



Board of Selectmen
Police Department Hearing Room
August 3, 2010
Informational/Targeted Issue Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.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.

Public

1. Regional Efforts Update – Chief Walker/Deputy Kelleher

Represented by Fire Chief Walker and Deputy Chief Kelleher. Deputy Chief Kelleher updated the Board on efforts to increase safety on the Fire Ground by sharing a dedicated safety engine company between the Town of Yarmouth, the Town of Barnstable and the Town of Dennis. This effort would guarantee meeting the required minimum amount of members to be at a fire ground. There will be a limited costs with this shared service but this would allow shortened response time.

Charlie Kelliher stated that the volume on the Selectmen recordings was very low. Mr. Kelliher wanted to thank Davenport for caring for three islands on Buck Island Road. Mr. Kelliher requested minutes from the Wastewater committee.

Peter Kenney requested the Selectmen to consider separating the taxing authority for the School District and would like to see a response within 90 days with or without the Town of Dennis. Ms. McAuliffe stated that the possibility of a Home Rule Petition to have the School District be its own tax authority is not probable. Having the School separate K-8 would have a better chance proceeding. There was a consensus by the Board of Selectmen to being the investigation how the schools could become their own taxing authority and if that means dissolving the District for K-8 then so be it.

Bob Howard spoke in favor of Bob Lawton, Peter Johnson-Staub and the Board of Selectmen for addressing his concerns with alcohol at the golf courses. He thought that he had mentioned both courses but the Town response only addressed Bass River. Mr. Howard commented on the Bass River Golf Course daily checklist but wondered why there wasn't one for Bayberry included the response. Mr. Howard spoke about his speed bump suggestion and hoped that the Board of Selectmen take the necessary steps to see that the speed bumps are placed where needed at the Golf Course. Mr. Howard expressed his concerns with the time of the regional Meeting and suggested having it between 9am – 4pm to allow senior citizens the option to attend. Mr. Tolley suggested that Mr. Howard bring that suggestion to the School Committee who has the decision of what time the Regional meeting will take place.

Update – Open Cape Internet Access Program [D. Gallagher]

Represented by Dan Gallagher. Mr. Gallagher updated and described to the Board the Open Cape program, with the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation. The project is scheduled to begin and completed by January 2013. Each of the Selectmen thanked Mr. Gallagher for all his volunteer efforts to get the funding and project underway.

Wastewater – Financing Discussion

Represented by Andrew Gottlieb, Executive Director Wastewater Collaborative and Paul Niedzwiecki, Director Cape Cod Commission. Mr. Gottlieb spoke to the Board about new services the county has to offer to the Town. He has been working closely with George Allaire regarding the Wastewater Management Plan. Mr. Gottlieb informed the Board that the Wastewater Collaborative was able to hire two consultants, who would be able to assist Yarmouth in the Planning/Engineering of the project as well as Wastewater financing strategies. Mr. Niedzwiecki spoke to the Board about

the opportunities the Cape Cod Commission can offer the Town. He also updated the Board on the Regional Wastewater Plan and how watersheds will be identified. Mr. Sears asked if the consultants would be willing to work in a public forum. Mr. Gottlieb stated that they would since it is of primary importance to educate the public. Mr. Tolley asked Mr. Lawton to arrange a schedule and agendas for at least 6 more Wastewater meetings during the Selectmen's normal meetings and before Annual Town Meeting so that information is published and made available for the public on a consistent basis. Ms. McAuliffe suggested that a larger forum be used possibly 3 times before Town Meeting.

Review of Special Town Meeting and Election

Mr. Lawton discussed with the Board an update on the School District Assessment, the formulas, how the Town is going to accommodate the costs and the schedule of a possible district meeting. Mr. Lawton reviewed a list of service reduction options which he will bringing a recommendation to the Board in the upcoming weeks. There was some discussion on cost benefits of taking K-8 out of the School District and possibly joining with Dennis to research those adjustments.

Mr. Lawton informed the Board that the Senate passed the Marina Bill and is now in front of the Governor's desk to be signed. The Senate also modified the election information regulations so that it can be in a different form that is less costly to the Town.

Adjourn

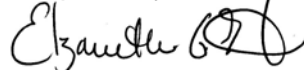
MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn at 9:28pm.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe

Seconded by: Tracy Post

Yea 5 Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove