

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, MAY 11, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Administrator Christopher Clark, John Rendon, Amy Usowski, Roman Greer, Heinz Proft, Jeremy Gingras, Peter Piekarski, Bob Fratus, Jim Cheverie, Jerry Beltis, Anne Howe, Lou Urbano, Matt Hart, Noreen Donahue, Allin Thompson, Dave Young, Chris Harlow, and others.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Ballantine.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jim Cheverie read a statement regarding the taking of land by eminent domain for a wastewater treatment plant or effluent recharge zone. He noted that no map was provided at Town Meeting and no one knew where it was. He expressed concern about setback requirements and that it is in the Six Ponds District of Critical Concern as well as in a residential district. He asked that the question be taken off the ballot or be made non-binding until further details can be worked out.

Bob Fratus stated that he is the closest abutter and has not received any notice. He disputed that it is 25 acres. Chairman Ballantine stated that they have no intention of putting up a treatment plant there in the short or long term but a site is needed in case we ever need to bring recharge back here. He stressed that the issues would have to be discussed and debated at Town Meeting.

Pete Pierkarski asked why abutters hadn't been notified. Chairman Ballantine responded that there have been a series of advertised public meetings as well as a flyer in the tax bill.

Jerry Beltis commented that this goes against the Six Ponds area which was supposed to protect the ponds and aquifer.

Ann Howe said she contacted the Chief Herbatologist of the National Park Service and asked him to investigate the salamander and box turtle population there. She added that she also contacted the Trustees of the Reservation and Mass Audobon and asked them to work in conjunction to purchase that land for conservation now. She said she would prefer to see this withdrawn.

The Board did not take any action.

Chairman Ballantine announced that May 15<sup>th</sup> is Peace Officers Memorial Day

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Approve Minutes

1. April 6, 2015 Regular Session
  2. April 13, 2015 Regular Session
  3. April 27, 2015 Regular Session
- B. Accept resignation of Pauline Ashton from the Treasure Chest Committee
  - C. Approve appointments to Bikeways Committee, Historic District/Historical Commission, Real Estate and Open Space, Pleasant Bay Alliance, COA and By-Law Charter Review Committee
  - D. Approve application for assistance from the Caleb Chase Fund as recommended
  - E. Approve the donation of \$100 to the Community Center Gift Account in memory of Sheldon Thayer
  - F. Confirm the Town Administrator's appointment of Patricia Sampson to the position of Administrative Assistant in the Town Accountant's Office
  - G. Approve mailing Housing Rehab flyer from Community Development Partnership with tax bills
  - H. Approve the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Harwich Chamber of Commerce 5K Road Race to be held on June 27, 2015
  - I. Approve request by Police Chief to lower flags to half-staff on May 15, 2015 in honor of Peace Officers Memorial Day
  - J. Approve Cranberry Festival Craft Shows to be held on July 11 & 12, August 8 & 9, and September 19 & 20
  - K. Approve Hawkers & Peddlers License for Sea Street Productions LLC d/b/a Salt Dock Food Truck
  - L. Approve Entertainment License for Sea Street Productions LLC d/b/a Salt Dock Food Truck

Mr. McManus moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions thereon with the exception of Item J which he asked to take up separately. Chairman Ballantine asked to hold Items K and L. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion. The Board and Mr. Hooper expressed their gratitude for the exemplary work of Ms. Ashton at the Treasure Chest. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Hughes moved to approve Item J. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0-0 vote. Mr. McManus recused himself from the vote as he is an officer of the Cranberry Festival.

With regard to Items K and L, Ms. Cebula noted that the applicant is going to the Planning Board for special permits tomorrow. Ms. Cebula moved to approve Items K and L contingent on them receiving their special permits from the Planning Board. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS** *(Not earlier than 6:30 P.M.)*

##### A. Public Hearing – Proposed Disposal Area Fees – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. McManus read the hearing notice into record. Mr. Hooper made the following disposal area fee recommendations for FY16:

Increase Residential Sticker fee to \$160 from \$140  
Increase Non-Resident Sticker fee to \$180 from \$160  
Increase no sticker fee to \$10 from \$8  
Increase Commercial MSW to \$85 from \$80  
Increase couch fee to \$15 from \$10  
Increase TV fee to \$15 from \$10

Mr. Hooper took questions from Lou Urbano, Errol James and Jim Cheverie after which Chairman Ballantine closed the public hearing. Mr. McManus moved to approve the Transfer Station rate increases as proposed. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Saquatucket Development Committee presentation – *discussion*

Matt Hart, Chair, outlined the Committee's report (see attached). Ms. Usowski and Mr. Rendon provided a site plan of the property (attached) and discussed the environmental aspects of property including that the entire property is in a flood zone and is an environmental concern. They noted areas where very little activity could take place and noted limitations for activities on the property. Mr. Rendon stated that they are doing this for safety and efficiency of operation at the harbor as well as to attract the public and to generate additional revenue. He noted that changes include addition of a boardwalk which would provide accessibility to the eastern end of harbor. Ms. Usowski stated that this is just preliminary and they will be back with more concrete ideas. Mr. Hughes said there should be a study with regard to parking and Mr. McManus stressed the importance of the design being in keeping with the area. Mr. Hart noted that the committee will be having another meeting next week.

C. Wastewater Implementation Committee cost recovery proposal – presentation and discussion by Chris Harlow and David Young from CDM Smith

Dave Young presented a Power Point presentation to the Board entitled "Recommended Cost Recovery Model for Wastewater Program Implementation" which is on file in the Selectmen's Office. He stated that the Water Implementation Committee is looking for the Town to at least adopt an initial policy for recovering costs for implementing this program. He took questions from the Board regarding cost recovery as well as from Noreen Donahue and Lou Urbano. Chris Harlow asked what else the Board wants them to do. The consensus of the Board was to take the document to a public hearing at a joint meeting of the Board and the Wastewater Implementation Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

A. Town Administrator's review – *discussion and possible vote*

Chairman Ballantine stated that the Board members have given him their individual reviews of the Town Administrator and that Mr. Clark has submitted his self-evaluation. He noted that he has written a summary document which he outlined. Mr. Hughes recommended that for any area that Mr. Clark received a low score he should come back with an action plan. Mr. McManus moved to

accept the performance review. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### A. Golf Instructional License at Cranberry Valley Golf Course – *discussion and vote to sign License Agreement*

Mr. Hughes moved, based on the recommendation of the Director of Golf, that we enter into the license agreement proposal with Miller Golf Cape Cod. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The Town Administrator provided an update on the Police Chief search.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McManus moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:11 p.m. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel  
Recording Secretary