



**Board of Selectmen**  
**Public Meeting Minutes**  
**July 21, 2015**

*The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Chairman Erik Tolley. Selectmen present: Norm Holcomb, Tracy Post, Jim Quirk, and Michael Stone. Also attending: Town Administrator, William Hinchey. The Board of Selectmen gave the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **1. Public Announcements and Comments**

*Carol Coverly, as spokesman for her neighborhood, discussed the petition she submitted to the Board requesting the Board's assistance with securing the Cavalier Motel property. Mr. Jack Hynes, now trustee and owner of the Cavalier property as of July 21, 2015, explained his plans to demolish 3 buildings and 2 pools. Additionally, he provided an overview of the building and renovation plans for the entire property. Further, he offered his telephone number to the residents adjacent to the Cavalier property should they have any questions or concerns regarding plans for the property and any safety issues they would like to have with him.*

*Vida Morris commented on the teacher/student incident at the Dennis-Yarmouth High School and asked the Board to take action on the lack of reporting of the incident to the School Committee. Additionally, she asked that the Board begin school budget discussions at an earlier date than in previous years.*

*Carol Coverly asked that the weeding around the Town of Yarmouth sign in front of Town Hall be done a few times a year.*

*Joyce Flynn provided an update on Cape Light Compact. Last Thursday was the last of the energy efficiency planning meetings. A preview of the 3-year energy efficiency plan will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, 4:30 p.m. at the Shepley Showcase, 75 Benjamin Franklin Way, Hyannis. Upcoming Cape Light Compact meetings in September, October, and November will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at the County Campus.*

## **2. Informal Hearing on Tavern 731**

Chairman Tolley informed the Board and audience that this informal hearing has been postponed until the August 4, 2015 Board of Selectmen meeting. The informal hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. and the owner of Tavern 731 will be in attendance.

## **3. Snow and Ice Update**

Mr. Rob Angell, Department of Public Works Director, and Mr. Rick Kelley, Highway Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint brief which included a history of how the town used to provide for snow and ice removal by way of contracted personnel and equipment. Mr. Kelley explained that since 2005, the Town has reduced use of contracted equipment and increased town employee-operated equipment, but those resources have been insufficient to offset contracted plows. He went on to describe the challenges to the Highway Division in terms of equipment,

experienced drivers, recruiting and retaining adequate contract equipment, and maintaining emergency services throughout a storm. Mr. Kelley then reviewed the goals of the Highway Division to improve road clearing times, increasing equipment to achieve quicker clearing of roads, and improve communication with the public on snow removal progress. He indicated that to meet these goals, the Town will have to contract with independent plow operators early and at a competitive rate. The cost of this added contract work will depend on weather but is likely to be \$50,000 or more in a typical year. The Board indicated its support of the plan and asked that they be provided another update in the fall which will include the progress made with contract personnel.

#### **4. Service Review - Education**

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Town Accountant, Rich Bienvenue, on the D-Y Schools. His presentation included student demographics and various school district arrangements among cities and towns in the Commonwealth. The data he compiled indicated that student enrollment has declined since 2010. Additionally, Mr. Bienvenue discussed and compared Yarmouth's assessment versus other comparably sized student populations. The Board discussed the various options available to them and the capital investment that will be needed in some of the schools. They asked Mr. Bienvenue to focus on the capital investment options and the potential to merge and/or close schools rather than spending capital on facilities that may not be needed in the long term.

#### **5. Board of Selectmen**

a. Board and Committee Actions. Chairman Tolley mentioned there is a committee item that is not included in the agenda but felt it was significant to add.

1) Appointments Chairman, Selectman Quirk, recommended Robert Lawton be appointed as the fifth and final member of the Town Administrator Selection Committee.

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the appointment of Robert Lawton to the Town Administrator Selection Committee as the fifth and final member.**

**Motion by:** Tracy Post                                      **Seconded by:** Norm Holcomb                                      Yea 5    Nay 0

b. Individual Items:

1) Chairman Tolley commented that he is concerned about the level of detail that some individual item discussions have risen to at past meetings and that to be in strict compliance with open meeting laws, he would like to see such detailed discussions added to the agendas for future meetings. The Board discussed the issue further; each Selectmen providing their views on individual items versus agenda items.

c. Approval of Minutes.

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Board of Selectmen regular meeting minutes of June 23, 2015.**

**Motion by:** Jim Quirk                                      **Seconded by:** Tracy Post                                      Yea 5    Nay 0

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve and hold the Board of Selectmen executive session meeting minutes of April 28, 2015.**

**Motion by:** Jim Quirk                                      **Seconded by:** Tracy Post                                      Yea 5    Nay 0

## 6. Town Administrator's Items

- a. Consent Agenda: None.
- b. Town Administrator Updates: None.

## 7. Adjourn

**MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion by: Tracy Post**

**Seconded by: Norm Holcomb**

**Yea 5    Nay 0**

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Dennehy

## **DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET**

- Letter to BOS from Carol Coverly dated July 13, 2015 re: Cavalier Property
- Memo to Deputy Chief Xiarhos from LT Patrick S. Carty dated June 19, 2015 re: Police Reports regarding Tavern 731
- Memo to BOS from Highway Superintendent undated re: Snow and Ice Plan and Policy
- PowerPoint Presentation from Town Accountant re: Service Review - Education
- Minutes for BOS Meeting of June 23, 2015
- Minutes for BOS Executive Session Meeting of April 28, 2015
- Memo to Town Administrator's Office from Sandi Clark dated July 14, 2015 re: Meeting change of time for Board of Appeals
- Board of Health Meeting Agenda for July 20, 2015