

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, JULY 29, 2013
6:45 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia, McManus

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

Chairman LaMantia called the open session to order at 6:45 p.m. Mr. McManus moved that the Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A §21(2) to conduct a strategy session in preparation for contract negotiations with a new Town Administrator, and return to open session. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Open session suspended at 6:46 p.m. and reopened at 7:10 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT AT RE-OPENED OPEN SESSION: Ballantine, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia, McManus

OTHERS PRESENT AT RE-OPENED OPEN SESSION: Interim Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Chief Clarke, John Rendon, Richard Waystack, Bruce Nightingale, Robert Neese, Matt Hart, and others.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

A. Recognition of Robert Neese for 25 years of service to the Town

Richard Waystack, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, reported that next week Mr. Robert Neese will mark his 25th anniversary as a member of the Board of Assessors. He stated that Mr. Neese's dedication, many years of services, and wise decisions have served as a model for others that community service is a fulfilling endeavor and he has made our Town a better place to reside. Chairman LaMantia presented Mr. Neese with a plaque recognizing him for his years of service. Mr. Neese received a standing ovation and the Board expressed their gratitude for his continuing service.

B. Thermal Imaging Grant – Update from Chief Clarke

Chief Clarke reported that the Fire Department has been awarded a grant from FEMA under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program for \$53,448 for the purchase of four thermal imaging cameras and twelve hours of training for firefighters. Captain LeBlanc explained that the cameras are critical in searching for victims and to detect heat flow which makes it safer for the firefighters.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes

1. June 27, 2013 Regular Meeting
 2. July 1, 2013 Regular Meeting
 3. July 8, 2013 Regular Meeting
 4. July 15, 2013 Executive Session
- B. Vote to accept gift of chess table and pieces to the Community Center from Chesscafe.com
 - C. Vote to approve request by Harwich Conservation Trust for One-Day Special Wine & Malt License for September 14, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - D. Vote to accept gifts to Friends of Harwich Beaches Gift Account
 - E. Vote to award contract for Catch Basin Replacement and Installation to Robert B. Our Company in the amount of \$144,465.05
 - F. Vote to authorize Interim Town Administrator to be signatory on FEMA grants and authorize Chair to sign related documents
 - G. Vote to approve request for assistance from the Caleb Chase Fund
 - H. Vote to accept resignation of Pam Parmakian from the Town Administrator Search Committee
 - I. Vote committee appointments per recommendation of the Interview & Appointments Committee

Mr. McManus moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions thereon with the exception of Item C which he noted was requested to be withdrawn. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion. Mr. Hughes said he would be abstaining from Item A4 as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Lawton recommended holding those minutes until they release them and the Board agreed. Mr. Ballantine stated that Mr. Cole's name in the July 8, 2013 minutes should be changed to Mr. Ballantine. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A. Public Hearing – Harbor Management Plan and Harbor/Mooring Fees – *possible vote*

The Board questioned if the hearing had been advertised and Mr. Rendon stated that he had confirmed that it was. He noted that he considered the concerns voiced by the commercial fisherman who attended the last hearing. He stated that he also met with the Waterways Committee and solicited input from commercial fishermen to try to find a good compromise. He outlined the changes since the last hearing and took questions from the Board. Mr. Hughes stated that the Fee Schedule (Appendix B) should be changed to "per foot" in a number of places. The hearing notice was delivered to the Board which Mr. Hughes read into record. With no one appearing before the Board, Mr. McManus moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. McManus moved to approve the recommended amendments to the Harbor Management Plan as presented. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Presentation – Community Development Partnership Services – Update

Jay Coburn, Executive Director, provided a Power Point presentation updating the Board on the services provided by the Community Development Partnership.

OLD BUSINESS

A. East Harwich Sub-Committee Status Report – *David Spitz*

Mr. Spitz reviewed the recent changes. The Board took questions and comments from Ted Nelson and Carole Ridley. Mr. McManus moved to send the document entitled “Implementation of East Harwich Vision Statements to the Planning Board and ask them to consider them in their continuing efforts at developing and rezoning for the East Harwich commercial area. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter from Town of Wareham requesting support of House Bill 1115 – An Act Relative to the Definition of Low and Moderate Income Housing – *discussion & possible vote*

Ms. Cebula requested that this letter be sent to the Housing Committee and Housing Authority for input and advice. The Board agreed to forward the letter.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hughes moved to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary