

MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2008
7:00 PM

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

Public:

ISO Insurance Report: Chief Sherman

Chief Sherman – He explains to the Board that the Fire Department has achieved an upgrade in their public fire protection classification from the Insurance Services Office. He states that the ISO has upgraded the Fire Department from a class 4 to a class 3. Chief Sherman then discusses the reclassification and what the Fire Department did to achieve the upgrade such as, including more training, upgrading equipment and the addition of Station #3.

Mr. Lawton – He states that the Chief Sherman should be acknowledged for his excellent leadership which has helped greatly to achieve the upgrade.

Ms. McAuliffe – She explains that Yarmouth should be proud of all the work that the Fire Department has achieved in making the town safer.

Chief Sherman – He informs the Board that the dedication of the new Station #3 will be held on Sunday, April 6th, 2008 at 12:00pm.

AmeriCorps update: Caroline S. & Kristin M.

The AmeriCorps volunteers explain inform the Board about AmeriCorps programs on Cape Cod.

Caroline S. – She explains that there are 26 members on Cape Cod who are participating in AmeriCorps this year.

Kristin M. – She gives further information on the projects that AmeriCorps are currently concentrating on including various service projects. She explains that AmeriCorps have been greatly involved in projects within the Town of Yarmouth including visiting schools, water education festivals, beach beautification, working with DNR on clearing brush from the herring run.

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the AmeriCorps volunteers that Yarmouth is having a Pride Day and it might be something that they want to get involved in.

Karl vonHone – He come before the Board to thank all the AmeriCorps volunteers. He explains that without the volunteers DNR would not be able to achieve clearing trails and working on the herring runs. He also informs the Board that AmeriCorps has been very helpful on the entire Cape working on the rabies baiting projects.

Ms. McAuliffe – She thanks the AmeriCorps volunteers for all their hard work in Yarmouth and across the Cape.

Duffy Health Center: Elyse DeGroot

Elyse DeGroot – She tells the Board that she is the Director of Community Relations and Marketing for Duffy Health Center. She describes that the Duffy Health Center provides services to the homeless as well as those at risk to homelessness. She states that their new venture is to reach more individuals with their Duffy Mobile Health Clinic van. Ms. DeGroot says the van will be visiting Yarmouth regularly as well as other Cape towns. She invites the Board to take a tour of the new van at 10:00am on March 18th, 2008 at St. Pius Chapel. Charlotte Striebel will be doing the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Hearings:

Brush Hill Road Taking Hearing

Tim Myland one of the town engineers was present to provide information on and background for the road hearing.

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board that they are required to hold a road acquisition hearing before the Annual Town Meeting. He states that there is an article on the warrant for Town Meeting to acquire the road. He explains that this is the road that was constructed as part of the affordable housing development on Brush Hill Rd.

Mr. Myland – He describes where the road is and what is involved in the taking. He states that the road is up to current Planning Board standards.

Mr. Lawton – He also tells the Board that the town has informed all the abutters and that there will be no cost associated with this road to any of the abutters.

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the Board that her recommendation is to take the road.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to take the road. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Mr. Sullivan absent)

Recreational Resident Shellfish Fee Increase Proposal: Karl vonHone

Karl vonHone – He informs the Board that the DNR Department is looking for a fee increase for recreational resident shellfish permits to help further fund the shellfish propagation account by setting aside a portion of the revenue of the permits. He states that they have not had a fee increase since 2000. He says that he went to the Waterways Shellfish Advisory Committee with an increase proposal to change the fee from \$15.00 to \$20.00. He says that after a discussion with the public the Waterways Committee voted to increase the fee to \$25.00 with a senior discount for individuals over 75 to pay only \$15.00.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that any fee increase needs two hearings, this being the first for the shellfish license fee change. She says that second hearing will be on March 18, 2008 if anyone from the public would like to come and speak.

Mr. Groskopf – He asks if the senior age range could be lowered to 70.

Mr. vonHone – He states that 75 was the age that the Waterway Committee agreed too. He says that one of his concerns with the senior license age being lowered to 70 is that it may reduce the increased revenue that DNR is looking for.

Dr. Marasco – He says that the Shellfish fee is a bargain even at \$25.00.

Ms. McAuliffe – She asks if there is anyone from the audience that would like to speak.

Several members of the public speak about the senior age being reduced to 70.

Charlie Kelleher – He tells the Board that he believes that a shellfish permit should be \$35.00 for residents and \$20.00 for seniors and that half of all the funds should go to the propagation account. He says the return on selling shellfish is huge thus a larger increase in the fees is reasonable.

Ms. McAuliffe – She tells Mr. Kelleher that she appreciates his input and his effort in gather all this information.

Dr. Marasco – He states that the town should not raise fees just to raise fees since the tax payers are already burdened.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that she believes that the town is going to face very hard economic times in the future and she agrees with Mr. Kelleher that it is important to ensure that DNR has the resources it needs to continue doing a good job.

The discussion continues with regards the new fees.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that discussion will continue on March 18th, 2008 at the second hearing.

Entertainment License for Cranberry Moose, Inc. dba “Abbicci”

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the Board that the Town has received a new application for weekday entertainment license for Cranberry Moose Inc. doing business as Abbicci. The entertainment will consist of a singer and instruments without amplification. She asks Ms. Hickey to explain what she is looking for in terms of entertainment.

Ms. Hickey – She explains what types of entertainment and times she is requesting. She would like the hours to be 8:00pm to 11:00pm and the entertainment will most likely be a singer and a guitar player and no more than three people.

Ms. McAuliffe – She asks for input from the public. No one comes forward to speak. She closes the hearing. She recommends granting the license.

Mr. Groskopf – He motions to accept the license as requested. Mr. Hoben seconds.

Mr. Lawton – He indicates that the application currently asks for entertainment on Fri. and Sat. and he suggests that they approve Sat. and a “weekday” to allow for flexibility.

Mr. Groskopf – He changes his motion to a weekday entertainment license. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Mr. Sullivan absent)

Selectmen’s Items:

Reappointments –

**Town of Yarmouth Representative to the Cape Cod Commission: Mrs. Renie Hamman
Recycling and Solid Waste Advisory Committee (RASWAC): Andrea Adams**

Mr. Hoben – He recommends the above reappointments. Mr. Groskopf – He motions to approve the reappointments. Ms. McAuliffe seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Mr. Sullivan absent)

Ms. McAuliffe - She indicates that Ms. Hamman has fit in extremely well and has been excellent in representing Yarmouth's views on the Commission.

Selectmen's Information:

Dr. Marasco – He states that has had several citizens voicing concerns about the 48ft. height limit on the South Shore motel by-law.

Ms. McAuliffe – She informs the Board that there will be a meeting in the hearing room on March 12, 2008 at 6:00pm for the public to discuss the South Shore potential motel by-law.

Dr. Marasco – He also informs the Board that the Board of Health is concerned about the pro statement for the fluoride ballot question. He states that originally the Board of Health wrote the pro statement but there were subsequent changes to the original document therefore the BOH does not want their name associated with the current draft version.

Mr. Groskopf – He informs the Board that “Tell it to Bud Time” will be on Thursday, March 13th, 2008 at 1:00pm at the Senior Center.

Mr. Hoben – He would like to have several signs to inform the citizens for all the hearings that will be coming up before annual town meeting. He also states that he went to the Housing Summit last week and he said it was a wonderful event.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that she went to the wind farm meeting at Mattacheese on March 10th. She says that the final results revealed that the environmental impact statement needs more work before completion.

Town Administrator's Items:

Consent Agenda

Mr. Hoben – Motions to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Mr. Sullivan absent)

Mr. Lawton – He tells the Board of Selectmen that he is trying to get into contact with Tom George to moderate the public meeting with the Cape Cod Commission. He also informs the Board that at the next meeting they need to take positions on several of the remaining warrant articles. The Board also discusses the D-Y School budget.

Adjourn

Ms. McAuliffe – She asks for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Groskopf – He motions to adjourn. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0** (Mr. Sullivan absent)

Meeting adjourned at 8:31pm.

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Donations to Natural Resources:

IFAW from Anne & Anthony Ferrante for the Animal Control Division
\$ 35.00

IFAW from Lawrence Ltd for the Animal Control
Division
\$ 50.00

Donations to Division of Senior Services:

1. Ray & Fran O'Leary	\$30.00
2. Don Thompson	\$50.00
3. David & Martha Catten	\$25.00
4. Michael and Louise Cotto	100.00
5. Joyce Texeira	\$40.00
6. Patricia Morrice	\$20.00
7. Pamela Newman	\$25.00
8. Eugene & Marietta Fitzgerald	\$50.00
9. Chris Vadeboncour	\$ 5.00
10. Linda Devin	\$25.00
11. Mary Connell	\$20.00
12. Garden Club of Yarmouth	\$26.88

Date: March 11, 2008

Vote: 4-0 (Mr. Sullivan Absent)