

**Minutes**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**April 14, 2009**

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

**Energy Committee: Annual Update**

Jack Howard from the Energy Committee reviews the town-wide energy survey. The results conclude that a majority of residents would like wind power at the transfer station. The Board discusses the Green Communities Act, which the state provides towns in Massachusetts with grants to help become “green”. The municipal wind bylaw is discussed.

**Hearing: Waterways Management Fee Department of Natural Resources**

Dr. Marasco recues himself. Ms. McAuliffe reads the advertisement for the waterways fee. Karl vonHone explains the reason for the new fee is to offset budget cuts from the previous year. Mr. vonHone reviews why the new fee will help the Department of Natural Resources. The Board discusses the pros and cons of the waterways fee. Maria Marasco resident on Bass River says that her dock is already assessed on her property taxes. Ms. Marasco continues to explain the cons of the waterways fees such as the fee applies to all dock owners even if they do not own a boat. Mr. Palmer resident, does not feel that the waterways fee is needed. Ms. McAuliffe indicates that this evening is the first reading of the proposed waterways fee and the vote will be taken at the next Board of Selectmen meeting.

**Cape Cod Commission Update**

Paul Niedzwiecki Executive Director of the Cape Cod Commission is present. He Niedzwiecki reviews the projects that the CC Commission worked on for Yarmouth last year including the Regional Policy Plan, SEMASS contract, GIS services, water educational programs for school children, town-wide traffic counts, Willow Street/Yarmouth Road traffic study, Cape Wind issues, and DRI mitigation. The Board discusses the future relationship of issues between the Commission and the Town of Yarmouth, including zoning on Rt. 28, redevelopment and mitigation. The Board discusses the Cape Cod Commission’s approach of conducting business as a regulatory agency vs. a planning agency. Mr. Niedzwiecki feels that the Commission is a partner with Yarmouth and he believes that Yarmouth threatening to pull out of the Commission is a distraction toward moving forward. The Board thanks Mr. Niedzwiecki for coming before the Board to explain the progress the Commission has made in the past year. Arthur Luke business owner in Yarmouth still believes that the Town of Yarmouth should pull out of the Commission. Mr. Luke says the Commission’s mitigation is restricting new businesses from coming to Yarmouth. Brian Bragington-Smith resident says that the new Commission under Mr. Niedzwiecki is orientated to allowing new businesses to Yarmouth. Mr. Bragington-Smith believes that the residents of Yarmouth should give the Commission more time to change. Mr. Niedzwiecki says that he would be more than happy to speak with Mr. Luke and other business owners who are looking to bring business to Yarmouth.

**Annual Town Meeting Preparation**

Mr. Lawton asks the Board if they are ok with the previously arranged town meeting article assignments. The Board is in agreement. Dr. Marasco asks if there is a need for a public

safety override since the D-Y school assessment has decreased. Mr. Lawton explains that the school assessment has only decreased slightly and the town is still short money based upon MA state budget numbers and the probable reduction in local receipts. The Board continues to discuss whether or not to recommend the public safety override, Ms. McAuliffe and Mr. Hoben believe that the school will not reduce their assessment further and therefore an override is necessary. Chris Reid President of Firefighters Union asks the Board for their support in approving the override. The Board holds off on recommending the override.

**Appointments:**

**Resignation (1) Board of Health Member**

Mr. Hoben regretfully accepts one resignation from the Board of Health. Mr. Hoben says that he has interviewed a few people of the Board of Health position and he hopes to appoint someone soon.

**Board of Registrars (1) Re-Appointment**

Mr. Hoben recommends reappointing one member to the Board of Registrars. Dr. Marasco motions to approve the reappointment. Ms. McAuliffe seconds VOTE 4-0.

**Town Administrator's Items:**

Mr. Lawton reminds the Board about the annual Yarmouth Clean-up Day sponsored by Mr. Stan Kaczynski. The Board discusses the Memorial Day parade.

**Selectmen Items:**

Mr. Groskopf announces the upcoming "Tell it to Bud Time's". The Board discusses the Board of Health regulations on hotel/motels. Ms. McAuliffe reminds everyone that Town Meeting is Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 at the Mattacheese Middle School.

**Adjourn**

Motioned. Seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.