

Minutes
Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting
September 16, 2008
Yarmouth Police Station

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

Public

No comments

Hearings:

a) Classification Hearing FY '09 Tax Rate

b) Continue Discussion Residential Exemption

Classification Hearing on FY09' Tax Rate was postponed to the BOS meeting on September 23rd, 2008. Matt Zurowick says that the hearing is postponed because he does not have certified values from the Department of Revenue. Mr. Zurowick reviews what the classification hearing is for, he also reviews the idea of a residential exemption to relieve residents from taxes and place the burden on commercial businesses. He explains the residential exemption possibilities. The Board discusses the possibility of a residential exemption. Mr. Zurowick informs the Board that residential exemptions would not work in Yarmouth because there is not a large enough commercial base to accommodate a shift in taxes. Ms. McAuliffe informs the public that this decision will not be made today but needs further investigation.

Preparation for 9-17-08 Special Town Meeting

The Board discusses the Special Town Meeting, and Mr. Lawton informs the Board that the only article on the warrant is the town budget.

Reappointments & Appointments:

Golf Enterprise Committee:

Three (3) Reappointments

Two (2) Appointments

Mr. Hoben says that the Golf Enterprise Committee has approved the appointment of 2 alternates to the Committee. He believes that this change will help the Committee when regular members are absent. Mr. Hoben recommends three reappointments and 2 appointments to the Golf Enterprise Committee. Motioned. Seconded. **Vote 5-0**

Selectmen's Items:

Mr. Hoben updates the board on affordable housing current projects in the town including the Affordable Housing Trust Lottery. Dr. Marasco speaks about moving the marina project along quicker and also making non-conforming business conforming to allow them to grow. Ms. McAuliffe informs the public that Community Preservation Grant Applications are available now until November 3rd, 2008. She also speaks about golf fees and she says that September 30th will be the fee hearing for golf. Ms. McAuliffe says that with the state of the economy she believes that de-regionalization for the school is not an option right now.

Town Administrator's Items:

Consent Agenda

Mr. Lawton reviews the consent agenda. Motioned. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0** He also says Special Town Meeting is on September 17th, 2008 at 7:00pm at Mattacheese Middle School.

Adjourn

Ms. McAuliffe asks for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motioned. Seconded. Vote 5-0 Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20pm.

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CONSENT AGENDA**

Donations to the Yarmouth Fire Department:

Tree Work at the West Yarmouth Fire Station

By Mr. John Lavelle/Lavelle Tree Service

Donations to the Police Department:

Boston University \$285.00

Donations to the Senior Services Division:

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| 1. Platka Enterprises – Thank you | \$ 25.00 |
| 2. Paul L. & Carol K. Garcia – Thank you | \$ 25.00 |
| 3. Robert & Eleanor R. Murphy – Thank you | \$100.00 |
| 4. Welden & Pricilla Crosby – AA Mtg. Donation | \$ 25.00 |
| 5. Mary E & Kathleen O’Connell – AL ANON Mtg. | \$ 25.00 |
| 6. PEDI-CARE Services LLC | \$280.00 |
| 7. R. Peter & Charlotte A. Ellis | \$ 25.00 |
| 8. James R. O’Connor | \$ 25.00 |
| 9. Welden and Priscilla Crosby | \$ 25.00 |
| 10. Mary E. Kathleen O’Connell – AL ANON Mtg. | \$ 25.00 |

Date: October 3rd, 2008

Voted:5-0