



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Town Hall Hearing Room**  
**November 9, 2010**  
**Regular Meeting**

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

*A Moment of Silence was taken for retired Building Inspector Forest White, who passed away.*

## **Public**

- *AmVets Post #333 will be conducting a dedication ceremony at 11am on November 11<sup>th</sup> at Packet Landing.*
- *Charlie Kelleher asked a series of questions about water flushing schedule, what the water enterprise balance was as of today, if room deed restrictions placed on properties will be allowed to lift those restrictions when the sewers come in the vicinity and if it would be possible to do CORI checks on all town appointed volunteers. Mr. Kelleher stated that Channel 18 is continuing to have sound issues.*

## **Phase I and Phase II Sewer Implementation**

*Represented by David Young. Mr. Young with the assistance of a PowerPoint Presentation discussed the planning issues for Phases I and II. Mr. Young reviewed the needs assessment result stating that higher nitrogen level has been detected in drinking wells which septic systems are to blame. Estuaries have been dealing with Algae is blooming, loss of eelgrass, low oxygen and fish kills. 80-96% of the nitrogen needs to be removed and the only way to do that is a central sewer system. Mr. Young reviewed construction issues and factors. Mr. Kelleher asked what the plans are for the existing Septage treatment plant. Mr. Young stated that it will be tied in with the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. Kelleher requested that the Board of Health cease in granting waivers, asked about the water quality for Town wells and asked where the residential input was on these studies. Ms. Post asked if Mass Highway will assist in financing the paving the roads, when a wastewater summit will take place, and how many years out will this new project be sustainable. Mr. Young stated that it has a lifespan of about 20 years. Mr. Sears reminded the viewers that the main pipe going down Route 28 is for the entire system, not just for businesses along Route 28. Mr. Sears also stated that he has reached out to get residents for months to join the Wastewater Implementation Committee and no one has expressed any interest. Ms. McAuliffe agreed with Ms. Post that a wastewater summit would be beneficial possibly in January. Ms. Cathy Gregorio asked if residents would be required to have sewerage ejector pumps? Mr. Young stated that certain types are being recommended in certain areas. Ms. Gregorio expressed concerns with any type of ejector pumps from previous bad experiences with them. Mr. Groskopf expressed concerned with the fact that residents have not been active in the discussions and encouraged participation.*

## **Route 28 Improvement Plan Update**

*Represented by Laura Castelli from VHB. Ms. Castelli, with assistance from a PowerPoint presentation, reviewed study areas, project goals and understandings. Yarmouth's Route 28 section is travelled twice as much as any other area, and there are four times as many accidents. A balance must be met between the need for safety and efficiency which currently is not being met. Ms. Castelli recommended the Town improving Traffic signals at three different locations, incorporating bicycle lanes for the entire portion, and consider a center turn lane where best suited at Town Brook Road, Higgins Crowell/W. Yarmouth Road and Elton Road & Parkers River. Mr.*

Kelleher spoke against land taking along Route 28 and suggested grandfathering present lots, and updating the sidewalks rather than incorporating a bicycle lane. Mr. Rick Cannon expressed concerns with bringing the roads closer to the buildings along Route 28. Mr. Sears mentioned a letter from Dick Martin also expressing concerns with a third turn lane being used as a passing lane. Ms. Post asked if it was necessary to have three lanes from West Yarmouth to Higgins Crowell which is a ½ mile. Ms. Castelli stated there are other options which were looked at however this was the most suitable for the amount of traffic which currently occurs between those two points. Ms. Post hoped that there are steps in place to keep the businesses, who will be most impacted by these improvements, well informed and able to participate in the planning stages. Ms. McAuliffe commented on the safety issues on Station Ave however the improvements on Route 28 by Shaw's has worked and was and is a positive change which she would support. Mr. Bob Dubois informed the Board that the Chamber has been very active in the discussions and has spoken to Mr. Dick Martin as well. Mr. Dubois stated that traffic has been an issue for over 20 years so improvements is a necessity but needs to be organized and properly planned with community involvement. Ms. Greene stated that she was in favor of a pilot program with MassDOT.

## Wastewater Impacts on Growth

Represented by Cape Cod Commission Chief of Staff Patty Daley and DCD Director Karen Greene. With the assistance of a PowerPoint presentation Ms. Greene reviewed existing controls on growth, the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan and strategies for growth control to stay within the allowed parameters. Ms. Daley reviewed the State revolving loan fund and examples of tools to achieve flow neutrality for both residential and commercial properties. The Board spoke positively on the amount of information that had been brought before them this evening.

Chairman Groskopf turned the meeting over to the Co-Appointment Chairs.

## Board/Committee

1. Reappointments – Board of Health [2 Regular Members]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen reappoint Brian Bragington-Smith and Dr. Bosky to the Board of Health

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

2. Appointment

▪ Old Kings Highway Committee [1 Regular Builder]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Joe Sullivan as the Builder/Contractor to the Old Kings Highway Committee for a one year term

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

▪ Agricultural Commission [1 Regular Member]

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen not reappoint William Snowden to the Agricultural Commission

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

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen appoint Martin Rivera to the Agricultural Commission for a three year term

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

Mr. Groskopf asked what the status of the Wastewater Implementation Committee is. Mr. Sears informed the Board that he is still looking for residents to turn in their talent bank forms.

Ms. Post reminded the public that the Flax Pond Spaghetti Dinner will be tomorrow night at the Moose Lodge. Ms. Post informed the Board that the new Press box at the High School will be dedicated to Nicolas Xiarhos on November 27<sup>th</sup> and food donations are being requested to be brought to the dedication.

*Ms. Sears spoke about the Flax Pond Ground Breaking last week. Mr. Sears went to a Tourism Preservation Fund meeting and discussed some of the concerns the business community had at that meeting, primarily cleaning of beaches was top on their list. Mr. Groskopf felt that some of the funds should be directed towards reinstating lifeguards during the summer.*

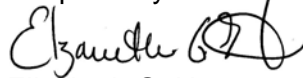
*Ms. McAuliffe listed off important Cape Cod Commission meetings coming up in the next few weeks; Davenport Redevelopment, John Simpkins, Cape Wind. There was discussion on a draft letter in support of the Davenport Project.*

## **Adjourn**

**MOTION:** To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting at 9:19 pm.

**Motion by:** Suzanne McAuliffe    **Seconded by:** Tracy Post    Yea 5    Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove