

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Paul Niedzwiecki, Kristy Senatori, Paul Lagg, and others.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 7:10 p.m. by Chairman LaMantia.

Chairman LaMantia reported that the Board had just come out of Executive Session where they discussed two property situations.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes
 - 1. March 3, 2014 Regular Session
 - 2. March 10, 2014 Executive Session
- B. Vote to approve the 2014 Long Pond Bass Tournaments scheduled by the Recreation Department
- C. Vote to approve Caleb Chase Fund request in the amount of \$637.46
- D. Vote to refer proposed zoning articles to the Planning Board for Public Hearing
- E. Vote to appoint Cindi Maule as the Town's representative to the HOME Consortium Council
- F. Vote to confirm the appointment of new Assistant Town Administrator
- G. Vote to approve contract amendment for the Interim Assistant Town Administrator
- H. Vote to sign a proclamation to officially declare April 8, 2014 Equal Pay Day in Harwich

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items D and F. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Cebula listed the proposed zoning articles in Item D as follows: By-Law Definition Amendment, Medical Marijuana and Flood Plain. Mr. Hughes moved to refer them to the Planning Board for a public hearing. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. With regard to Item F, Mr. Clark provided an overview of candidate Julie Quintero-Schulz' background and qualifications. Mr. Hughes moved to appoint Julie Quintero-Schulz effective April 28, 2014. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS

- A. Cape Cod Commission Update – *Paul Niedzwiecki*

Cape Cod Commission Executive Director Paul Niedzwiecki and Deputy Director Kristy Senatori provided an update of what they have been working on over the past year and how it relates to Harwich, including regional efforts on wastewater planning focusing on updating the 208 plan, Nstar planning on rights-of-way, e-permitting, municipal solid waste discussions, and local efforts including the Saquatucket Harbor study and the bicycle plan. He took questions and comments from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Warrant Article Review – *discussion & possible vote to include*

1. #24 Funds to restore Open Days at Brooks Free Library

Chairman LaMantia stated that the Library Trustees have provided a letter indicating that they have agreed to hold off on this and come back with it next year. Mr. McManus moved not to include Article 24. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. #27 Supplement Annual Allocation of Mass Cultural Council for Local Cultural Council Grants

Paul Lagg, Cultural Council Co-Chair, spoke in support of Article 27. Mr. Hughes moved to include Article 27 Supplement Annual Allocation of Mass Cultural Council for Local Cultural Council Grants in the amount of \$25,000 and accept and adopt it from free cash. Mr. McManus seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Warrant Article Review – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. Hughes moved to include and adopt from CPC funds the following articles:

#63 Reserve for Future Appropriation Amounts from FY 2014 Community Preservation Fund Estimated Annual Revenues

#64 Habitat for Humanity Housing Development in the amount of \$140,000

#65 Revitalization of the Brooks Academy Museum – Phase I in the amount of \$30,000

#66 Historic Preservation Study of Exterior of Brooks Block and Bank Building at Brooks Free Library in the amount of \$25,000

#67 Brooks Library Preservation Amendment in the amount \$0

#68 Preserving Harwich's Glass Plate Images in the amount of \$11,200

#69 Flashing Warning Lights for Bike Trail in the amount of \$15,000

#71 Fund Administrative Costs of the Community Preservation Committee in the amount of \$15,000

Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Town Meeting Warrant – vote to approve and sign

Ms. Cebula moved to include Article 1 – Town Officers & Committees, Article 2 – Reports of Town Officers & Committees, and Article 3 – Elected Officials Salaries. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ballantine noted that Article 29 – Conduct Cold Brook Nitrogen Attenuation Study should be \$50,000, not \$100,000. He added that Mr. Lach has sent in a revised explanation. Mr. Hughes moved to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for May 5, 2014 as presented in this hard copy with two exceptions, that is 1) to modify the language of Article 13, which is fund the ambulance stretchers, based on the highlighted version we have and 2) Article 29, having to do with the Cold Brook Attenuation Study, that we include the revised explanation. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion. Regarding Article 32 – Replace Wychmere Harbor Town Pier and Bulkheads, Chairman LaMantia stated that the dedicated funding source is the receipts reserves from the harbors. Mr. Hughes amended his motion as such. Mr. McManus moved to amend the motion to include the removal of the so-called explanation from Article 48 (Cape Cod Commission Membership) which he noted is not part of the petitioned article. Chairman LaMantia said that Mr. Giorgio has stated that we can't remove it. The motion to amend the motion was not seconded. Mr. McManus asked that it be double-checked. Mr. Hughes suggested changing "Explanation" to "Explanation by Petitioner." Mr. McManus recommended applying that to all the petition articles. Mr. Hughes included that in his motion. The main motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Special Town Meeting Warrant – vote dates to open and close warrant

Mr. Hughes moved to open the Special Town Meeting Warrant on Wednesday (3/19) at 8:00 a.m. and close it on Thursday (3/20) close of business at 4:00. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Ballantine moved to adjourn at 8:57 p.m. Ms. Cebula seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary