



Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Hearing Room
December 1, 2009
Regular 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

- Introduction – New Yarmouth Housing Authority Director
Represented by Ed Blackman. Mr. Blackman introduced and gave a brief background of Edward Roderick as the new Yarmouth Housing Authority Director. Mr. Roderick stated that he was pleased and excited to be the new Executive Director for the Housing Authority and looks forward to working for the citizens of the Town.
- *Carol Woodbury would like to thank Bruce Murphy for all the support he has given to the School Department. She also outlined to the Board recent budget cuts the D-Y Regional School District has experienced in the last year. Ms. McAuliffe asked which Unions had settled for 0% increases which Ms. Woodbury mentioned that it was with SEIU as well as the Secretaries and Assistants for only one year.*
- *Curt Sears updated the Board on the Yarmouth Food Pantry. Anyone interested in donating food can donate at the Recreation Department or Senior Center. Hilda Davenport can be reached at the Senior Center if anyone wants to volunteer. A permanent location still needs to be found in Town to continue the Food Pantry year round.*
- *Pat Armstrong announced that the Moose Lodge gave 180 free Thanksgiving dinners this year. Also, she announced that the Moose Lodge has donated another \$2,000 to the Recreation Department.*
- *Jerry Sullivan announced to the Board that Bob DuBois from the Chamber of Commerce has arranged the entire Volunteer Breakfast to be held this year. Mr. DuBois mentioned some of the donating businesses.*
- *Mr. Sullivan mentioned a Paul McBride Blood Drive occurring December 2nd from 1pm-6pm which there is space for walk-ins at the Red-Jacket Beach Hotel.*
- *Charlie Kelliher asked if there was a suit filed against the Town from the Caviler Motel. Mr. Lawton confirmed that a suit was filed against the Town. Mr. Kelliher mentioned to the Board that some Towns are offering special water and sewer rates for qualifying seniors and handed Mr. Lawton some information to assist him in looking into if Yarmouth could incorporate a similar program.*

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

Licensing

1. New Fortune Tellers License – Various Locations

Represented by Heidi Daldren. Ms. Daldren verbally gave the Board her background, credentials and what services she is requesting to be licensed for.

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

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

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Fortune Teller's License.
Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

2. New Class I License – 527 Station Ave Mazda of Cape Cod
Represented by David Kaplan and Joe Shaker. Mr. Shaker informed the Board what his intentions are of placing a Mazda dealer in Yarmouth. Ms. McAuliffe asked if the premise is authorized to hold hazardous materials. Mr. Shaker notified Ms. McAuliffe that the premise is authorized and passed inspection. The Grand opening is scheduled for the 2010 Spring Season. Mr. Shaker also gave a brief history of his credentials of being an auto business owner. A member of the public asked if any Mazda vehicles are made in America and Mr. Shaker confirmed that the Mazda 6 is made in Flat Rock, AK.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the hearing.
Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen grant as requested.
Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley Yea 5 Nay 0

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

Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-Op 2nd Hearing

Represented by Maggie Downey. Mr. Lawton informed the board that both the Selectmen and the Finance Committee need to make recommendations prior to acceptance of joining the Co-op, per 2009 Annual Town Meeting vote. The Finance Committee has recommended the Co-op to proceed. Mr. Groskopf mentioned that net-metering has made headlines recently in the local papers and is thrilled that the price is being returned to the consumer. Steve Gavin, Chairman of the Energy Committee, mentioned to the Board that the Energy Committee unanimously voted in favor of the Town joining the Co-op. Ms. Downey informed the Board that 14 Towns have already joined the Co-op.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the hearing.
Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Town of Yarmouth become a member of the Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-Op and that the Board of Selectmen sign the appropriate documents.
Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

Budget Presentation – DPW

Represented by George Allaire. Additional material was provided to the Board to assist in the PowerPoint presentation. Mr. Allaire notified the Board that DPW has been level or reduced funded since 2000. He gave a brief history of the cumulative budget cuts to meet the budget requirements. Since FY09 DPW has been cut 12.35%. Mr. Allaire reviewed the personnel cuts and loss of seasonal help which have occurred in the last 9 years. He also went through each division in detail on cuts and staffing levels. Mr. Allaire reviewed the proposed budgets for FY11 which has been reduced by 4%. Ms. McAuliffe mentioned that essential services need to be discussed, prioritized and then given to Mr. Lawton to fulfill. She also mentioned that she was in full favor of raising the Transfer Station Sticker fees by \$5 to keep the Transfer Station open on Sundays and closed on Holidays. Ms. McAuliffe would like to hear the Stormwater Presentation again to possibly look into the revenue sources. Mr. Tolley also agreed that closing the Transfer Station on Sundays would be detrimental to the community in illegal dumping. Mr. Tolley asked if regionalizing the seasonal help could be look into or contracted out. Assistant DPW Director Jim Lefter informed the Board that he had already looked into that and there would not be any cost savings. Mr. Groskopf feels that the public is not aware of the financial state the Town is in since they are not seeing the services being either reduced or cut entirely. He strongly feels that the services need to be cut in order for the public to be made aware of the

circumstances the Town is facing. Rob Angell confirmed that closing the Transfer Station during the week would be a loss of revenue. Closing on Sundays would be the most logical since the residents use it rather than Commercial businesses. There was some discussion on the Compost service that is being proposed to be eliminated. Mr. Hoben believes that most residents would be willing to pay an additional \$5 a year to keep the Transfer Station open on Sundays and closed on Holidays.

Chairman Hoben turned the meeting over to the Appointments Chair Jerry Sullivan.

Board/Committees

1. Appointment – 1 member for T.O.Y. Liaison to State Ethics Commission

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve Mr. Lawton's appointment of Jane Hibbert as the Town of Yarmouth's liaison to the State Ethics Commission.

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

2. Re-Appointment – 1 member for CPC

Mr. Lawton informed the Board that this reappointment was just to inform the Board that the authority was with the Town Administrator and he had reappointed Jack Mulkeen to the CPC.

3. Resignation – 2 members from Agricultural Commission

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen accept the resignation of Tanya Daigneault and Martin Rivero from the Agricultural Commission.

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

4. Appointment – 1 member for the Board of Health

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Dr. Hillard Boskey as a member to the Board of Health.

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

Appointments Chair Sullivan returned the meeting to Chairman Hoben

Selectmen Items

1. Alarm Fee – 2nd Reading, adoption

Mr. Sullivan informed the Board that he met with the Police Chief and spoke about his reservations in this fee. He stated that he would neither vote in favor or against this fee. Mr. Lawton advised the Board that they have the option to vote all the fees or a portion of the proposed fees. Ms. McAuliffe suggested the fee to be treated like the ambulance fee and be charged when the service is required. There was additional discussion on the particulars on the proposed fees.

MOTION: To move that the Alarm Fee reads "False alarms will be charged \$75/alarm except the first two per year and allows for a suspension hearing for a Police Response to be held after the 7th false alarm."

Motion by: Jim Hoben **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf Yea 5 Nay 0

2. Individual Items

- Jerry Sullivan wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce and their members for the Volunteer Breakfast they are providing the Town's volunteers.
- Bud Groskopf announced that "Tell it to Bud Time" on December 2nd at 4:30 in the Yarmouth Port Library and then Thursday December 3rd at 11am in the Senior Center.
- Bud Groskopf wanted to compliment John Henderson's efforts on the school memo he sent out.
- Jim Hoben wanted to thank Bruce Murphy for all his work on the flu shot clinics.
- Erik Tolley wanted to know the status of the D-Y Facilities School Committee. Mr. Lawton did not know the status and will look into it.

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

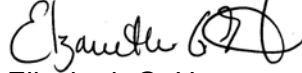
- *Mr. Lawton informed the Board that Chief Walker has received a SAFE Grant of \$2,392 for Children Fire Awareness education programs*
- *Ms. Armstrong was awarded both the National New England Regional Council Special Citation at the Annual Conference in Salt Lake City and the MA Recreation and Park Association Peter C. O'Brian Award.*
- *The next Board of Selectmen meeting will be at the Police Station due to the State Primary election.*

Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 8:53pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove