

Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 9, 2008

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

Public:

Steve Edwards from South Yarmouth asks why a recall for Yarmouth School Committee Members cannot be done. Mr. Lawton informs him that Town Counsel has ruled that the legislation that was passed by the town concerning recalls does not include the School Committee and additional legislation would need to be passed to include School Committee members. Ms. McAuliffe says that the Board has not discussed whether or not to put an article on Town Meeting to change the legislation, but it could be considered in the future.

Mr. Edwards also asks about the de-regionalization logistics. Mr. Lawton explains the regional school agreement; he says if k-8 was de-regionalized there would be separate superintendents for Dennis and Yarmouth. Ms. McAuliffe informs Mr. Edwards that the Board is investigating all scenarios including de-regionalization. Mr. Lawton also explains the Police and Fire union contracts and options if the override does not pass. Ms. McAuliffe says that the override will maintain the budget that was approved at the annual town meeting.

Mr. Groskopf asks Mr. Lawton to explain why the election is held before the special town meeting. Mr. Lawton says that having the election on the primary day will save the town money; he also believes that citizens already know the issues, and finally the residents will know what they are voting on, either cuts or no cuts, when they go to town meeting because the election will take place the day before. Ms. McAuliffe she says that there will be two separate ballots one for the override and one for the primary so if anyone is using an absentee ballot to make sure that their ballots are returned in the correct envelopes.

Hearings:

1. Bass River Grille

a. Change in Premises – Cancelled

Mr. Lawton says that the only reason that the change of premises was on the hearing schedule is because the town advertised it, but the hearing was cancelled since there was no emergency preamble placed on the legislation allowing for alcohol on golf courses therefore no hearing could take place until November.

b. Sunday Opening 11:00AM

Mr. Lawton says that the 11:00am Sunday brunch is a standard authorization that the BOS have granted to each of their licensees including Bayberry Hills. He says that it was advertised and no notice of abutters was required. Motioned. Seconded. VOTE 5-0.

Discussion – Drop-off Area Hours – Statistics – Sunday Closing

Rob Angell the Transfer Station Superintendent is present to speak about Sunday hours. Ms. McAuliffe asks Mr. Angell what his recommendation would be to cut back hours and save money. Mr. Angell states that every day they are open the transfer station takes in more money than it costs to run the facility. He says that if Sunday is the most costly day for personnel but Sunday is the busiest day of the week and in FY08' they took in over \$141k and the premium wages and overtime for Sunday for FY08' was \$45k. He says in the bottom line closing on Sunday is going to cost a lot of money, but if they close during the week the commercial accounts will go to other facilities. He recommends that the Selectmen not change any of the hours at the transfer station.

Dr. Marasco states that the transfer station is a revenue center. Mr. Lawton says that other option would be to raise the sticker price by \$10. The Board agrees that raising the sticker fee is a better option than closing the facility on some days. Bud Groskopf says that he would like to have a senior discount on the sticker. The Board agrees to look into a senior discount at a future fee hearing.

Mr. Lawton also informs the Board that the D-Y Marching Band is all set to do their fundraiser in September and the Garden Club in October. The Board also talks about the restriction of political campaigning at the transfer station.

Discussion – Preparation for 9-17-08 Special Town Meeting

Ms. McAuliffe clarifies that the District Meeting did not result in new taxes (or a new override) but instead just transferred funds from the Town of Yarmouth accounts to the School Department accounts, but the upcoming override will result in new taxes to replace the money that was transferred to the School Department. Mr. Lawton says that there are two items in the article which will need to increase (energy and recreation offsets). The Board agrees to read the motion on the article for the special town meeting.

Reappointments & Appointments:

Recreation Commission:

Two (2) Reappointments

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Mr. Hoben says that he has interviewed several people for the Recreation Commission. He recommends two reappointments and two new appointments to the Commission. Motioned. Seconded. The Board discusses the appointments and Mr. Hoben states that no one was denied an appointment. Ms. McAuliffe says that she's happy to see some new faces on the Recreation Commission. VOTE 5-0.

Mr. Hoben also speaks about the Golf Commission and the possibility of appointing two alternate members to the Commission to help in the attendance lag with members who winter in Florida. Mr. Lawton says that Mr. Hoben should speak with Ms. Barnes to see if they can change the make up of the Commission without going to town meeting.

Selectmen's Items:

a. Possible meeting with Dr. Richard Salluzzo, President Cape Cod Healthcare

Ms. McAuliffe informs the Board that Dr. Richard Salluzzo would like to schedule a meeting with the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. Mr. Sullivan says that he would like to hold a public meeting in the dining hall at the hospital. Mr. Groskopf says that Dr. Salluzzo should come to Town Hall so that the meeting could be televised. The Board agrees to ask for two meetings one at the hospital and then another informational meeting at Town Hall to be televised.

b. Continue discussion Residential Exemption

Ms. McAuliffe says that the Board is considering a residential exemption on property taxes. Dr. Marasco agrees with the idea of a residential exemption. Mr. Sullivan says that a residential exemption may not work in Yarmouth because the town does not have a large commercial base like in bigger cities. The Board continues to discuss the idea of residential exemption.

c. Items for County Commissioners in advance of their visit

Mr. Lawton says that the County Commissioners will be coming in to the Board at the end of September. Dr. Marasco would like to speak to the Commissioners about regionalization of services, and outsourcing Health Inspector services.

Mr. Lawton also says that Mr. Santos the new Airport Commissioner will come before the Board on September 23rd, 2008, and after than meeting there will be subsequent meetings with neighborhoods who are concerned about noise problems.

d. Approval of BOS Meeting Minutes for 7-29-08, 8-5-08, 8-12-08, & 8-26-08

Motioned and seconded to accept minutes. VOTE 5-0

e. Bud Groskopf – He speaks about the School Committee presentations on Channel 22. He says that you cannot hear the meeting because the sound system is not working.

f. Dr. Marasco – He speaks about the South Shore Drive by-law. Ms. McAuliffe says that the Planning Board is coming before the BOS on September 23rd. Dr. Marasco mentions that the review of the Bass River Grille is on going and there will be a final report in the near future and he speaks about the FY10 budget.

Ms. McAuliffe also speaks about the Mid Cape Cultural Council Grants. She says that there is detailed information on their website. She also reviews the upcoming Cape Cod Selectmen's Association meeting. Mr. Sullivan says that he would like to have a summer BBQ on the beach with the Finance Committee, Town of Yarmouth and Dennis Selectmen and also the School Committee. The Board agrees that finding some common ground would be a great idea.

Town Administrator's Items:

Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawton reviews the consent agenda. Mr. Sullivan motions, Mr. Hoben seconds to accept the consent agenda. VOTE 5-0

Mr. Lawton also says that there will be a press conference at town hall Thursday September 11th, 2008 at 11:30 in the hearing room with the UMass School of Marine Science and Technologies. He also talks about whether or not the Board would like to continue the practice of exempting Building Dept. fees from the school and other non-profit agencies. The Board decides to exempt Building Dept. fees on a case by case basis. He also asks for the Board to look at the first draft of the Simpkins RFP.

Adjourn

Motioned and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:43pm.

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Donations to the Recreation Department:

Sturgis Boat Works gift for Sailing Program	
6 Laser Upper Masts @ \$190.00 ea.	\$1,140.00
2 Laser Lower radial masts @ \$295.00	\$590.00
McGurrin gift for Youth Instructional Basketball League	\$250.00

Donations to the Department of Public Works:

1. Memorial Bench – South Middle Beach	
From Claudia Neithercut for Elaine D’Araujo	\$650.00
2. Memorial Bench – Seaview Beach	
From Lynn Cooper for Susan J. McNally	\$650.00
3. Memorial Bench – Seaview Beach	
From Peter Kilmartin for Fran & Hugh Kilmartin	\$650.00
4. Memorial Bench – Thatcher Town Park	
From Karen LeBlanc for Deanna K. Tumey	\$650.00
5. Memorial Bench – Seaview Beach	
From Rosemary McGuigan for Kathleen Shean	\$650.00
6. Memorial Bench – Parker River Beach	
From Megan Halio for William and Mary Quinn	\$650.00

Donations to the Police Department:

Training	
Town of Harwich	\$190.00
Town of Plymouth	\$875.00
Town of Sherborn	\$285.00
Town of Walpole	\$1,180.00

Golf Donation Statistics 2007-2008

Date: 9-9-08

Voted: _____