

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Ballantine, Cebula, Hughes, McManus

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman McManus at approximately 6:45 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Hughes that the Board of Selectmen go into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21, Subsection 3, to discuss strategy with respect to litigation as an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Board of Selectmen in the matter of Jones v. the Town of Harwich and return to open session. It was unanimously voted, Mr. Ballantine – yes, Ms. Cebula – yes, Mr. Hughes – yes, Mr. McManus – yes. Open session adjourned at 6:46 p.m. and re-opened at 7:00 p.m.

SELECTMEN PRESENT ON REOPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION: Ballantine, Cebula, Hughes, McManus

OTHERS PRESENT ON REOPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION: Robert C. Lawton, Jr., Interim Town Administrator, John Rendon, Craig LeBlanc, and others.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman McManus called for a moment of silence for Rev. Malcolm McDowell of Christ Church Episcopal.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Vote to approve Regular Police Officer Appointment Recommendation
- B. Vote to approve Caleb Chase Fund request in the amount of \$700 to Nstar

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Revised Budget Message – *possible vote*

Ms. Cebula noted that she had sent recommendations for changes to Mr. LaMantia and they have not been included in the document. She distributed the changes to the Board and outlined them. Mr. Ballantine said he is comfortable with the suggestions by Ms. Cebula. He moved to accept Ms. Cebula's amendments to the budget message. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a 3-1-0 vote with Mr. McManus in opposition.

B. Ambulance Waiver Policy – *third reading / possible vote*

Mr. Lawton noted that he made the revisions that the Board had requested. Mr. Hughes moved that we adopt the policy as presented in the third reading. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Cebula moved to appoint Peter Hughes as the Waiver Administrator. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Allen Harbor Access Grant - *discussion & possible vote*

Mr. Rendon stated that he talked to Craig LeBlanc of Allen Harbor Marine regarding the recommendation by the engineers to resurface the parking lot using pervious concrete. He stated that using this type of system would essentially eliminate Allen Harbor Marine from being able to do what they do currently as part of the lease which is changing oil, cleaning boats, and general maintenance. He stated that if they could not do that, then the lease is just to park the boats and that doesn't serve their purposes. He noted that he asked Coastal Engineering to come up with an estimate for what it would cost to install a traditional drainage system with regular pavement and he hopes to have the figures by Friday but the consensus is that it will be more expensive than the proposed pervious concrete system. He stated that he believes that Allen Harbor Marine would likely look for an alternative place to store boats if we went with the pervious system. Mr. Lawton said we might be able to provide boat storage at Saquatucket Harbor through a bid. Mr. Hughes said it sounds like we should go forward with storing boats at Saquatucket Harbor. Mr. Rendon cautioned that if we go this route we lose the opportunity to store boats at Allen Harbor and there are restrictions that we have to comply with when we go with a public access area. He noted that if we go with the traditional drainage system with regular pavement we would have to go to Town Meeting for the funding. Ms. Cebula questioned if we should go back to Town Meeting for additional funding. Mr. Lawton recommended that we do not, and he recommended that the Board authorize he and Mr. Rendon to proceed, get the final documents together at 61% and bring this back simply for the Board's signature. He said that as part of that, when we go out to bid next year, we would be using part of Saquatucket Harbor as an option for whomever wished to bid. Craig LeBlanc stated that storage and the ability to work on the boats need to go hand and hand for anybody and it would be a challenge to make that work but added that Saquatucket is an option for them they would consider strongly. He said they may be interested in bidding in the future if the storage was at Saquatucket Harbor but noted that it wouldn't be worth as much to them. The Board discussed the possibility of making it a ten year lease. The Board agreed to bring this matter back in two weeks when the final figures should be available.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ballantine moved to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary