



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town Hall Hearing Room**  
**December 7, 2010**  
**Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. by Selectmen Erik Tolley. Selectmen present: Suzanne McAuliffe, Bud Groskopf Tracy Post and Curt Sears. Also Attending: Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton, Jr. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

## **Joint Meeting with Dennis Selectmen**

### **1. Introductions**

*Dennis Selectmen present: Paul McCormick, Cheryl McMahon, Wayne Bergeron and Heidi Shaw.  
Also Attending: Town Administrator Rick White*

### **2. Updates on Cooperation Efforts**

#### **a. Police [Chief Almonte and Chief Whalen]**

*Both Chiefs updated the boards on the following cooperation efforts; Mutual Aid Program, Traffic Safety Details, Regional Emergency Shelter Program, Regional SWAT team, Crash Reconstruction Program, Narcotics Task Force, Mobile Command Post, Electronic Sign Boards, Promotional Process, DY High School Resource Officers, and other public safety areas. Mr. McCormick asked how patrol of Bass River is handled. Chief Whalen informed the boards that the two Towns split the coverage. Mr. Bergeron mentioned that there might be some benefit to a joint owned dredge so that the Town is not so dependent upon the County for that service.*

#### **b. Recreation [Pat Armstrong and Dustin Pineau]**

*Both Directors described the history of the combined efforts between the Towns; Lifeguard Baywatch Games, Softball leagues, Basketball leagues, Lacrosse clinics, Easter Egg Hunts, Halloween Celebration, Bass River Lighting Ceremony and Winter Celebration, youth baseball leagues, Women's Touch Football league and other community events/programs. Ms. Post asked about Summertime food program to provide open feeding sites for children in summer programs. Ms. Armstrong informed the Boards that a \$5,500 grant was awarded to get that program started at Flax Pond with the assistance of Barnstable County, and DYSD.*

### **3. Other areas of Mutual Interests**

#### **a. Wastewater**

*Mr. McCormick asked the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen what steps the Town took in order to get where they are in the Wastewater planning. Yarmouth DPW Director George Allaire gave a brief history on how Yarmouth became focused on the topic. Both Boards asked a series of questions to Mr. Allaire regarding the joint Bass River area, Barnstable County and State involvement and Financing of the Project which Mr. Allaire answered.*

#### **b. Citizens Emergency Response Team**

*Mr. Sears updated the Boards on different aspects of training and involvement, including manning the Regional Shelter, in collaboration of the Police and Fire Department.*

#### **c. Bass River Bridge Gateway Area**

*Mr. Lawton informed the Boards on the status of getting LED lights on the bridge through the Cape Light Compact.*

*Bob DuBois and Spyro Mitrokostas spoke about the cooperation between the Dennis and Yarmouth Chamber of Commerce. Ms. McAuliffe explained the Tourism Preservation Fund.*

#### **d. Proposed Bikeway**

*Mr. Allaire spoke about the progress on the Rail Trail extension. Total project is estimated to cost \$7M from grants.*

e. D-Y School Issues

*Mr. Tolley stated that the Town of Yarmouth was very appreciative of the support Dennis gave Yarmouth and that a Regional meeting did not occur. Ms. McMahon spoke about the Town of Dennis hiring a consultant to evaluate de-regionalizing K-8 and the report is due January 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. McAuliffe asked if Dennis is prepared with a negative decision from the State. Ms. McMahon stated that the Town is. Ms. McMahon felt that the School Committee is very dysfunctional, asked if the two Select boards could do anything, and mentioned that Dennis has been trying to encourage the School Committee in creating a Finance Committee. Mr. Bergeron elaborated on the reasoning behind a Joint School Finance Committee and asked that a joint letter be sent. Nicole Mueller from the Register informed that the School Committee did not take a vote the previous night on a School Committee Finance Committee. Ms. Post talked about the given perception the public is receiving when the School Committee is against a subcommittee looking at the School's finances. Ms. Post asked if there were any Town Meeting articles that should be put on in the spring?*

**MOTION: To move that the Dennis Board of Selectmen join with the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen in a letter requesting that the School Committee establish a Finance Committee to review the budget**  
*Wayne Bergeron stated that he would like the two Town Administrators agree to the structure and authority of the proposed Finance Committee.*

**Motion by: Cheryl McMahon**                                    **Seconded by: Wayne Bergeron**            **Yea 4**    **Nay 0**

**MOTION: To move that the Town of Yarmouth join with the Town of Dennis in a letter asking the School Committee, once again, and encourage them to look at a sub-Finance Committee to review the budget.**

**Motion by: Tracy Post**    **Seconded by: Curt Sears**                                    **Yea 5**    **Nay 0**

4. End of Joint Meeting

*Wayne Bergeron asked that the Town Administrators look into additional possible areas of inter-municipal cooperation.*

**MOTION: To move that the Dennis Board of Selectmen adjourn.**

**Motion by: Cheryl McMahon**                                    **Seconded by: Wayne Bergeron**            **Yea 4**    **Nay 0**

**Public**

- *Charles Kelleher spoke against joint wastewater committees, recent Board of Health waiver on a property right on Lewis Bay, employees smoking inside the Transfer Station building and spoke about oystering in Yarmouth. Mr. Kelleher asked if the Personnel Board meetings could be broadcasted.*

**Joint Meeting with Finance Committee**

1. Discussion on FY12 Budget

*Represented by Phil Morris, Carlene Veara and Norman Holcomb. Mr. Morris updated Board on the FY12 budget guidelines. Ms. McAuliffe thanked the Finance Committee on the commitment the members have towards preparing the budget. Ms. Post asked if the members rotate reviewing departments each year. Ms. Veara discussed the procedures on how members are assigned to reviewing a department's budget.*

**Flax Pond Update [Pat Armstrong]**

*Ms. Armstrong showed slides of the Flax Pond construction, discussed financial contributions and naming rights. The Board thanked Ms. Armstrong for all of her hard work towards accomplishing this project.*

*The Meeting was turned over to the Co-Appointment Chairs.*

**Board and Committee Appointments**

1. Conservation Commission [1 Regular Member]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mr. Johnson to the Conservation Commission, filling an unexpired term that will expire June 30, 2011.

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf **Yea 5 Nay 0**

2. Golf Enterprise Committee [1 Regular Member]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mr. Brazeau from an alternate to a full member, filling an unexpired term that will expire April, 2012.

**Motion by:** Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe **Yea 5 Nay 0**

The Meeting was turned by to Chairman Tolley

**Selectmen Items**

1. Individual Items

- Ms. McAuliffe reminded the Board of the Cape Cod Selectmen and Councilor's meeting that Friday. Ms. McAuliffe requested a letter be sent to the School Committee asking about funding of programs that had been cut but refunded by a Town meeting vote, either in Yarmouth or Dennis. There was discussion regarding equitable programing in the school system.
- Ms. Post spoke about her apprehensiveness of not hiring a search consultant to look outside of the department. Mr. Lawton discussed the process if the Board decided to look outside of the in house candidates. The Board decided to go along with the interviews scheduled for Thursday. Mr. Lawton informed the Board of the interview schedule and questions.
- Mr. Sears spoke about the Pearl Harbor Ceremony earlier that day. Mr. Sears asked that the LCP remain as #7 on the Goals and allow the Director of Community Development 6-12 more months to complete.

**Town Administrator's Items**

1. Consent Agenda

- Change of License – Old Yarmouth Inn, 223 Route 6A  
From Annual All Alcohol Innholders to Annual All Alcohol Restaurant
- Donations
  - 1. DPW – Streetlights
    - Gary and Mary Spurr \$80.00
    - Sarah Horne \$80.00
    - Ida and Thomas Fiala \$80.00
    - Peter DiPaolo \$80.00
    - Glenn and Deborah Eccles \$80.00

**Total \$400.00**

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

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Curt Sears **Yea 5 Nay 0**

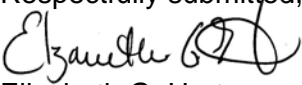
2. Items

Mr. Lawton informed the board that Building Commission Jim Brandolini has officially announced his retirement. Karen Greene sent the Board a memo updating on the LCP. The Board requested that she give a presentation at their next meeting.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 9:35pm

**Motion by:** Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Tracy Post **Yea 5 Nay 0**

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove