



Board of Selectmen **Public Meeting Minutes** **November 20, 2018**

The regular meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Hearing Room by Chairman Holcomb. Selectmen present: Michael Stone, Tracy Post, Mark Forest. Also attending: Yarmouth Town Administrator Dan Knapik; Yarmouth Assistant Town Administrator, Chris Dwelley; and Director of Finance, Ed Senteio.

1. Public Announcements & Comments

Sharon Weimer, Precinct 7, reported that the Dennis Finance Committee has voted not to support the proposed new school.

Christine Greeley, Chair of Yarmouth Substance Awareness Committee, reported on the Committee's "Sticker Shock" program.

Tom Nickinello, Bass River, thanked the Board for its commitment and announced the Christmas Stroll on December 2nd.

Paul Griffin, Colonial Acres, commented on the funding mechanisms for the proposed new school, and recommended using a debt exclusion.

2. Dennis-Yarmouth School Information Meeting

Selectman Stone explained that the current agreement splits capital and operating costs based on student population, thus Yarmouth's payments on the bond could increase every year if Dennis's student population continues to decline.

Chairman Holcomb explained that this is the third information meeting on the proposed new school. The vote will be December 4, and absentee ballots are available. There will be two ballots, one for the school and one for funding by the debt exclusion.

Town Administrator Dan Knapik reviewed the presentation by Perkins-Eastman, the design and architecture firm retained for the project. He explained that although the original Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) was for Mattacheese only, the MSBA recommended a joint D-Y Grades 4-7 option. The School Committee concurred, and ultimately plans to renovate Mattacheese as a 6-7 school were abandoned. The proposed cost is \$116,978,831, and cannot go higher. If the ballot passes on December 4, MSBA will vote on December 12. Mr. Knapik reviewed in detail the MSBA reimbursement formulas, caps, and un-reimbursable expenses. The annual tax impact to the median single-family residence would be \$187.90.

Chairman Holcomb asked for public comment.

Megan Delman asked about the options if the vote is no. Mr. Knapik explained that there are options for reducing the costs, and the School Committee could submit a revised plan within 120 days. If that were to fail, the process would start again from the beginning. Discussion followed regarding M. E. Small renovation or replacement.

Joyce Flynn asked if a cost-savings analysis had been done of operating two old schools versus one new school; it was not. Selectman Post noted that closing the Simpkins and MacArthur schools has not resulted in any cost savings to the Town.

Finance Director Ed Senteio presented other upcoming capital expenses with various funding/bonding scenarios that will be impacting taxpayers.

Paul Griffin suggested there will need to be an override every year.

Chairman Holcomb reviewed the status of regional agreement negotiations, and stated that he would be unwilling to go into the project unless and until a more equitable agreement can be reached.

Selectman Stone further explained that Yarmouth will effectively be paying 70% for a new school for Dennis students. Yarmouth offered a 60/40 split, which was also rejected. He confirmed that the schools' post-employment benefits are paid with the same split as all other expenses.

3. Public Hearing

a. Recreation Fee Hearing (2nd Hearing). Director of Community Services Pat Armstrong introduced Steve Sozanski and Debbie Clark of the Recreation Commission. Two program fees and Lorusso Lodge rental fees are proposed to be increased due to the increase in minimum wage. The Flax Pond Recreation Program and the Sailing Program are proposed to increase 20% in FY20 and 5% per year in FY21 though FY23. Lorusso Lodge fees have not increased since 2015. Weekend fees are proposed to increase, but remain competitive with other venues. There was no public comment.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing.

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Mark Forest

Yea 4 Nay 0

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the fees as presented.

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Mark Forest

Yea 3 Nay 1

b. Golf Fee Hearing (2nd Hearing). Chairman Holcomb read an email from David French into the record. Mr. French was not in favor of the reduced discount proposed for the Resident Discount Card, and felt the annual fees were greatly underpriced.

Director of Community Services Pat Armstrong introduced the Golf Enterprise Committee and golf staff. Committee Chair Kristin Seymour outlined some changes within the Golf Enterprise Committee and Yarmouth Golf, noting that the fee schedule has been revised since the first public hearing in hopes of eliminating the need for any Town money. The new membership structure will have an unrestricted annual pass for \$892. For players over 80 and under 35 years old, the pass would cost \$535. All passes would have an additional, one-time capital improvement fee of \$150. Under 23 pass would increase slightly, while Under 19 pass would remain unchanged. A Links annual pass membership would be \$300. Ten-play cards are proposed to be eliminated. Dynamic Pricing, with a fee cap at \$96, will be instituted. Cart fees and club rental fees will also increase slightly.

Ms. Armstrong, Golf Operations Assistants Keith MacArthur and Becky White, and Food and Beverage Director Heather Gatchell outlined marketing strategies; pro shop performance; Bayberry Hills practice area upgrades; instruction; ideas to maximize course use; and restaurant revenue

goals and cost reduction strategies. The pro forma finance report requested by the Board at the previous public hearing was also reviewed.

David Reid spoke in support of the proposals, but did not support eliminating the 5% annual fee cap. There was no further public comment.

Ms. Post suggested continuing the meeting in light of the fact that the fee structure changed significantly since the original public notice. Ms. Armstrong clarified that the senior pass is the only new item in this presentation. Selectman Holcomb suggested holding the senior pass open, and approving the other fees.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing.

Motion by: Mark Forest

Seconded by: Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

There was further discussion regarding the pro forma, the Links membership, and the ancillary impacts of golf to the Town. The Board acknowledged the hard work and creativity of everyone involved.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the fees as presented, with the Links membership unrestricted on Monday through Thursday, and restricted Friday through Sunday and on holidays, unless there is availability.

Motion by: Mike Stone

Seconded by: Mark Forest

Yea 4 Nay 0

4. Board of Selectmen

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes:

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of March 6, 2018; October 9, 2018; and approve and hold Executive Session Minutes of October 2, 2018 and October 16, 2018.

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Mike Stone

Yea 4 Nay 0

- b. Upcoming Agenda Review: Next meeting, December 4, 2018

c. Individual Items: Selectman Stone congratulated the DY Girls Field Hockey team for its State Championship. Chairman Holcomb asked for the State's affordable housing calculations to be a future agenda item.

5. Town Administrator Items

- a. Consent Agenda

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Mark Forest

Yea 4 Nay 0

b. Town Administrator Updates: Mr. Knapik thanked the Golf Enterprise Committee and golf staff; also, Kathi Bailey for working with the schools on the Veteran's Day program.

- c. Water Resources Planning: None
- d. Dennis-Yarmouth School Agreement: None
- e. Mattacheese School Project: None

- f. Cape Tech: None
- g. DPW Facility: None

6. Adjourn

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

Motion by: Tracy Post

Seconded by: Mark Forest

Yea 4 Nay 0

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Dennehy

DISTRIBUTED MATERIAL AGENDA PACKET

- Dennis-Yarmouth School Information Presentation
- Recreation Fee Hearing Presentation
- Golf Fee Hearing Presentation
- Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2018
- Joint Dennis-Yarmouth BOS/FINCOM/DYRSD Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2018 (under separate cover)
- Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2018 (under separate cover)
- 2018 BOS Upcoming Agenda Items Schedule
- Memo to BOS from Senior Services dated November 1, 2018 re: Gifts
- Community Housing Committee Listening Session Flyer
- Department of Public Utilities Notice of Filing re: National Grid Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- Department of Public Utilities Notice of Filing re: Cape Light Compact JPE Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan