

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S**  
**WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 2008**

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

**Update - Intersection improvements Forest Road/Old Town House Road George Allaire, Director DPW**

Mr. Allaire – He thanks CVS for the planning funds for the intersection. He also states that the construction money will be coming from the County Transportation Improvement Plan between 2010 and 2011. He says that the town is currently in the planning phase. He introduces Ed Brown from MS Transportation Systems, and indicates that he will be reviewing where the project will be headed.

Mr. Brown – He reviews the project involving the intersection of Old Town House Road and Forest Road. He states that the objective was to improve safety and afford efficient traffic movement through the intersection. He discusses several options for improving the intersection with a traffic signal being the most efficient.

Mr. Sullivan – He asks about the acquisition of land.

Mr. Allaire – He states that there is no need for land acquisition at this time. There may temporary easements needed for grading purposes.

The discussion continues with regards to the intersection.

**Update - Energy Conservation efforts George Allaire, Director DPW**

Mr. Allaire – He thanks the Cape Light Compact and reviews the results of the energy audit. He also reviews all the energy updates. He gives credit to Bob Carlson and Dick Court for all their work in replacing the windows in Town Hall. He says that the installation of the solar panels on Town Hall will save approximately 5% of the Town Hall energy consumption. He also states that the town has received more funds to install additional solar panels on the roof of Town Hall. He continues to explain the remaining energy saving upgrades. He also updates the Cape Cod Rail Trail extension from Dennis to Yarmouth.

The discussion continues with regards to the bike path and the railroad.

Ms. McAuliffe – She thanks Mr. Allaire for the energy conservation efforts.

**Approval – “Housing Production Plan” Community Housing Committee**

Ladara Zola – She explains that she is a representative from Bailey Boyd & Associates working with the Community Housing Committee and the Yarmouth Affordable Housing Trust. She states that she is before the Board of Selectmen to review the Housing Production Plan. She reviews housing regulations in the State of Massachusetts.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that she found the report very interesting and the layout was really well done.

Ms. Zola – She states that this plan is to be used as a housing tool and can be updated as needed.

Karen Greene (Community Development Director) – She states that the Planning Board met and approved of the Housing Production Plan. She also speaks about inclusionary zoning.

The discussion continues with regards to the reducing population in Yarmouth.

Dr. Marasco – He says that the plan reinforces the town's goals for the future with regards to housing.

Mr. Groskopf – He states that he would like to see the town buy houses and turn the properties in to affordable units instead of building new homes.

Ms. Greene – She indicates that there needs to be a mix of new affordable housing in the community. She also states that there is a request for proposals to run the buy-down program for the town right now.

Mr. Lawton – He informs the Board that the Ready Renter program is also held up at the state level. He says that it's not for a lack of trying and that the Housing Trust is working on the situation.

Mr. Hoben motions and Mr. Sullivan seconds a vote to approve the Housing Production Plan.

**VOTE 5-0**

### **Special Town Meeting 6-24-08 Recommendations**

Mr. Lawton – He states that the Finance Committee met with the representatives from the School Committee and discussed the School budget. He indicates that the Finance Committee decided to recommend a lower school budget that would result in an only \$800,000 override. He informs the Board that on the 25<sup>th</sup> the election will reflect the approximately \$1.5 million dollar override and not the Finance Committee's recommendation. He says that the \$1.5 million override cannot be changed.

A discussion occurs between the Selectmen with regards to the Finance Committee's recommendation on the School budget. The discussion continues about how many cuts the town will have to endure if the school budget does not pass.

Dr. Marasco – He states that he is not in favor of new taxes but he would prefer to recommend deferring the override at Town Meeting to the School Committee because it is their budget.

Mr. Sullivan – He says that the only option he can support is to defer the article to the School Committee. He states that if the town is forced to go to a district meeting with the school the community will be in huge financial trouble and the relationship between the school and the town will be set back years. He says that it is not the job of the BOS to support a budget that will hurt the citizens.

Mr. Hoben – He says that businesses will not be attracted to Yarmouth if the town has a decimated school system. He says as a Board they show leadership and make a decision instead of deferring to the Finance Committee.

Ms. McAuliffe – She says that it is more reasonable to support the school override and leave the decision up to the voters. She also states that she hopes the school will be able to live within the override amount if it passes in order to support an override for the municipal side. She says that the Board needs to recommend or not recommend the school assessment.

Dr. Marasco – He states that the question is not whether or not the town supports the schools but is a question of spending and budget allocation.

Mr. Hoben – Motions to recommend the School Committee’s budget. Mr. Groskopf seconds.  
**VOTE 3-1-1** (Jerry Sullivan abstains, Dr. Marasco votes “no”)

### **Town Department Reductions to fund Technical School Budget**

Mr. Lawton – He states that the department reductions along with new growth certified by the state and with a refund from National Grid the town will be able to fund the Tech School’s budget.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to recommend the department reductions. Mr. Hoben seconds.

Dr. Marasco – He says the reductions are reasonable. **VOTE 5-0**

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to recommend the Cape Technical School budget. Mr. Hoben seconds.  
**VOTE 5-0**

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that both article 4 & 5 are petitioned articles from Mr. Harris Contos and he will explain both articles at Town Meeting.

Mr. Hoben – Motions to “recommend from the floor” article 4 &5. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Lawton – He reviews the consent agenda. He points out the defibrillator that the Dennis Chamber of Commerce donated to the town. He also reviews the transfer station reduction in hours.

Mr. Groskopf – Motions to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

### **Town Administrator’s Items**

Mr. Lawton – He mentions that the D-Y Band requested to hold a can drive at the Transfer Station. He states that this is the only group who is allowed to do a can drive at the Transfer Station. He asks if the BOS would like to continue with this activity. The Board agrees to allow the D-Y Band to hold a can drive. He also reviews the Fire Review Committee’s concept of a public safety department with combined dispatch. He informs the Board about the Relay for Life event at the D-Y High School. In addition he tells the Selectmen that Mr. Snowden would like a representative from the Board to attend a ceremonial tree planting. Mr. Hoben agrees to attend. He praises the department heads for their great spirit of cooperation and teamwork in looking at options for cutting budgets if the School override does not pass.

### **Selectmen Items**

Ms. McAuliffe – She reminds the Board about the IFAW building opening event. She says that the BOS will not meet on June 17<sup>th</sup> but will have a brief meeting before Town Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Marasco – He states that he would like a more in-depth analysis from the Assessor with regards to commercial valuations. He mentions the Skipper Restaurant’s achievement in winning the best chowder at the Newport, RI chowder festival.

Mr. Groskopf – He asks for a stop sign at Bayview Ave. and Park St. because hospital employees must cross Bayview Ave. to get to work.

