

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2015
6:30 P.M.**

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Brown, Cebula, Hughes, LaMantia, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Chief Guillemette, Deputy Chief Gagnon, Chief Clarke, Andy Gould, John Rendon, Lincoln Hooper, Eric Beebe, Peter DeBakker, David Young, Margaret Hinkel, Ed Costello, Bob Nickerson, Paul Boorack, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Peter Hughes.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

Chief Guillemette introduced Officer Paul Boorak who is being promoted to Police Sergeant.

NON-RESIDENT TAXPAYER'S MEETING

1. Introduction of new Police Chief David Guillemette,
Water Superintendent Dan Pelletier, and Finance Director Andrew Gould

Chairman Hughes introduced Chief Guillemette, Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Gould who provided background history on themselves.

The following topics were covered by the speakers as indicated reviewing the progress in the past year:

2. Report from the Highway Director – Lincoln Hooper
3. Report from the Harbormaster – John Rendon
4. Report from the Recreation Director – Eric Beebe
5. Wastewater Status Report – Peter DeBakker/David Young
6. Town Financial Status – Chris Clark
7. Muddy Creek Construction Schedule – Chris Clark
8. Questions and Comments

Ed Costello of 79 Shore Road discussed the need for nourishment to Grey Neck Road beach which he noted is disappearing due to the construction of a wall there.

Margaret Hinkel of 78 Pleasant Street asked for periodic information be provided in the tax bills.

Charlie Check of 8 Dundee Circle inquired as to how he can get involved in wastewater issues and Chairman Hughes referred him to Mr. DeBakker.

Bob Nickerson of Bay View Road spoke on the National Grid gas installation moratorium timeline and urged the Board to contact our State representatives or pursue a Class Action lawsuit.

Lindsay Hale of Ocean Avenue stated that the stairs at the Ocean Avenue beach need to be repaired or replaced. Mr. Clark responded that the Highway Department is putting together a plan to rebuild stairs and the cost of materials is in the budget. Mr. Hale urged the installation of speed bumps in the campground area. Chairman Hughes asked the Police Chief to speak with him.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of May 18, 2015
- B. Approve Minutes:
 - 1. July 13, 2015 Regular Session
 - 2. July 27, 2015 Executive Session
- C. Approve the award of contract for the Allen Harbor Concrete Restroom to Shea Concrete Products in the amount of \$43,600
- D. Approve and sign Amendment #5 to the Contract for Construction Services for the Muddy Creek Bridge project dated March 11, 2013 in the amount of \$171,269.60
- E. Approve the Contract between the Town of Harwich and Barnstable County to dredge Allen Harbor Channel in the amount of \$90,000 and authorize the Chair to sign
- F. Approve the appointment of Paul Boorack as Police Sergeant with an annual salary of \$67,060 (Sergeant Step 1)
- G. Accept the gift of \$10,624 to the Community Center from the Ora Gaylord Arooth Trust and authorize the Chair to sign
- H. Approve the recommendation of the DPW Director to install a memorial bench in memory of Joshua Standley Gordon to be installed on the OCBT across from Island Pond Cemetery
- I. Approve request by Cape Cod Claddagh to have outside entertainment on August 22, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – noise not to exceed premises
- J. Approve a Harbor Demolition/Beautification Fund for the former Downey property
- K. Approve request for assistance from the Caleb Chase Fund as recommended
- L. Authorize the Town Administrator to execute the DER Grant for the Muddy Creek Restoration Bridge Project in the amount of \$1,000,000

Chairman Hughes noted that only those on the Board at the time of the May 18, 2015 meeting could vote on the minutes from that date. Ms. Cebula moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by 3-0 vote with Mr. Hughes, Mr. LaMantia and Ms. Cebula in favor of the motion.

Chairman Hughes asked to hold Item J.

Ms. Brown moved approval of the balance of the Consent Agenda. Mr. MacAskill seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

With regard to Item J, Matt Hart - Chairman of the Waterways Committee and Saquatucket Development Committee, noted that the fund would be for costs associated with demolishing buildings, removal of construction debris, and landscaping at the former Downey Property through a gift account. Ms. Cebula said the purchase of the Downey property should have been no surprise and no one thought about how we were going to take these buildings down or how to get the debris to the landfill so therefore we are going to put a tin cup out on the sidewalk and ask the Town's

population to put more money into it because we had poor planning. She commented that she sees no robust planning here by Town Administration and she is staggered and extremely disappointed by this. Mr. Clark responded that it took longer than anticipated and there were a lot of contamination issues. He added that we haven't done anything with the Albro House and it was kick-started by a volunteer effort and this is sort of in the same vein. Chairman Hughes pointed out that the Board didn't ask that question either and to be fair this is not a bad approach to get the site cleaned up. Ms. Cebula responded that the Board either micromanages or they stick with policy. Mr. DeCosta noted that the Finance Committee would likely address a Reserve Fund Transfer. Mr. MacAskill moved to establish a Harbor Beautification Fund for the former Downey property. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a 4-1-0 vote with Ms. Cebula in opposition. Ms. Cebula asked who is going to spend the money as it is not part of the motion. Mr. Hart stated that the concept is that the Harbormaster would oversee it and it would be the responsibility of the Town Administrator to approve it. Mr. MacAskill moved that authorization to spend the money out of the fund would be recommended by the Harbormaster and approved by the Town Administrator. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a 4-0-1 vote with Ms. Cebula abstaining from the vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Wastewater Educational Moment – *Figure 6-26 Septic load reductions by watershed – discussion*

Chairman Hughes discussed Figure 6-26 of the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan regarding septic load reductions by watershed.

B. Near term wastewater activities – *discussion and possible vote*

- Organizational structure
- Chatham Inter-municipal Agreement
- Water/Wastewater Infrastructure Fund
- Search for a recharge site

Chairman Hughes stated that he didn't want to make any decisions tonight on these topics as they need to decide what they are going to take through the budget process and to Town Meeting next year. He said there needs to be a discussion on organizational structure and asked Mr. MacAskill to spearhead that. He asked Mr. LaMantia and Mr. MacAskill, as the subcommittee, to keep the Board informed on the inter-municipal agreement with Chatham and stressed the need to get going on it. Chairman Hughes added that some activity is needed in the area of the infrastructure fund and search for a recharge site. The Board took comments from Jim Cheverie, Dan Pelletier and Anne Howe.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Eversource Energy - herbicide spraying

Mr. Clark reported that Eversource is looking at conducting herbicide application between September 1 and October 16 and additional follow-up from the last application in areas in the right-of-way. He noted that the Board had sent a letter, in conjunction with the Conservation

Commission, to Eversource in March asking that they not use herbicides but rather use mechanical means and he doesn't believe we have ever received a response from Eversource about doing this in a more responsible manner. Ms. Cebula moved to reissue this letter as the reconstituted Board of Selectmen so that it is current. Mr. MacAskill seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Albro House shed demolition

Mr. Clark reported that demolition is anticipated to the shed and side of building at the Albro House but the Selectmen would have to declare the structures as surplus. He noted that they are not part of the historic structure and that someone is interested in them. Mr. LaMantia stated that we should get confirmation from the Historical Commission that they approve of this. Mr. Clark stated that demolition would be done in house and the cost of construction and demolition debris would be taken out of the gift account. He said he would do a write up and ask the Board to declare it surplus.

C. Assistant Town Administrator search process update

- Schedule
- Citizen participation
- Town Administrator recommendation

Mr. Clark reported that Leo Cakounes, Tom Johnson and Jill Mason are the three citizen participants on the Assistant Town Administrator Search Committee and Mr. MacAskill reported that they were all interviewed by him and Mr. LaMantia. Mr. Clark noted that there were 94 applicants and he will be setting up a schedule and sending materials to those on the Committee. He said that he hopes to have someone on board in October.

Mr. Clark reported that the trees at the Elementary School are sickly and are slated to come down as they are unsafe. Mr. MacAskill stated that we should find out if they have a planting plan to replace them.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hughes adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - August 10, 2015 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Non Resident Taxpayers Meeting (NRTM).pdf
- 03 NRTM - Highway.pdf
- 04 NRTM - Harbor.pdf
- 05 NRTM - Recreation.pdf
- 06 NRTM - Muddy Creek Schedule.pdf
- 07 NRTM - Financial Status.pdf
- 08 Minutes - May 18, 2015 Regular Session.pdf
- 09 Minutes - July 13, 2015 Regular Session.pdf
- 10 Allen Harbor Concrete Restroom Contract.pdf
- 11 Muddy Creek - Amendment #5.pdf
- 12 Dredge Allen Harbor Channel.pdf
- 13 Police Appointment.pdf
- 14 Ora Gaylord Arooth Trust.pdf
- 15 Joshua Standley Gordon Memorial Bench.pdf
- 16 Claddagh - Live Music Request.pdf
- 17 Harbor Beautification Fund.pdf
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