

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORKSHOP MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2008
7:00 PM

Present: Selectmen – Suzanne McAuliffe, Jim Hoben, Bud Groskopf, Jerry Sullivan; Town Administrator – Robert C. Lawton Jr.

Public

Bart Guinee – He to the Board about flooding issue of Huntington Ave., he wanted to thank the town for making the effort to fix the problem. He mentions several town employees including George Allaire, Rick deMello, Bob Lawton for all their help in the project.

Liquor Hearing – Abbicci – 11:00AM Sunday Opening and Entertainment

Mr. Sullivan – He informs the Board that the liquor hearing is for Abbicci Restaurant. He reads the advertisement in the newspaper for Abbicci which states that the restaurant is looking for light entertainment as well as changing their hours of operation on Sunday to open at 11:00a.m. Marietta Hickey is present to represent Abbicci.

Ms. Hickey – She explains that Abbicci would like to change their hours on Sunday and add light entertainment to enhance their Sunday brunch.

Mr. Sullivan – Explains the comments from the Building Inspector and the Fire Department. He states that Abbicci is in good standing with both departments. He recommends the approval of the changes in the license.

Ms. McAuliffe – Moves the recommendation. Mr. Hoben seconds. The Motion is withdrawn for public comment. There are no comments.

Ms. McAuliffe – Moves the recommendation. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent).

Discussion Fire Department Grant

Fire Chief Sherman and Deputy Chief Kelleher are present to speak about the Fire Department Grant (SAFER) which gives funding to add fire fighters.

Deputy Chief Kelleher informs the Selectmen about the process he went through to apply for the grant. He indicates that the Fire Department was successful in passing the first screening procedure the grant.

Chief Sherman – He informs the Board about the additional firemen that are needed now that the new Station 3 is open. He discusses the requirements of the town to receive the grant including matching funds to hire new staff. He states that as a requirement to accept the grant the town is unable to lay-off firefighters for five years. He states that an initial second screening will take place before the grant is awarded.

Ms. McAuliffe – Asks the Board if there are any questions.

Mr. Hoben – He states that he appreciates that the Fire Department has been diligent in applying for grants. He asks if the town is obligated to hire a total of eight new fire fighters which the grant specifies or if the town could accept the grant and hire less than eight?

Chief Sherman – He informs Mr. Hoben that the town would indeed be required to hire a total of eight fire fighters because that's what the Fire Department asked for.

Discussion continues regarding the cost to the town in the future to hire the new fire fighters.

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board that Chief Sherman and Deputy Chief Kelleher put a lot of time into writing the grant but unfortunately it is unlikely that the town can accept the grant because of the weak financial state of the town.

Mr. Sullivan – He states that he is very impressed and thanks both the Chief and the Deputy Chief for their work and effort.

Mr. Sullivan motions to not approve the grant application. Mr. Hoben seconds.
VOTE 4-0 (Dr. Marasco absent)

Water Department Management Plan – Review

Dan Mills, George Allaire and the Water Department Consultant Dave Peeling are present to review the Water Department Management Plan.

Mr. Mills – Briefly discusses what the Water Department Management Plan entails.

Mr. Allaire – He states that the Water Department Management Plan is essentially a master plan for the next twenty years to ensure there is a secure water supply.

Mr. Peeling – He indicates to the Board that the Management Plan pertains to the entire water system in the Town. He then further discusses the Management Plan results in detail, including water quality, capacity for the future, and infrastructure.

A discussion occurs pertaining to the responsibility of the Water Department to either fix pipes leading into someone's house or to stop at the street curb.

Mr. Sullivan – He states that the town should hold a hearing to determine the responsibility of the Water Department.

After a brief discussion Ms. McAuliffe agrees to hold a hearing at a future BOS meeting with regards to the responsibility of the Water Department for fixing and installing water pipes. The discussion continues with regards to the pumping stations and the possibility of alternative energy sources to help run the stations.

Mr. Groskopf – He acknowledges all the departments and staff that have worked very hard with the consultants to put together this comprehensive report.

Mr. Lawton – He speaks about changing the rate structure to ensure that there is money for the new sewer system and for the water supply.

Direction for Community Center Plan Assignment of Responsibility

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board that Dr. Marasco asked to have a conversation regarding who would be responsible for the plans for the proposed community center idea. He states that there needs to be formal direction from the BOS to a group to create a plan for the community center.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that because Dr. Marasco specifically asked for the topic to be discussed that the Board wait for him to discuss who will be responsible.

Discussion:

A. Order of Town Meeting Articles

The Selectmen discuss the arrangement of the Town Meeting articles. The Selectmen decide to remove the article which appropriates \$80,000 for a feasibility study for a community center. Mr. Sullivan motions to remove the article. Ms. McAuliffe seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

A discussion occurs with regards to the article authorizing money for a feasibility study for the John Simpkins School. The Selectmen decide to wait to take a position on this article.

The Selectmen continue with a discussion on where to place the petition articles and the order of the articles. The discussion continues with what amount of money should be placed in the tourism preservation fund.

B. Order of Ballot Questions

Mr. Lawton – Discusses the proposed ballot questions. He indicates to the Board that the question relating to the John Simpkins School will be eliminated since the article is no longer on the warrant.

The Board discusses the order of the ballot questions.

Ms. McAuliffe – She asks to have the non-binding question regarding curbside pickup at the end of the ballot. The Selectmen agree.

The Selectmen agree on an order for the ballot questions. Mr. Lawton informs the Board that they will have one more chance to revise the order or take off any of the questions. The Board has a conversation with regards to recommending various warrant articles.

Appointments:

A. Board of Appeals reappointments

Mr. Hoben recommends the reappointments to the Board of Appeals. Ms. McAuliffe motions to recommend the reappointments. Mr. Sullivan seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

B. Design Review Committee reappointments

Mr. Hoben recommends the reappointments to the Design Review Committee. Mr. Groskopf motions to recommend the reappointments. Ms. McAuliffe seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

Ms. McAuliffe – Mentions that the Affordable Housing Committee would like to change their name to the Community Housing Committee.

Mr. Hoben – He states that the Committee would like to get rid of the stigma that is associated with the word “affordable.”

Mr. Sullivan - He motions to recommend the name change to be the Community Housing Committee subject to a review of how the committee was formed. Ms. McAuliffe seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

Minutes approval dtd 11-27-07

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to approve the minutes of 11-27-07, Mr. Sullivan seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawton – He explains what is on the consent agenda. Mr. Sullivan motions to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Dr. Marasco absent)

Town Administrator /Selectmen Items

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board that in their packets is information regarding potential crash cost recovery fees. He states that if the Selectmen approve, he will advertise a hearing to institute the new fees. The Selectmen agree that there should be a hearing on the new fees.

Mr. Lawton – He tells the Board that there are four candidates for the Police Chief position. He states that he would like to hold the interviews in the later part of March and both he and the Selectmen would be present. He indicates that the interviews are public but the public cannot participate.

Mr. Lawton – He also informs the Board that they have been asked to send a letter to the Federal Government asking for an extension to review/comment on the draft environmental impact statement on the Cape Wind project. The Board agrees to send the letter to the Federal Government to ask for an extension.

Mr. Sullivan – He updates the Board on the one day liquor licenses for Cape Cod Cultural Center.

Adjourn

Ms. McAuliffe – Asks for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to adjourn. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0** unanimous. 8:46p.m.

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CONSENT AGENDA

Donation made to the Division of Senior Services

1. The Garden Club – Appropriation of wages for Steve Gabrick Set-up room for event	\$ 26.88
2. Peter A. Galofaro – Thank you	100.00
3. M. Franklin-Plymouth- Thank you	25.00
4. Mary O’Connell (2checks) AL-NON	45.00
5. American Legion Post 197 Yarmouth Veterans Memorial Park	250.00
6. American Legion Post 197 Yarmouth Education Assistance	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$946.88

DATE: February 12, 2008

VOTES: 4-0 (Dr. Marasco absent)