

**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**March 24, 2009**

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

**Public:**

**St. Patrick's Day Parade Award**

John Fallon from the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee presents an award to the Board of Selectmen for winning the best decoration of the Bass River Bridge. Ms. McAuliffe thanks Jim Hoben for his help with decorating the bridge.

**Neil Donahue – Police Union Representative**

Reads a letter into record regarding the 4% budget reduction of the Police Department. The union believes the Police Department cannot sustain the 4% reduction.

**Licensing:**

**Blue Rock Club, 39 Todd Road, So. Yarmouth, Change of Manager – Diane Whitney Kingman**

Ken Smith the Operations Director of Red Jacket Resorts introduces Diane Kingman as the new manager of the Blue Rock Club. Mr. Smith explains the operations of the Blue Rock Club. Mr. Smith says there is a chain of custody if Ms. Kingman is not on the property.

**Center for Coastal Studies – Pat Hewes**

Ms. Hewes indicates that state funding has been reduced for the Cape Cod Bay program. Ms. Hewes reviews the program, she says that the Center of Coastal Studies is looking for donations from the public and the town. The Board agrees to post information on Channel 18 regarding the Center for Coastal Studies Cape Cod Bay program.

**Appointments:**

**Reappointment – RASWAC**

Mr. Hoben recommends one appointment for the RASWAC committee. Motioned. Seconded. VOTE 4-0.

**Resignations - Board of Health - Fire Advisory Committee**

Mr. Hoben reviews one resignation for the Board of Health and one for the Fire Advisory Committee. Motioned by Ms. McAuliffe to accept both resignations. Seconded. VOTE 4-0.

**DPW – Mark Bartlett, Norfolk Ram Storm Water Presentation**

Mr. Allaire DPW Director reviews the 319 Grant for a Water Infiltration System for Rt. 28. He says this is a Mass Highway Department project and not a project through the town. He reviews the benefits of the Water Infiltration System including the reduction of pollutants in the Bass River. Norfolk Ram Group representatives Mark Bartlett and John McAlister review stormwater pollution, the S.319 grant funded project, Yarmouth's stormwater improvements and options for improved stormwater management.

Dr. Marasco approves of the planning process to reduce stormwater damage. Mr. Allaire speaks about the continuing the rail trail. The Board discusses impervious paving.

## **ATM Article Review**

Mr. Lawton asks the Board to make recommendations on some of the town meeting articles tonight.

The Board recommends articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 (recommend from the floor), 8 (Mr. Lawton explains the assessment proposal from the Cape Cod Tech), 9 (Mr. Lawton reviews the Upper Cape Tech bill of prior of years), 10, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24. Article 25 (CPC money for the new church) is discussed, the Selectmen vote to not recommend article 25. The Board recommends article 26, 27 (recommend from the floor), 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 (hold), 34, 35-42 (hold), 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 (recommend from the floor), 51 (recommend from the floor). The recommendations are unanimous 4-0.

Ms. McAuliffe assigns the articles to Board members. Mr. Lawton reviews the public information sheet regarding the 4% reductions.

Mr. Lawton reviews the ballot questions with the Board. Ms. McAuliffe says next week the Board will discuss the possibility of overrides.

## **Selectmen's Items:**

### **Approval of BOS Workshop Minutes 2-10-09**

### **Approval of BOS Regular Minutes 2-24-09**

### **Approval of BOS Open Session Minutes 3-3-09 & 3-10-09**

### **Approval of BOS Executive Session Minutes 3-3-09 & 3-10-09 to be Held**

Mr. Groskopf motions to approve all the minutes and hold the executive session minutes for March 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0

### **Residential Exemption Discussion**

The Board discusses the possibility of a residential exemption on taxes. The Board decides to forgo the residential exemption and instead institute a "work-off" program for residents to reduce their property taxes. Mr. Lawton indicates that the "work-off" program would not have an age limit but based upon a resident's income. Ms. McAuliffe reiterates that the Board has chosen to not go through with the residential exemption.

### **D-Y School Budget**

Mr. Lawton reviews the D-Y School assessment.

## **Town Administrator's Items:**

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Lawton reviews the consent agenda. Mr. Groskopf motions to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0

### **Wind Farm**

Mr. Lawton discusses a Cape Cod Commission meeting regarding the wind farm.

### **Rt. 28 Redevelopment**

Mr. Lawton says that March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30-7:00pm at Town Hall, there will be a meeting regarding Rt. 28 redevelopment. He indicates that the public is welcome to attend and comment on the project.

### **MIIA Insurance**

Mr. Lawton informs the Board that Highway employees have attended a safety seminar and their attendance earned the town a credit on our insurance this year.

### **Bonding**

Mr. Lawton discusses saving money from refinancing town bonds. He indicates over an eight year period the town will save \$200,000+ by refinancing to lower rates.

**Selectmen Items:**

**Fire Station #2**

Dr. Marasco speaks about his concerns regarding the removal of the ambulance at Fire Station #2 in Yarmouth Port. Mr. Lawton says the Fire Chief is working with the bargaining unit to change the contract to allow the ambulance to be returned to Fire Station #2.

**Hotels/Motels**

The Board discusses the enforcement of state sanitary codes at the hotels/motels.

**Cape Wind**

Ms. McAuliffe reviews two letters the Board has sent the FAA and Cape Wind representatives regarding the Board's concerns with the Cape Wind Project.

**Adjourn**

Motioned. Second. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05pm.

**Consent Agenda**  
**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Donation to the General Fund	
Concerned Citizens of Yarmouth	\$ 6.01
Facility Rental Continuing Education for Licensed Plumbers & Gasfitters (IAPMO)	\$900.00
Donation to DPW:	
Memorial Bench for Estelle Petruccelli donated by Raymond Petruccelli & Family	\$650.00
Donations to the Police Dept. (Training Donation)	
Town of Acton	\$405.00
Boston University	\$240.00
Boston University	\$135.00
Town of Chatham	\$240.00
Town of Falmouth	<u>\$540.00</u>
	TOTAL: \$1,560.00
Donation to the Fire Dept. from Mrs. Moore	\$200.00
Donations to the Library Division	
The Rotary Club of Yarmouth	\$500.00
Bass River Neighborhood Association	\$250.00
Request from Cape & Islands Council, Inc. #224	
Boy Scouts of America, to waive portion of building permit cost.	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4,066.01</u></b>

DATE: 3-24-09

VOTED: 4-0