

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Ballantine, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Interim Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order by Chairman LaMantia at approximately 6:45 p.m. It was moved by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Ballantine that the Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(2), to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel regarding the draft Town Administrator's contract and return to open session. It was unanimously voted Mr. Ballantine – yes, Ms. Cebula – yes, Mr. Hughes – yes, Mr. LaMantia - yes. Open session adjourned at 6:46 p.m. and re-opened at 7:00 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT ON REOPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION: Ballantine, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia

OTHERS PRESENT ON REOPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION: Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Interim Town Administrator, Anne Stewart, Albert Raneo, Charlie McLaughlin, Eric MacLean, Chris Joyce, Peter DeBakker, and others.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Vote to approve minutes – September 30, 2013 Executive Session
- B. Vote to authorize Interim Town Administrator to sign Executive Office of Elder Affairs Grant
- C. Vote to approve committee appointments
- D. Vote to approve appointment by Town Administrator of Jamie Goodwin as Channel 18 Director (14 day review per Town Charter)

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS *(Not earlier than 7:00 P.M.)*

A. Annual Meetings:

- 1. Voter Information Committee

Chris Joyce, Chair, delivered the annual report of the Voter Information Committee.

- 2. Water Quality Task Force
- 3. Citizen's Advisory Committee – CWMP

Peter DeBakker delivered the annual reports of the Water Quality Task Force and Citizen's Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Revised landfill solar project documents – *discussion & possible vote*

Mr. Lawton stated that on October 4, the Town was notified that there were significant revisions to a document that the Board had signed with CVEC and with the installer for the solar panels, which we sent to Kopelman & Paige for review who expected to have an answer tonight for the Board to consider. He reported that he spoke to the attorney assigned to this, Rick Holland, for an hour last Thursday and Mr. Holland outlined a series of concerns he had with the changes and was going to go back to CVEC to review whether changes could be made. Mr. Lawton stated that at 3:00 this afternoon our attorney has said that CVEC has determined that there will be no changes and what you have is what you have to adopt. He proposed getting a list of the changes and the additional liabilities that the Town would be assuming. The Board heard from Mr. Cole who noted that the changes were accepted by the Town of Dennis and Mr. Giorgio had no problem with them. The Board also heard comments from Charlie McLaughlin, President of CVEC, who stated that the financing side of this project has faced obstacles and they have heard only recently that they have substituted financiers. Mr. McLaughlin repeatedly stressed that time is of the essence. He stated that there are seven towns and there simply isn't enough time to renegotiate with every town. The Board agreed that Mr. Lawton would ask Mr. Holland to provide a summary and bring this item back next week.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Lawton said that VHB can be present on November 18th to make a presentation on the Route 124 project and the Board agreed to hold a workshop on that date. Mr. Raneo, retired Harwich Highway Director, offered to provide information for the presentation as well.

Mr. Lawton reported that Representative Peake has reported that the House engrossed Bill H3577 amending the Charter for the Town of Harwich.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ballantine moved to adjourn at 8:12 p.m. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary