

APPROVED

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Interim Town Administrator, David Ryan, Superintendent Carpenter, Kathleen Isernio, Pam Groswald, Dana DeCosta, Nancy Scott, Brian Widegren, Jack Brown, Skip Patterson, Terry Russell, Sharon Stout, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman LaMantia.

MONOMOY REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE - *discussion regarding FY 14 and FY 15 Budgets*

Mr. Ryan outlined the Town's 5 year plan. Superintendent Carpenter discussed the savings that should be realized starting next year for both Chatham and Harwich through economies of scale and through offering better programs. He stated that there will be a gradual movement into savings in the long-term but there already have been savings this fiscal year due to staff members who have resigned or retired who have not been replaced, as well as a reduction in the number of Superintendents and reduction in materials and supplies which together have totaled over \$500,000. He pointed out that there is now only one IT director, one Facilities Director, the Central Office has been regionalized and there is a joint bus contract. He noted there will be more savings in FY15 as there will only be one Middle School Principal and one High School Principal and there will be more retirements for which there will be no replacements which will save on both salaries and benefits. He added that there will be a reduction in maintenance costs for FY15 due to the new High School. He stated that all totaled there is about \$1,000,000 in savings to be realized in FY15 and there is an expectation that due to the improvements in programs families will be returning. Mr. Carpenter took questions and comments from the Board with regard to the budget, anticipated savings and future programs. Chairman LaMantia encouraged the School Department to get their budget numbers to Mr. Ryan as soon as possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes – August 26, 2013 Regular Meeting
- B. Vote to approve committee vacancy appointments to the Cultural Council and the Community Preservation Committee
- C. Vote to award the contract for the New Fire Department Generator to Fall River Electric in the amount of \$93,847
- D. Vote to amend the Compensation Plan of the Personnel By-Law by removing Dispatchers - Dispatchers are now covered under the New England Police Benevolent Association Local 103
- E. Vote to enter into Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) for the installation and operation of a telecommunications tower and facilities on a

portion of the town-owned property located at 196 Chatham Road, and further authorize AT&T to file for all necessary permits needed to construct the proposed wireless communications facility

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Item C. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. With regard to Item D, Mr. McManus stated that the Personnel By-Law was voted by Town Meeting and is amended by Town Meeting. Mr. Hughes amended his motion to eliminate Item D and direct the Interim Town Administrator to check into it. The motion carried by a unanimous vote. Mr. Hughes moved to award the contract for the new Fire Department Generator to Fall River Electric in the amount of \$93,847. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion. Deputy Chief Farrenkopf took questions from the Board. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A. Annual Meetings:

1. Architectural Advisory

Barbara Josselyn, Chair, delivered the annual report of the Architectural Advisory Committee and took questions and comments from the Board.

2. Agricultural Commission

John Sennott, Chair, delivered the annual report of the Agricultural Commission and took questions and comments from the Board.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT – Memorial Recognition – *discussion and possible vote*

Ms. Cebula stated that Mr. Wilkins will be taking the nomination of Bob Murray to the Harwich Hall of Fame to the HECH Board for approval. Chairman LaMantia noted that we have a nomination to the Hall of Fame for Mr. Jefferson. He recommended asking the Golf Committee to name the new cart barn after Mr. Jefferson as well and the Board agreed with the exception of Ms. Cebula who said she is not in favor of naming buildings after people because after a certain amount of time the recognition diminishes and time marches on.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ballantine moved to adjourn at 8:48 p.m. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary