

**MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2008**

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

Public:

1. Swearing in newly elected Selectman

Mrs. Jane Hibbert the Town Clerk swears in newly elected Mr. Bud Groskopf to the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Dan Horgan as the new Town Moderator.

2. Reorganize Board of Selectmen

The Board discusses the positions of the Board Members for the next year. (See attached chart)

Dr. Marasco – He states that the Chairmanship should rotate.

Mr. Sullivan – He says that Ms. McAuliffe has been a wonderful Chairman, and she runs a great meeting as well as being an excellent representative for the town.

Mr. Hoben – He states that this year will be a very busy year with the possibility of an operational override and he would like to see someone as the Chairman that would be able to spend the amount of time needed to get things accomplished.

The discussion continues with regards to the Chairman position.

Mr. Hoben – He states that there should be continuity in the upcoming year so he supports Ms. McAuliffe for Chairman.

Mr. Sullivan suggests a roll call vote for the Chairman position.

Roll Call – Mr. Sullivan for Ms. McAuliffe, Mr. Hoben for Ms. McAuliffe, Mr. Groskopf abstains, Dr. Marasco for Ms. McAuliffe, Ms. McAuliffe for herself. **VOTE 4-0-1**

The Board discusses the remaining Selectmen's positions.

Mr. Hoben – He nominates Dr. Marasco for Licensing Chair. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Sullivan – He nominates Mr. Hoben for Vice Chair of the BOS. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Sullivan – Volunteers for the Clerk position. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Groskopf – He recommends that both Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Hoben share the Appointments Chairmanship.

Mr. Hoben – He suggests that he'll take the Appointments Chair and Mr. Sullivan can be the alternate. The Board agrees.

3. Ms. JoAnn Creel – Lyme disease Awareness

Ms. McAuliffe – She welcomes Ms. JoAnn Creel. She informs the Board that Ms. Creel will be discussing Lyme disease.

Ms. Creel – She discusses how Lyme disease has affected Cape Cod and how the disease has affected her life.

Ms. McAuliffe – She thanks Ms. Creel for coming in to make people aware of the issue. She states that possibly the Board of Health in Yarmouth can do some Lyme awareness.

Board of Health – Discussion Motel Licenses Classification of Policies

Ms. McAuliffe – Welcomes the Board of Health.

Ms. Helen Shah Chairman of the Board of Health – She introduces the members of the Board of Health.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that the BOH is before the Selectmen to give them an update on the motel license issue.

Ms. Shah – She reviews the progress that the BOH has made in trying to get Yarmouth motels licensed properly and ensuring that motels are not being used as permanent housing for people. She speaks about the four properties that have not complied to BOH regulations.

Mr. Hoben – He states that he appreciates the BOH's efforts in trying to get the motels to comply with regulations. He speaks about the source of the issue is that motels are being used for housing in structures that are supposed to be used for motels. He also discusses the growth incentive zone and how to rectify the problem of workforce housing.

Mr. Sullivan – He speaks about the legal side of the issue. He reviews an opinion from Town Counsel. He states that if the Board casts a blind eye to the problem and there was a catastrophic event the town could possibly be held liable because the properties are not properly licensed.

Dr. Marasco – He clarifies that his intent was to never have substandard housing in Yarmouth. He says that in order to achieve this goal the BOH must enforce the Yarmouth Code.

Ms. Hoben – He says that the hotels are not making an effort to change and are now beginning to draining town resources.

Ms. Shah – She says that the BOH must work in conjunction with the zoning officers to get the motels to comply with town regulations.

Mr. Groskopf – He says that the town has been cast as the bad guy but these motels have had several years to comply with regulations.

Ms. McAuliffe – She says that the BOS is solidly behind the Board of Health and the zoning enforcement officers to ensure that properties are held accountable to rules and regulations of the town. She also says that it is not the intent of the Board of Selectmen to throw people out on the street. She thanks the Board of Health for all their hard work with the motel issue.

Selectmen's Items:

1. Approval of Minutes 3-11-08, 3-18-08, 4-01-08 & 4-15-08

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to approve the minutes. Mr. Hoben seconds.

4-01-08 **VOTE 4-0-1** (Mr. Sullivan abstains he was not present at the meeting);

3-11-08, 3-18-08, 4-15-08: **VOTE 5-0.**

2. General Selectmen's Items

Mr. Hoben – He recognizes John Holbrook on the Agricultural Commission for his work clearing the land at the Senior Center for the community garden and asks that a letter be sent to Mr. Holbrook recognizing him.

Ms. McAuliffe – She congratulates Mr. Groskopf for a hard fought contest and re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

Dr. Marasco – He states that over the summer he would like to have workshops that focus on attracting businesses to the Town of Yarmouth.

Mr. Lawton – He discusses regionalization with other Cape communities.

Dr. Marasco – He also discusses energy conservation for town buildings.

Mr. Groskopf – He states that the general public is unaware of all the energy savings the town is doing. He suggests closing the dump on holidays to save energy and funds spent on personnel. He thinks that the town needs to alert the public that the town is in serious financial trouble.

Ms. McAuliffe – She mentions the school budget and the possibility of having another override with a special town meeting and election. She also discusses the Barnstable County Airport new terminal, and indicates that the new terminal may be in trouble because of funding sources coming from the state. In addition she also discusses the mitigation from the Cape Cod Commission.

Town Administrator's Items

Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawton – He explains the consent agenda. He speaks about the Woodside Cemetery requesting to put information on the Town's website.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 4-0-1** (Dr. Marasco abstains)

Mr. Lawton – He speaks to the Board about vehicle registrations and ensuring that the town is receiving the proper tax money from individuals who register their cars in Yarmouth. He also informs the Board about the Employee Appreciation week. He also speaks about the YPD 5K Road Race on May 18th, 2008 at 11:00am starting at the Skipper Restaurant.

Adjourn

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE** unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REGULAR MEETING
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CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Donations Yarmouth Police Department:

4-1 6-08 Training Donations Town of Nantucket	\$135.00
4-17-08 Training Donations Town of Sharon	\$135.00
4-25-08 Misc. Donation CPA	\$196.66

2. Woodside Cemetery Yarmouth Port

Request to include Woodside Cemetery of Yarmouth Port's website address in the Town Of Yarmouth's website. The issue is "Advertisement of a Private Entity".

3. Aarons Way "Placement of NO PARKING SIGNS"

4. Donations Yarmouth Fire Department

OE ANON Station II Meeting Room	\$25.00
Jack and Linda Darbyshire	\$100.00

Approval: 4-0-1 (Dr. Marasco abstained)

DATE: May 13, 2008