



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Yarmouth Police Station**  
**December 8, 2009**  
**Information/Specific Issues Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectmen Jim Hoben. Selectmen present: Jerry Sullivan, Bud Groskopf, Suzanne McAuliffe and Erik Tolley. Also Attending: Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton Jr. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

## **Public**

- *Charlie Kelliher spoke to the Board about an article on Wastewater Forum and Cluster Systems. Mr. Kelliher mentioned that Carol Woodbury last week forgot to talk about the union raises during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years when discussing the contracts. Mr. Kelliher also asked if the water bills could be estimated and only sent three times a year rather than quarterly to save money. Mr. Kelliher suggested that the Transfer Station be open 6 days a week to residential use but 7 days for commercial use. Mr. Kelliher also suggested that a recycling sticker be issued at half the price for those who only recycle.*

## **Selectmen Items**

### **1. Individual Items**

- *Mr. Sullivan reminded the public that the Volunteer Breakfast will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 8-9:30am at the Senior Center.*
- *Mr. Groskopf would like a tree at Studley Road looked at to be removed by the Electric Company since its tangled up in Electric wires.*
- *Ms. McAuliffe stopped by the Food Pantry and will be meeting with Hilda Davenport to assist her in finding adequate storage space. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that one of the local churches will be doing a food pantry as well.*
- *Ms. McAuliffe spoke about Cape Wind and electric rates.*

Chairman Jim Hoben turned the meeting over to Licensing Chair Jerry Sullivan.

## **Licensing**

### **1. Non-Renewal Hearing – Bass River Grille, 62 Highbank Road**

*Mr. Sullivan read the Hearing Notice and a letter from Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton Jr. to William Moran, dated November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Bass River Grille represented by William Moran. Also attending: Town Counsel Bruce Gilmore. Atty. Gilmore read Chapter 138 §12A "No license issued under Section 12 to conduct a restaurant shall be renewed unless and until the holder thereof shall satisfy the licensing Authority that he is in good faith operating a restaurant and such a restaurant is providing food." Atty. Gilmore briefed the Board on the food service agreement between the Town and the Bass River Grille which was expiring December 31, 2009. The Town is exercising it's right not to renew the agreement therefore the 2010 renewal of the Bass River Grille's Alcohol license would not be valid. Atty. Gilmore stated that the Board is obligated not to renew the alcohol license due to lack of premise for 2010. Mr. Sullivan recommends that the Board take the required action of not renewing the license. Ms. McAuliffe asked if a change in location had been applied for which Mr. Sullivan stated that no application for change in location has been filed to date.*

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve recommendation not to renew the 2010 All Alcohol License for the Bass River Grille at 62 Highbank Road, S. Yarmouth, MA.**

**Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe      Seconded by: Jim Hoben      Yea 5    Nay 0**

Licensing Chair Jerry Sullivan turned the meeting back to Chairman Jim Hoben.

## Budget Discussions – Finance Committee

*Represented by the Yarmouth Finance Committee members. Mr. Foran stated that the current FY11 deficit is approx. \$1M assuming that the DY assessment remains the same as FY10. All Town Departments were asked to reduce budgets by 4%. Mr. Foran reviewed options and stated that priorities need to be identified in terms of services. There will be two public meetings on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am, and February 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Senior Center. Mr. Hoben agreed that priorities need to be set to be more productive in stabilizing the budget. Ms. McAuliffe would support more targeted cuts rather than across the Board while maintaining Police and Fire Services. Mr. Lawton reviewed how the departments have implemented regionalized services and the local option taxes. Mr. Groskopf suggested that the Cape Cod Selectmen and Councilors Association should take the lead on having all 15 Cape Towns agree to the local option tax. Mr. Sullivan spoke in favor of the tax. He mentioned that the Town has been sacrificing for over 10 years now yet the service level has maintained therefore the public has not been aware of what cuts have been made. However he feels that this is the year which the hurt will be felt. Mr. Hoben said that over the years the public have noted in favor of overrides for Public Safety therefore he feels that is a priority however he sees that overrides are not the solution and would not pass at the polls. Ms. McAuliffe suggested that the Board take a position that evening on how much money can go to the Schools and then a letter be sent out to make the schools aware of what Yarmouth can afford. She also suggested consolidating the Library services. John Henderson briefed the board on how the School budget is calculated. Mr. Foran stated for the record that the Town of Yarmouth is in favor of education however there is a serious financial problem which needs to be faced by everyone. A mutual consensus was agreed that a letter needs to be sent out to both the school and the Town of Dennis what the Town of Yarmouth can afford for the Regional School.*

## Town Administrator Items

### 1. Consent Agenda

#### ▪ Donations

#### 1. Street Lights

|                            |                 |                 |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| ▪ Shelia & Lawrence Furrer | 11 Nauhaught Rd | \$80.00         |
| ▪ Glen Thierwechter        | 8 Burch Road    | \$80.00         |
| ▪ Mary Walsh               | 84 Pond Street  | \$80.00         |
| ▪ John Dalton              | 119 Run Pond Rd | \$80.00         |
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|                            |                 | <b>\$320.00</b> |

#### 2. Police Department

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| ▪ Stonehill College      |  | \$180.00        |
| ▪ Town of Fairhaven      |  | \$120.00        |
| ▪ University of Delaware |  | \$275.00        |
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|                          |  | <b>\$575.00</b> |

**Total \$895.00**

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

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe      **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley      Yea 5      Nay 0

### 2. Individual Items

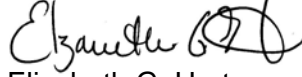
*Mr. Lawton informed the Board that the Health Director has received additional H1N1 vaccines and are now scheduling shots by appointment only on Saturday for high risk residents 18 years of older. Residents can call the Health Department at Town Hall to schedule an appointment.*

## Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 8:05pm.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan    Seconded by: Erik Tolley    Yea 5    Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove