

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2015  
6:30 P.M.**

**APPROVED**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Lincoln Hooper, Lou Urbano, Duncan Berry, Bob Bradley, Barbara-Anne Foley, and others.

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

Chairman Ballantine reported that the Board had just come out of Executive Session to consider the possible purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property in East Harwich for possible wastewater site in preparation for Town Meeting.

**WEEKLY BRIEFING**

Mr. Hooper reported that the transfer station project has been completed and it came in under budget. He described the project and thanked his staff and Atlantic Recycling Equipment for their outstanding efforts.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes
  - 1. February 18, 2015 Tri Board Meeting
  - 2. April 7, 2015 Executive Session
- B. Accept resignation of Margo Fenn from the Real Estate and Open Space Committee
- C. Approve application for assistance from the Caleb Chase Fund as recommended
- D. Approve FY16 Human Services Grants as recommended
- E. Approve application by Bourne Petroleum d/b/a Harwich Exxon for 10:00 a.m. opening time on Sundays for sale of alcohol

Mr. McManus moved approval of the Consent Agenda and the recommended actions thereon. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Town Administrator's Performance Evaluation – *discussion*

Chairman Ballantine noted that Mr. Clark has submitted his self-evaluation and performance objectives. He asked the Board to submit their comments in the next few days so that he can summarize for the evaluation.

- B. Letter to MassDOT regarding the Route 28 Pedestrian Improvement Project – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. Clark noted that the revisions have been made to the letter as indicated and it is ready to go. Ms. Cebula moved to accept the letter as written and the Board signs it and transmits it to Mary-Joe Perry, the District Highway Director of MassDOT. Mr. LaMantia seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Resident's vision of the 28 corridor between Dennis and the Herring River, including School House and proposal for CPC funds and their use and request for the next year's Town Meeting – *Mr. Lou Urbano*

Mr. Urbano introduced Duncan Berry who provided an overview of the area, the houses, and the family histories. The Board took comments from Mr. Urbano who noted that the area needs some attention, it is filled with empty houses, and businesses for sale. He said we have a year to develop a vision that the residents can buy into as to what they want for that area. He described the assets of the area including buildings on the National Registry of Historic Buildings, the Herring River and access to conservation area. Mr. Urbano further noted that they are going to form a committee, a legal entity to collect funds to buy distressed property, and they will be seeking CPC funds. Mr. Berry took questions from the Board regarding the historical properties. Mr. Hughes asked if they expect to come up with a plan for the West Harwich School and bring it to the Board and Mr. Urbano responded that they do. Mr. Berry said they will be putting together a website of what the area was and what it could be. Mr. Hughes asked for an update or report in three months and Mr. Urbano agreed. Mr. Urbano stressed that they should work together on the road as they are looking at the area as a historic district.

- B. Authorize disbursement of \$50,000 from the Cable Fund to fund the Contract between the Monomoy Regional School District and Valley Communication Systems – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. Clark provided background noting that the new High School has a cable studio and a decision was made some of the cost should be shared and each Town was asked for \$50,000. He requested approval of \$50,000 for outfitting the school studio. Ms. Cebula stated that she does not recall that there was an agreement made and commented that she feels sandbagged. Mr. McManus noted that all of the equipment has been damaged due to the failure of the rooftop unit and it will all be replaced. Mr. Hughes said he remembers discussion that there was no one to run the studio. He stated that this is the first he has heard or seen of this as well. Mr. LaMantia stated that he thinks they should vote it as the money is needed now and they will vote it anyway. Mr. Clark responded that he thought this was brought up when they were discussing the school budget and said he would research it. Mr. LaMantia moved to move ahead with the request contingent on a follow up conversation with the school. Mr. McManus seconded the motion. The motion carried by a 3-2-0 vote with Ms. Cebula and Mr. Hughes in opposition.

- C. Motion on Article 19 – Replacement of Saquatucket Dock Engineering Design – *discussion and possible vote to approve*

Mr. Clark noted that the proposed motion has been reviewed by Bond Counsel who made changes. The Board took no action on this item.

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

Mr. Clark reported that 7 applicants will be interviewed for Water and Wastewater Superintendent.

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

##### **A. Town Meeting preparation/assignment of articles by Chair**

Chairman Ballantine noted that the Board had received their list of article assignments for Town Meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McManus moved to adjourn at 7:52 p.m. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel  
Recording Secretary

## Related Documents for 4/27/15 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Tri Board Minutes.pdf
- 03 REOS Resignation.pdf
- 04 Human Services Grants.pdf
- 05 Harwich Exxon Chg of Hours.pdf
- 06 Town Admin Evaluation Cover.pdf
- 06 Town Admin Evaluation Form Blank.pdf
- 06 Town Admin Goals Update.pdf
- 06 Town Admin Self Evaluation.pdf
- 07 MassDOT Letter.pdf
- 08 Route 28 Vision.pdf
- 09 Cable Fund Disbursement.pdf
- 10 Article 19 Motion.pdf
- 11 Article Assignments.pdf