



Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Chairman Tracy Post. Selectmen present: Mike Stone, Erik Tolley, and Mark Forest. Also attending: Yarmouth Town Administrator Dan Knapik, and Assistant Town Administrator, Chris Dwelley.

1. Public Announcements & Comments

a. Yarmouth Fire Department Awards Presentation. Deputy Sawyer and Deputy Armstrong awarded Firefighter Adam Riker and Firefighter Curtis Babb the Certificate of Valor for saving a drowning victim at Gray's Beach on the night of August 20, 2017.

b. *Public Comments.* Firefighter Riker reported on the Homeless for the Holidays collection.

Vida Morris asked for more discussion on proposals like Vineyard Wind before a vote is taken. She also asked for an accounting of the money saved by using Peter Johnson-Staub as interim Town Administrator, and commented on the Town staff reorganization.

Susan Brita of West Yarmouth referenced her email regarding the Vineyard Wind proposal and expressed her concern over the proposed project and lack of public notification. She offered to provide contact information to the Board of Selectmen. Town Administrator Dan Knapik explained that the Vineyard Wind hearing was advertised in The Register two weeks prior and 525 abutter notices were mailed out to residents in a 300' radius from the proposed landing site of the cable.

2. Public Hearings

a. Golf Enterprise Fee Hearing (2nd Hearing). Ms. Post read the legal notice into the record. Director of Golf Operations Jim Armentrout and Ellen Chapman of the Golf Enterprise Committee presented the proposed fee schedule which included a 5% across-the-board increase. Mr. Armentrout reviewed the PowerPoint presentation. Fees have increased roughly 2-½% compounded over the past six years. The Golf Enterprise Fund is now fully funding its Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) which has resulted in a 300% increase in expenses.

Steve Krintzman of Yarmouth suggested reducing expenses instead of increasing fees and asked that the Board of Selectmen not continually "rubber stamp" fee increases. Mr. Tolley took exception to Mr. Krintzman's characterization of the Board. Mr. Armentrout outlined the staff cuts and other reductions that have been enacted. Town Administrator Dan Knapik advised that a multi-year turnaround plan is in development for the golf program in light of declining participation. The Board agreed that the current trajectory is unsustainable. Mr. Armentrout cautioned against continual cuts.

Finance Director Ed Senteio reviewed account balances and OPEB responsibilities. In FY19, the General Fund will have to supplement the Golf Enterprise Fund with roughly \$500,000-\$600,000, even with the proposed fee increases. The Board expressed frustration at not having been advised of the projected golf deficit earlier and concurred that the fee increases will not resolve the issue.

MOTION: To move that the resident golf fees remain unchanged, and other fee increases be implemented.

Motion by: Erik Tolley

Seconded by: Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

3. Yarmouth Police Department Accreditation Update

Police Chief Frank Fredrickson introduced Lieutenants Andrew O'Malley and Kevin Lennon, who offered a PowerPoint presentation on the process and benefits of accreditation, which has been a goal of the department for many years. There are 159 standards for certification that need to be met and maintained, requiring an ongoing commitment of 0-15 hours per week. The department is currently in the process of evaluating its level of compliance with the standards in preparation for MPAC evaluation in November. Eventually the department would like to create an additional position to assist in accreditation management.

Chief Frederickson explained the efficiencies the department will see as a result of reaching accreditation and asked for the Board's endorsement.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen support the Yarmouth Police Department accreditation process.

Motion by: Mike Stone

Seconded by: Erik Tolley

Yea 4 Nay 0

4. Board of Selectmen

a. Upcoming Agenda Review – no comments.

b. Individual Items. Ms. Post announced a celebration for the 2017 Division 5 D-Y Super Bowl team on December 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the D-Y gym.

5. Town Administrator's Items

a. Consent Agenda: Ms. Post asked to hold for discussion the Vineyard Wind letter.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of the Vineyard Wind letter.

Motion by: Erik Tolley

Seconded by: Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

Ms. Post read into the record a letter from Christine Greeley of Glenwood Street in opposition to the letter of support for the Vineyard Wind proposal. Mr. Knapik explained that this is a competitive procurement and obtaining support letters is very standard. The letter included in tonight's Consent Agenda simply acknowledges that the Town continues to dialog with the applicant. The Board asked that the letter be limited to acknowledging the ongoing dialog.

b. Town Administrator Updates

- 1) Water Resources Planning
- 2) Dennis - Yarmouth School Agreement
- 3) Mattacheese School Project
- 4) Drive-In Site Utilization Project
- 5) Cape Tech

6. Adjourn

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

Motion by: Erik Tolley

Seconded by: Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Dennehy

DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET

- 2018 Annual Golf Fees Legal Notice and PowerPoint Presentation
- 2017 BOS Upcoming Agenda Items Schedule
- Draft Letter to Vineyard Wind LLC from Town Administrator dated December 12, 2017 re: Continuing Negotiations
- 2018 Annual Alcohol Licensee Renewals for Board Approval
- Memo to BOS from Parks & Recreation dated December 6, 2017 re: Donations
- Letter to Town of Yarmouth from Old Yarmouth Inn dated November 22, 2017 re: Temporary Closing
- Letter to BOS from Compass Rose dated November 21, 2017 re: Winter Closing
- Board of Health Meeting Agenda for December 4, 2107
- Cape Cod Healthcare Blood Drive Flyer