. Gray also asked about the percentage of atmospheric deposition which is out of the Town's control vs. what comes from septic systems.

## 2. Finance Committee

Represented by Phil Morris, Chairman of the Finance Committee. Mr. Morris informed the Board that the Finance Committee voted unanimously supporting the wastewater project and voted unanimously to recommend that the Selectmen not move forward with a June Special Town meeting. They feel that they are not ready to vote on the financing portion of the project. The Majority of the members have watched the majority of the meetings over the past year and reviewed the handouts which were given by Peter Johnson-Staub. Ms. Post asked what are the next steps for the Finance Committee to get their hands around the financing portion of the project. Mr. Morris stated that it is dependent upon when the Town Meeting will take place but mostly the process of examining the financial options will involve the Committee being active in the discussions with not only the Selectmen but the WIC. They are prepared to put the time in.

Ms. Donna Hill voiced concern with potential sources of nitrogen contributors which could have been left off of the DEP measurements who could assist in financial aid of the project. For example, the airport contributes a lot of toxins and PCBs. She was concerned with residents who's properties would not benefit from being hooked up to the sewer and yet still have to pay a fee. Those residents would have to pay for the fee along with maintaining their own Title 5 – a double whammy. She suggested placing betterments on the businesses.

Ms. McAuliffe asked if an opinion from Dave McCurdy was received regarding the SRF and if the Special Town meeting would need to take place before or after June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Johnson-Staub state that a definite answer had not been received yet. Mr. Young recommended the board set a date prior to September 12<sup>th</sup> so that there is time to generate the application before the October 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Board asked Mr. Johnson–Staub to request in writing to Mr. McCurdy if an extension may be granted to have a Special Town meeting and Election in the fall. Ms. Post asked for Residential Tax Exemption option to be looked at.

## Board & Committee

1. Appointments – Board of Registrar [1 member]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mr. Weisberger to the Board of Registrars till June 30, 2011.

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe

**Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf

**Yea 5    Nay 0**

## Selectmen Items

1. Old Business

- DY Facilitated Workshop

