

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2013  
7:00 P.M.**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Ballantine, Cebula, LaMantia, McManus

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Interim Town Administrator, Chief Clarke, Clem Smith, Matt Hart, Ann Stewart, Al Raneo, Candace Wolcott, Dave Byron, Jenny Dixon, and others.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman LaMantia.

It was moved by Mr. McManus and seconded by Ms. Cebula that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining as an open meeting might have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board of Selectmen in the matter of the Department Heads' Union Memorandum of Agreement and Police Superior Officers' negotiations. It was so voted, Mr. Ballantine - yes, Ms. Cebula - yes, Mr. LaMantia - yes, Mr. McManus - yes. Open meeting adjourned 6:01 p.m. and re-opened at 7:00 p.m.

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**WEEKLY BRIEFING**

Chief Clarke reported that last week the Fire Department honored Lt. Michael Mason and Lt. Timothy Jaques for their outstanding life-saving actions during an incident at Sheep Pond in Brewster. The Board thanked Lieutenants Mason and Jaques for their actions.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes:
  - 1. October 21, 2013 Executive Session
  - 2. October 28, 2013 Executive Session
  - 3. October 28, 2013 Regular Session
- B. Vote to approve request for National Multiple Sclerosis Society Charity Walk for September 5, 2014
- C. Vote to approve request by the Irish Pub to hold the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Irish Pub Road Race
- D. Vote to approve application for Craft Fair by Village Crafters of Cape Cod for August 7, 2014

- E. Vote to accept various donations amounting to \$1,731.20 to the Council on Aging to be deposited in the Council on Aging Gift Account
- F. Vote to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to the Governor regarding his filing of Special Legislation concerning private way betterment
- G. Vote to approve list of surplus supplies by request of the Police Department
- H. Vote to accept the resignation of Robert Sarantis from the Water Quality Task Force

Mr. McManus moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions thereon. Ms. Cebula 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. Golf Committee
  - 2. Golf Building Committee

Mr. Smith delivered the annual report of the Golf Committee and Golf Building Committee.

- 3. Waterways Committee

Mr. Hart, Chair, delivered the annual report of the Waterways Committee.

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Board agreed not to meet during the weeks of the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

#### **SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

- A. Review/discuss updated costs for modification of the Route 124 plans – *possible vote*

Chairman LaMantia stated that we need to look at a 2 foot shoulder for the entire road eliminating the bike path from the Tech School to the general store and he reported that one of the abutters has suggested a combination bike path and pedestrian shoulder as another option to reduce the width of the road. Ms. Cebula stated that she is fine with the 2 foot shoulder but for safety reasons we need to look at whether the 2 feet is enough at the area of the general store where there should be more visibility. John McNamara said he brought the idea of the combination shoulder to Mr. Hooper and noted that it is in the DOT design book. He said it would be 2 five foot shoulders and 2 eleven foot lanes. Chairman LaMantia said it should be included in the letter to MassDOT and the Board agreed. The Board heard comments from Anne Stewart regarding allocating Chapter 90 funds, from Dave Byron on maintaining catch basins and cutting overgrowth around the curb at the general store, Al Raneo who said we should do nothing but a band-aid repair, Candace Wolcott who thanked the Board for the presentation last week and said she is not in favor of doing anything to the road. Ms. Cebula asked Mr. Lawton to speak to the Highway Director, Conservation Agent and possibly include the public safety group to consider a brush program. Jenny Dixon spoke in favor of brush clearing as an alternative to widening the road. A person who did not identify himself said he would volunteer to clean the grates and do brush cutting. Mr. McManus stated that our Highway Department is slowly losing

the ability to do all the maintenance in Town, not just Route 124 brush clearing or cleaning out catch basins, but the building maintenance, keeping grass cut in cemeteries, etc. He said he finds it objectionable that the issue that the maintenance crew has been finding it hard to keep up with all their responsibilities for maintenance in Town has been pictured as some sort of sinister plot to target a specific road. The Board reiterated that they would move forward with the letter to MassDOT as discussed tonight.

B. Evaluation and Goals for Town Administrator – *discussion/possible vote*

The Board discussed what would be appropriate dates for goal setting and evaluation for the Town Administrator. Chairman LaMantia asked the Board to send their thoughts on goals for the Town Administrator to Mr. Lawton and noted that this item would come back on a future agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Ballantine moved to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Mr. McManus seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel  
Recording Secretary