



Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Hearing Room
March 9, 2010
Informational/Targeted Issue Meeting

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

Public

1. Police Contract – signing

Represented by Chief Almonte, Deputy Chief Frederickson and Neal Donohue who updated the Board on the finalization of the Police Contract. The Board signed the contracts.

2. AmeriCorps Update

Represented by Sarah Freese and Amy Rienham who updated the Board on the current projects AmeriCorps is working on around the Cape and in Yarmouth.

3. Charlie Kelleher suggested:

- *Charging parking fees at the landings double for boats with trailers since they occupy two parking spaces. Mr. Kelleher*
- *Sending tax bills twice a year rather than quarterly*

4. Chris Greeley spoke about the school committee budget meeting and the Cape Cod Times review of the meeting. She expressed concerns over the school budget process.

5. Charyn Tietge announced that on Thursday at 7PM during Community in Conversation Pat Armstrong will be speaking about the future of Flax Pond.

6. Curt Sears updated the Board on the status of the Food Pantry. Mr. Sears also spoke about the capital budget process.

7. Bob DuBois spoke about concerns with raising the local option taxes and expanded on some topics he had talked about the night before at the informational meeting on the taxes. He suggested and urged the Board to invest a portion of the tax money towards tourism which is the focused source of the tax revenue. Jerry Sullivan and Bud Groskopf spoke about the meeting the night before.

Finance Committee – ATM 2010 Review

Represented by Robert Kaiser, Carlene Veara, Dorothy Voelker, Carol Serafino, Betty-Jane Burkhardt and Peter Slovak. Mr. Kaiser reviewed the challenges which the Committee faced in planning the upcoming budget and the challenges the Town is facing with the current budget.

Petitioned Article – Override Presentation

Represented by Carlene Veara who spoke on her petitioned article. Ms. Veara specified reasons as to why the requested funds are assigned to certain departments mainly due to public safety and critical needs. Ms. Veara met with 5 Department heads and reviewed their conversations with what safety restorations within the Departments would take place if the override was passed.

Update – Online Sale of Stickers

Mr. Lawton and Peter Johnson-Staub updated the Board on the progress of online sticker sales.

Finalize Warrant Article Recommendations

The Board and Mr. Lawton discussed the proposed articles, mainly budgeting money from the local option taxes to be set aside in the Tourism Preservation Fund and potential overrides.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend Articles 1 & 2, the Local Option Taxes.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf **Yea 4 Nay 1**

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen defer Article 3 to the Petitioner.

Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Jerry Sullivan Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend Article 5, the Operating Budget.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf Yea 4 Nay 0 Abstain 1

Jerry Sullivan explained to the Board that he was in favor of the budget however abstained from voting for it due to the process and sacrifices that was went through to make the Town's operating budget acceptable this year vs. what process the school went through. There was some discussion between the Board on the processes. Mr. Lawton reviewed the Capital Budget and the Board discussed if all capital items should be in separate articles or in one.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the Capital Budget, Article 6.

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

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the Water Department budget.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the Planning Board vision statement Article, 19.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend from the floor the Alms House and Red Rose Inn CPC Articles.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

There was discussion between the Selectmen on the proposed Article regarding removing a Board/Committee member which was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and it was decided to amend the language of the proposed article to add "for cause".

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the Removal of a Board/Committee member Article, as amended.

Motion by: Erik Tolley **Seconded by:** Bud Groskopf Yea 5 Nay 0

Ms. McAuliffe informed the Board that the proposed Chapter 70 Article was removed due to Sen. O'Leary's staff will research more intensely before the Article is brought before a Town Meeting. School Committee member Steven Edwards informed the Board that the School Administration did not take a raise this past year and the only budgeted raises are for the teacher's step increases. Ms. McAuliffe clarified that though the school committee has not budgeted for pay raises it doesn't mean that there won't be any raises since contracts have not been settled and the School Committee will have to find the money somewhere if raises are part of the approved teacher contract. Mr. Sullivan, as a voter, charged Mr. Edwards to go back to the School Committee and produce a revenue budget rather than a program budget. The Board instructed Mr. Lawton to look into shifting the 8th Grade to DY High School.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the articles 40 and 41.

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

Mr. Johnson-Staub elaborated on the debt exclusion articles.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen recommend the debt exclusion articles.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Jerry Sullivan Yea 5 Nay 0

Selectmen Items

1. Individual Items

- *Ms. McAuliffe reminded the Board on the Selectmen's breakfast and asked if the Board would like a presentation of the Airport plans. Chris Greely informed the Board on ongoing discussions with the Airport Commission and suggested that there is no urgency for an informative meeting with the BOS at this time.*

Town Administrator Items

1. Consent Agenda

▪ Donations

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| 1. Recreation Department – Sailing Program | |
| ▪ John Hamilton – Cape Cod Knockabout Sailboat and trailer | \$6,500.00 |
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| 2. DPW – Street Light | |
| ▪ Helen Andreassian – Pole 912-5 | \$80.00 |
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| Total | \$6,580.00 |

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the consent agenda.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe

Seconded by: Jerry Sullivan

Yea 5 Nay 0

2. Other Items

- *Mr. Lawton informed the Board that there is no meeting next week and on the March 30th meeting the Board will finalize the ballot questions.*

Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 9:32pm.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe

Seconded by: Jerry Sullivan

Yea 5 Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove