

Minutes
Board of Selectmen's Meeting
July 29, 2008

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

Selectmen's Items:

a) Reappointments: Historic Commission

Mr. Hoben – He recommends one re-appointment, three appointments and one alternate to the Historical Commission.

Motioned. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Hoben – He reviews the purpose of the Old Kings Highway Committee, which currently has a seat open.

Cape Cod Commission – Paul Niedzwiecki, Review of Status

Ms. McAuliffe- She introduces Paul Niedzwiecki and Sharon Rooney from the Cape Cod Commission. She also introduces Renie Hamman as well as several Town of Yarmouth employees. She states that the Board would like an update from the Commission regarding their regional policy plan (RPP).

Mr. Niedzwiecki – He informs the Board that the regional policy plan must be updated every five years, he states that Sharon Rooney the Chief Planner for the Cape Cod Commission has taken over updating the RPP. He reviews the purpose of the RPP, including limited DRI review and mapping. He states that the updates on limited DRI and the threshold flexibility must go before the assembly before ratification. He says that the RPP and the DRI and threshold flexibility will go before the assembly in September. He reviews the open house comment periods that have occurred thus far.

Dr. Marasco – He asks for an update on the 10,000 sq. ft. threshold.

Mr. Niedzwiecki – He informs the board that thresholds are not set by the RPP, he states that the minimum performance standards are determined by the RPP. He says that in order to change the 10,000 sq. ft. threshold there are several items a town will need to accomplish. He reviews the possibility of threshold flexibility and economic centers.

Dr. Marasco – He asks about the new mitigation schedules.

Mr. Niedzwiecki – He says there will be an open house in August that will review new mitigation schedules and show hypothetical's of mitigation schedules for projects. He continues to discuss mitigation.

The discussion continues with regards to mitigation in economic centers. The Board and the Mr. Niedzwiecki also speak about the Blue Stone contract.

Ms. Green – She says the Planning Board met last week regarding mapping. She talks about the RPP supporting Yarmouth's local economy with tourism. She states that the Planning Board approves the map that goes into the RPP, but the BOS nominates areas to be eligible for increased thresholds. She agrees with Ms. McAuliffe that the BOS should have a workshop with the Planning Board regarding thresholds and the map to be submitted to the Commission.

Ms. Hamman – She speaks about the growth incentive zones and economic centers, she states that Yarmouth can do both. She states that the map does not have to reflect one or the other.

Ms. McAuliffe – She thanks Ms. Hamman for all her work with the Commission and for keeping the Town of Yarmouth involved. She also thanks Mr. Niedzwiecki for taking the time to come before the Board and explaining the hearing process and the RPP.

The discussion continues with regards to the regional policy plan; specifically wage standards, development practices, and mapping.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that Board will not be taking comments from the public at this time but the public will be able to comment at the next meeting that Commission is present in the fall.

District Meeting Discussion

Ms. McAuliffe – She reviews the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional District Meeting which took place on July 28th, 2008 at the High School. She states that the school budget was voted and the net effect is that the Town of Yarmouth is required to contribute \$1.5 million dollars more to the school's budget.

Dr. Marasco – He states that he rejects the fact that the Town of Yarmouth can get an override for the \$1.5 million.

Mr. Hoben – He states that the event was run in a very orderly manner with the moderator and the clerk's counting the ballots.

Mr. Groskopf – He speaks about the lack of senior participation because the meeting was at night. He believes that the vote should have been done at the polling places.

The discussion continues with regards to the district meeting disenfranchising citizens.

Mr. Sullivan – He believes that people had predetermined the way they were going to vote before the District Meeting.

Ms. McAuliffe – She says that the Board will have two more meetings to discuss the options open to the town as well as the time table.

Mr. Lawton – He says that the department heads have been working very hard on possible budget cuts for the past month now. He states that a 7% cut will be necessary to achieve the amount needed. He reviews the time table. He states that a final warrant will need to be finalized on Aug. 12th. He believes that there should be an override vote the day before the Special Town Meeting. He believes that the Special Town Meeting will be in September. He states that fees will be increased to compensate for the large reduction the town must endure. He explains that some departments have already made cut backs such as recreation and police department. He also states that fire station 3 will probably need to be closed depending on the severity of the cuts.

Dr. Marasco – He says that fees must be increased, such as surcharges of police and fire services for high users.

Mr. Groskopf – He recommends that the in-kind services the town gives to the school should be stopped.

Mr. Lawton - He speaks about prioritizing snow plowing, all the roads will get plowed but not at the same speed. He also discusses several options the unions are considering such as the possibility of furloughs and unpaid holidays.

Mr. Hoben – He states that he is reluctant to approve an override at this point in time and risk losing an override in the FY10 budget.

Mr. Lawton – He states that Jane Hibbert the Town Clerk would like to thank several people for their help at the District Meeting including Lt. Rooney and all the other police officers, Michael Ford the moderator, Fire Department, all the volunteers, the tellers, staff at the Clerk’s Office.

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the Board that the Mr. Lawton received a call from the Dennis Board of Selectmen this morning suggesting talks should begin with regards to de-regionalization. She feels that de-regionalization for k-8 should be discussed.

Mr. Hoben – He discusses political activity and fundraisers at the transfer station. He recommends having further discussions with regards to limiting the activity to outside of the gates. He also discusses the Affordable Housing Trust looking at a program to get people out of hotels and into full time rentals.

Mr. Sullivan – He says that he would like the Board to send a letter to Bob Canevazzi (Dennis Town Administrator) thanking him for all his hard work with the Town of Yarmouth over the years. The Board agrees.

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the Board that she has met with Dan Santos the new Chairman of the Airport Commission she states that his style is outreach and cooperation with communities. She states that Mr. Santos will be tackling the noise issues with the airport. She also says that Mr. Santos would like any suggestions that Attorney Koff has on the airport issues.

Selectmen’s Items:

b) Approval of minutes 7-1-08

Motioned. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0**

c) Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawton – He reviews the consent agenda.

Motioned. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Lawton – He reviews the voluntary program that Pam Barns organized with the insurance company Miia to save on insurance costs by employees attending safety seminars. He states that the saving amount to approximately \$29,000. He thanks Pam Barns for all her work.

Adjourn

Motioned. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50pm.

**Workshop Meeting
July 29th, 2008
Consent Agenda**

Authorization for Town Administrator to sign FCC letter regarding cable service.

Donations Division of Senior Services:

Cape Cod Civil Way Round Table (Facility rental)	\$100.00
Welden & Pricilla Crosby AA Meeting	\$ 25.00
Mary E. & Kathleen O'Connell – AL- Meeting	\$ 25.00
James R. O'Connor (2) checks Facility Rental	\$ 50.00

Date: July 29th, 2008

Voted: 5-0