



**Board of Selectmen  
Regular Meeting  
January 7, 2014**

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Chairman Erik Tolley. Selectmen present: Tracy Post, Norm Holcomb, Jim Quirk and Michael Stone. Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Peter Johnson-Staub. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

**Public Announcements & Comments**

Ms. Vida Morris spoke about the override for roads the previous year and the proposed free cash grant line item. She also spoke about the Ezra Baker School roof issue and the solar projects. She requested that the Board stop the solar project and look at it again. Ms. Morris spoke asked about the status of the Castonguay bird collection.

Mr. Tom Sullivan spoke to the Board about snowplowing issues.

Mr. Bob Howard spoke to the Board about the discussion of golf fees being brought before the Board in a public hearing prior to September.

Ms. Barbara Howard spoke to Mr. Quirk regarding appointments, volunteers and the work that her husband Mr. Bob Howard was doing as the Yarmouth rep to the Airport Commission.

**Adopt an Island Recognitions**

Chairman Tolley read and handed out the Board of Selectmen Recognitions to the organizations and individuals that maintain the roadway islands through the Adopt-an-Island program.

**Public Hearing**

1. Recreation Fee Hearing – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Type of Fee	Existing Fee	Proposed Fee
Flax Pond Summer Program 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> grade resident	\$110	\$125
Flax Pond Summer Program 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> grade non-resident	\$140	\$155
Flax Pond Summer Program 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade resident	\$125	\$140
Flax Pond Summer Program 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> grade non-resident	\$155	\$170
Extended Care (\$/hour per week)	\$22	\$24
Instructional Sailing Lessons resident	\$100	\$115
Instructional Sailing Lessons non-resident	\$135	\$145
Racing Sailing Lessons resident	\$110	\$135
Racing Sailing Lessons non-resident	\$155	\$165

Legal ad was read by Chairman Tolley, request was represented by Parks, Recreation & Cemetery Director Pat Armstrong. Ms. Armstrong briefly described how the impacts on services, enrollment and staffing is requiring the recommended increase in fees to allow the operation hours to be extended from 8:30-3:30 to 8-4. Direct costs are being covered with the proposed fee structure. Flax Pond construction is approximately 60% complete and estimated to be finished before the summer camp begins. No public comments in favor or against the increase.

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing.

**Motion by:** Norm Holcomb      **Seconded by:** Jim Quirk      **Yea 5    Nay 0**

The board discussed the motion and if it closed the hearing entirely or if the motion allowed for public input towards a second reading. It was decided that the Board closed the hearing entirely, not allowing for further input from the public to be included in their decision.

Mr. Quirk withdrew his second on the motion.

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen withdraw the motion to close the public hearing.

**Motion by:** Norm Holcomb      **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley      Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen continue the hearing to the next meeting date.

**Motion by:** Norm Holcomb      **Seconded by:** Jim Quirk      Yea 5    Nay 0

## **Board & Committee Annual Updates**

### 1. Recreation Commission

*Represented by Rec Commission members Dorcas McGurrin, Deb Clark, Steve Sozanski and Josh Medeiros. Ms. McGurrin spoke to the Board about the 6A playground, flax pond construction, the sailing center. Mr. Quirk stated that he was in favor of having the 6A playground plans with the intended donated use. Mr. Holcomb stated he was amazed with the community outreach process that has been conducted with the plans for the 6A playground. He also stated that rec programs tie into economic development and should be considered when planning new projects. Mr. Stone spoke favorably of the work the Rec Commission and Department in continuing to provide top rated services. Ms. Post asked about the consultant's Master Plan that was done on Flax Pond, which Ms. McGurrin stated there is one more phase that needs to be completed from that report.*

### 2. Council on Aging

*Represented by President of the COA Michael Lavender and COA director Kathi Bailey. Ms. Bailey described the differences from her previous community she served compared to Yarmouth. She also spoke about the senior van, the SHINE program, insurance/Medicare services, possible appointments to a proposed Age Friendly Community Committee, a proposed social worker position, program/service tracking program that will be implemented, grant applications applied for, and other items related to the Board of Selectmen goals. The Board asked questions on the Age Friendly community assessment, which Ms. Bailey described the process and intended outcomes.*

### 3. Board of Health

*Represented by Board of Health members Tanya Daigneault, Hillard Boskey and Health Director Bruce Murphy. Ms. Daigneault spoke about programs the Board has focused on the previous year, and Board membership. Mr. Murphy spoke about interaction with the Senior Center and how the Board of Health can benefit with the proposed Social Worker. Ms. Post asked about the proposed planning board articles and how it will affect the Board of Health, any amendments to rules and regulations as well as motel/hotel issues. Mr. Murphy stated that the Motel Team has provided updates to the Board recently and because of the team's work there have been no issues this past year. Mr. Stone asked about the number of septic repairs and variances. Mr. Murphy stated that the number of septic variances varies depending on the request however the department dedicates a large amount of time on septic issues. Mr. Tolley requested to have more communication with the Board of Health.*

## **Board of Selectmen**

### 1. Board & Committee Items

- Community Housing Committee – Modify Membership Requirement in Charge

*Mr. Tolley stated that he spoke to the CHC Chairman. The purpose of this request is due the lack of membership. Mr. Holcomb asked what the difference was between the CHC and the Affordable Housing Trust. The Board spoke about the difference between the two.*

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen modify the membership requirement within the charge, as recommended by the Community Housing Committee.

**Motion by:** Tracy Post      **Seconded by:** Mike Stone      Yea 5    Nay 0

### 2. Review & Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant

*Mr. Hinchey reviewed the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. One petitioned Article has been submitted and accepted.*

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Motion by:** Mike Stone      **Seconded by:** Jim Quirk      Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

**Motion by:** Mike Stone                      **Seconded by:** Jim Quirk                      Yea 5    Nay 0

Ms. Post asked about a letter being sent to the School indicating the 2 ½ commitment. Mr. Hinchey stated that it was already sent to the Superintendent through email.

3. Individual Items

Ms. Stone wished everyone a happy new year. He also asked for an update on the Bridgewater State University. Mr. Stone also asked an update on the fee waivers, Taylor Bray Farm heat issue, and the St. Patrick's Parade route.

Mr. Holcomb asked about the brief on the ARC lawsuit. Mr. Quirk stated that everything has been filed but nothing has been assigned yet to a panel. Mr. Holcomb also asked about questions raised through emails on the County's 208 plan, overdue taxes and the analysis on the Waste management contract in relation to the comparison to the New Bedford Waste proposals.

Mr. Tolley updated the Board on conversations he has had with the Chairman of the Dennis Board of Selectmen and they both agreed that the regional Sub-Committee will be meeting next week.

**Town Administrator's Items**

1. Consent Agenda

- Acting Town Administrator Designation – Peter Johnson-Staub
- Donations

1. Fire Department

▪ Sea Notes	\$25.00
	<b>\$25.00</b>

2. Police Department

▪ Estate of Wilhelmina I Gomes	\$336.96
▪ Nova Southeastern University	\$300.00
	<b>\$636.96</b>

3. Libraries

▪ The Education Foundation for Dennis & Yarmouth	\$450.00
	<b>\$450.00</b>

4. Senior Services

▪ The Foot Nurse	\$417.00
▪ Cape Cod Men's Club	\$200.00
▪ Anonymous	\$10.00
▪ Med Equipment	\$5.00
▪ Low Relief Carvers for Tore Holmes	\$100.00
	<b>\$732.00</b>

5. DPW – Streetlights

▪ Barbara Gold	\$80.00
▪ Laurence MacArthur	\$80.00
▪ John Walsh	\$80.00
▪ Joyce Dane	\$160.00
▪ Fred Kaczor	\$80.00
	<b>\$480.00</b>

**Total Donations    \$2,323.96**

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the temporary acting designation for the duration of Mr. Hinchey's contract to Peter Johnson-Staub.

**Motion by:** Tracy Post                      **Seconded by:** Mike Stone                      Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the remaining portion of the Consent Agenda.

**Motion by:** Jim Quirk                      **Seconded by:** Mike Stone                      Yea 5    Nay 0

2. Updates

*Mr. Hinchey spoke about the brief flurry on New Years Eve day and will be sending a letter to the State express concern with the State's response to the event.*

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Chairman and Town Administrator to send a letter to the State asking for more local control regarding to public safety on ice and road conditions.


**Motion by:** Tracy Post                      **Seconded by:** Mike Stone                      Yea 5    Nay 0

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 10:12pm

**Motion by:** Tracy Post                      **Seconded by:** Jim Quirk                      Yea 5    Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove