

Board of Selectmen Minutes

03/18/2013

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
7:00 P.M.**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator James Merriam, Atty. William Crowell, Matt Hart, Clem Smith, Frank Tammaro, Judy Ford, and others as noted herein.

Chairwoman Cebula reported that the Board just came out of Executive Session where they considered collective bargaining, litigation and real estate issues.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Matt Hart announced the introduction of an informational newsletter "Dock Lines" which will describe what is going on with the Waterways Committee and Harbormaster's Office.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes – March 4, 2013 Regular Meeting
- Vote to approve the recommendation of the Town Administrator for Nstar Electric to provide underground service to 11 Shore Road Extension
- Vote to approve recommendation to award contract for the Cranberry Valley Golf Course Restaurant to Country Club Elite with a lease payment of \$7,500 per year
- Vote to accept the resignation of Jean Ann McLaughlin as a member of the Disability Rights Committee
- Vote to approve 2013 Long Pond Bass Tournaments
- Vote to approve nomination of Officer Jack Burns as Inspector of Animals
- Vote to refer proposed zoning articles back to the Planning Board for Public Hearing

Mr. Hughes moved approval of the Consent Agenda. Mr. LaMantia requested to hold Items C and E and Mr. Hughes agreed. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote. Golf Committee Chair, Clem Smith, took questions

from the Board on Item C with regard to the rationale that was used in selecting the firm. Mr. Ballantine questioned if this was a vote of the quorum of the committee. Mr. Smith responded that the decision was rendered by the other rater and himself as charged by the Committee and that due to timing issues there was not a vote of the Committee. He stressed the need for the restaurant to open in a timely fashion. Mr. Ballantine questioned if they interviewed both candidates and Mr. Smith said they met with only one. Mr. Ballantine stated that he was uncomfortable moving ahead with this with the large discrepancy in the figures without additional information. Mr. Smith said they just didn't feel there was a strong enough history there that they could endorse going forward. Mr. Hughes said one of them was not in compliance by not submitting evidence of being able to pay the lease payment and Mr. Smith agreed and said they didn't select that individual. Mr. LaMantia said there should be a vote of the recommending group. Mr. McManus noted that it is in their recommendation that the Golf Committee was unanimous on this but if they haven't had a meeting it couldn't be unanimous. Mr. Smith stated that the Committee recommended that both he and Tom Johnson represent the Golf Committee on this issue and there will be a vote this coming Monday. Mr. Hughes moved to ask them to get a vote of the full committee on what they would like to do here and if in fact one of the proposals was non-compliant they should state that in their recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion. Frank Tammaro said he was the other bidder and read language pertaining to payment and pointed out that the lease has not been executed yet. He stated that his partner has been executive chef at 2 golf courses on the Cape for a minimum of 10 years. He provided a document he prepared including lease value options. The Board agreed to bring this item back when these issues get resolved and the Golf Committee has had an opportunity to fully vet the proposals and make a Committee decision. Mr. LaMantia recommended dealing with it in executive session as it is a contract. Mr. Hughes withdrew his motion and Mr. Ballantine withdrew his second.

With regard to Item E, Mr. LaMantia noted that these tournaments take place on boats and questioned if the Waterways Committee and Recreation & Youth have had conversations on accountability to the boating public. Mr. Hart responded that the Harbormaster has been in contact with both the Fire Department and Recreation & Youth. He said they are not prepared to have any patrols, it is not in their budget but they are working toward that. He noted that the Fire Department will be available if there is a problem and Recreation & Youth is still organizing this and they still have a way to go to make this a little more comfortable for the Harbormaster. Mr. LaMantia asked if we are far enough along to approve these dates and Mr. Hart responded that they are. Mr. LaMantia moved to accept Item E of the Consent Agenda. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

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

A. Public Hearing – Application for Change of Location and Transfer of Annual Package Store, All Alcoholic Beverages License held by William R. Coffin & Sons, Inc. d/b/a Plum's Package Store to Packaging Center, Inc. d/b/a Stop and Shop Supermarket

Mr. Ballantine read the hearing notice into record. Attorney Crowell, representing Stop & Shop, explained that this application is for a transfer of location from Plum's Package Store to Stop & Shop. He noted that unlike the petition from last September, Plum's will not be seeking a seasonal license if this transfer is granted so this will not be adding to the number of liquor licenses in Town. He referenced State statute that allows 5 licenses to be owned by one entity and noted that Stop & Shop has 3 other locations where they sell liquor. He stressed that the basic issue is whether the transfer will serve the public need and convenience. Mr. Crowell outlined the Ballarin factors and noted the following:

- It is the fastest growing area of Town in terms of population.
- It is already there in its present location and it is one stop shopping.
- There would not be any significant increase in traffic as Stop & Shop already has its customers and people probably aren't going to go there just to buy liquor.
- Most of the liquor licenses in Town are in the Harwich Port area (he provided a map as such).
- Five of the licensed locations sell food.
- There has only been one location in East Harwich for liquor for approximately 20 years.
- Because licenses are based on the population of the Town the only relevant views are of that of the inhabitants of the Town.
- In the 3 stores that Stop & Shop has licenses since 1993 there have been no violations.

Mr. Crowell noted that he submitted a petition at the last hearing with approximately 2,000 signatures in support of a license at this location. He reported that Stop & Shop has met with Chief Mason and gone over their security measures with him. He outlined security measures including:

- Cashiers must be 18 years to sell alcohol or the registers won't let them ring anybody up.
- They will card anyone who

purchases alcohol, the cashier also has to manually enter the date of birth into register.

- All cashiers will sign an alcohol sales policy
- There will be cameras throughout the department.
- Aisles will be locked by gate during non sale hours.
- There will be no cross merchandising, it will all be in one secure consolidated area.
- They will be hiring a liquor department manager to oversee.
- They will not sell nips, pints, half pints or kegs of beer.
- There will be undercover security.
- There will be cameras to monitor the parking lot.
- There will be a uniformed detective during peak hours to monitor the area and to act as a visible theft deterrent.

Mr. Crowell commented that there is a silent majority out there hoping that this transfer will be approved. He summarized that the transfer will serve the public need, there will be more than adequate measures to prevent theft or sales to minors, and Stop & Shop has a proven track record with 3 high volume stores. He stressed that the application meets the factors of the Ballarin test and urged the Board to be objective enough to allow the transfer.

Don Howell stated that there is no silent majority as the Town was asked as part of a statewide referendum about whether they wanted supermarkets to have beer and wine and they voted overwhelming that they didn't want that due to lack of control.

Attorney Glen Alberick, representing Harwich East Liquors, stated that you could sufficiently say this license should not be allowed on any of the following grounds: public need, public welfare, or opposition of local people. He stated that there are 9 package stores within a 3 mile radius of Stop & Shop and another 7 within 4 miles which is more than adequate. He stated that Stop & Shop will be serving the neighboring communities of Orleans, Brewster, and Chatham and this is over-saturation. He stated that Harwich East Liquors and other existing licensed package stores are limited size package stores with limited exits and entrances, with sufficient trained staff so as to assure no sales to minors and no theft and Stop & Shop is a large store footprint with multiple entrances and exits with large volumes of products of all kinds and a large volume of customers. He stated that it has a young staff with a high turnover of employees that will not have enough training. He noted that whether Plum's is going to seek a seasonal license does not matter at all in the Board's analysis and convenience has to do with what you think is convenient to the locality not whether you can buy your liquor at the same place as you buy your breakfast cereal. He noted that he believed that the petition should be new evidence and not from the previous hearing as Stop & Shop provided.

John Kenney, owner of Harwich East Liquors, said 6 months ago the people of this community voiced their strong opposition to this application and he encouraged the Board to deny the application. He submitted another petition in opposition to the transfer which he noted had 1,991 signatures and he reiterated his

attorney's remarks with regard to over-saturation of the market. He commented that the reason people come to our area to visit is its unique balance of healthy commerce without sacrificing its quaint picturesque character. He stated that beer, wine and liquor are best controlled by operators that have experience and are specialized in selling it. He stated that all of his staff receives alcohol beverage training and noted that his staff is more prepared on age verification and safety than any part-timer at Stop & Shop. He stated that Stop & Shop would be double to triple the size of Plum's which would lead to greater ease of access to minors and those recovering from alcoholism would see alcohol right in their face. He stated that internal theft will be nearly impossible to control with employees, a great number being seasonal, part-time or working under a J1 visa with little knowledge of our state's liquor control laws. He noted that there will many lost jobs at the other places that sell alcohol. Mr. Kenney questioned why they have not heard from the proposed manager Mr. McLean, and his experience in the liquor industry.

Brian Mannell, State Representative in Barnstable, stated that his constituents, the Kenney's, live in his district. He said this is not an issue of competition but rather it is a very calculated business decision by Stop & Shop because they know they will make a ton of money and they know that they will put people out on the streets and they are doing it in the name of convenience. He stated that convenience has been met as there is a liquor store right there and the voters spoke to this already.

Gloria Freeman, member of the West

Chatham Association Board of Directors, noted that they sent a letter of opposition to this and she provided another petition to the Board.

Joshua Norris, co-owner of Shop Ahoy Liquors noted that there is no advantageous buying power as it is heavily regulated by state. He questioned why they would take away groceries as we are underserved in that area. He noted that he went to the Hingham store and took pictures and notes, and talked on his cell phone but no one stopped him. He said he could have taken anything in or out or consumed anything.

Taylor Mills of Gorham Road in Harwich Port said he was stunned to hear Counsel for Stop & Shop say they had no violations at any of their stores that sell alcohol as he has had 34 years in law enforcement in Hingham and it “doesn’t pass the sniff test.” He said if someone grabs a bottle and runs out of the store, no one knows if no one calls the authorities. He said he is concerned with public safety issues and this is no benefit to the community and a substantial benefit to Stop & Shop.

David Norris, co-owner of Shop Ahoy Liquors, noted there is a possible strike looming at Stop & Shop and questioned who is going to be watching if there is a strike and they bring in new people.

Robert Velquez, a resident of Harwich and partner in Orleans Wine and Spirits stated that Harwich East Liquors is a great store, has a terrific selection and competitive pricing, and its location is serving the public need. He stated that in 2006 the voters spoke out loudly that they didn’t want

alcohol in supermarkets.

Joe DeLaMorte owner of Cranberry Liquors, encouraged the Board to vote against this.

John Palmeroy, who stated he worked for the Massachusetts Package Store Association and said he hasn't heard anything in regard to second party sales or buying alcohol for underage. He said they can't monitor the parking lot and he is in opposition of the application.

Tim Roper, Chatham Selectman, stated that although his Board hasn't taken a vote the individual feelings of his fellow Board members would be opposed to this. He made reference to the regional efforts of Harwich and Chatham and stated that we take pride in living in a small community where we know the shopkeepers and this is a \$31 billion corporation trying to compete with our small town stores. He characterized this as turning into a monopoly and unfair competition.

Beth Marcus, owner of Cape Cod Beer, stated she came here to support the local businesses because they support Cape Cod Beer.

Attorney Howard Wayne, co-counsel for Stop & Shop, said he has been representing Stop & Shop through most of their licensing endeavors for probably 10 years. He stated that people say this isn't about competition but its all about competition. He stated that he was the attorney for the A&P case and the only reason for that case was so that competition wouldn't be a factor in denying someone a license. He noted that the 2006

referendum never appeared on the ballot again because a compromise was worked out between the supermarkets and the Massachusetts Package Store Association and the Massachusetts wholesalers that resulted in legislation that would allow any entity to increase from 3 to 5 stores and then to 7 stores in 2016 and to 9 in 2020. He stated that the compromise was put into affect for a long time so that people like the Coffin's could exit the business and sell their license and put money in their pockets from the 30 years spent in the business. He stated that Stop & Shop feels they can bring a service to the community and they have met with Police and Fire Chief.

Mr. Crowell commented that this is "fear mongering" and the Board should look at the stellar track record of Stop & Shop despite what the gentleman who worked in Hingham had to say. He stated that there is no strike at Stop & Shop as the contract has been ratified. He disagreed that suddenly this is a monopoly and if you don't like what Stop & Shop is doing then don't go and buy their liquor. He stressed the need for the Board to stick to the Ballarin factors.

Mr. LaMantia recommended going through the Ballarin factors one by one and he noted that they aren't adding another license. Mr. McManus said they are over quota in year round package store licenses and if the quota has any validity then they should be attempting to eliminate licenses, not to continually shuffle them around. Mr. Ballantine questioned if they are discussing competition or an adequate number and he thinks they want the Board to vote against this simply for competition reasons. Chairwoman Cebula noted that

competition is not one of the Ballarin factors. Chairwoman Cebula said they have heard the views of the inhabitants. Mr. Hughes referred to the different petitions that were handed in and noted that he observed that probably no more than 50% are from Harwich and that some of the names were printed with no signatures. He said that people took the time to come to this hearing and that's very important. Mr. McManus stated that a number of years ago in Harwich, voters had the chance to decide whether they wanted wine sales in grocery stores and over 70% turned out at the ballot with 62% of our voters not in favor of it, a margin of victory of 24% which in most definitions is sort of a landslide and a good indication of what the views are of the inhabitants are. Mr. Hughes commented that it is rather compelling and very telling. He stated that the compromise that was reached has nothing to do with the voters of the Town of Harwich and he doesn't see that they wouldn't vote the same way now. He commented that it is clear that the voters in this Town at that time expressed their clear vision of how they want this topic treated. Chairwoman Cebula stated that "people can vote with their feet," just because someone has something for sale in their stores doesn't mean you have to go there, you can go to the smaller stores. Mr. Ballantine stated that he is troubled about preventing this because of competition but having all these people does make a compelling reason of keeping the ambiance we have now with the smaller stores. He stated that if Stop & Shop were to provide liquor, we gain nothing if the balance is possibly losing other stores. Mr. LaMantia stated that there is not a traffic, noise or size issue as the building is already there and the reputation is good as well. He said it gets

down to views of the inhabitants and the question is if the petitions represent what people in Town think, what the benefits to our residents are if any and he guessed Stop & Shop would end up with some quantity discounts but wasn't sure on that. Mr. Hughes argued that the sort of operation comes into play as they would be transferring from a small family owned operation to something much different than that and it speaks to the character of the Town and what we expect in our business community. Mr. Hughes stated that this Town is made of small shopkeepers, independent people in their own business with one or two employees and that is a vibrant community and the fabric of our Chamber of Commerce. He stated we look at the benefits we as Town fathers and mothers enjoy and that is some of the revenues that come our way are based on the fact that the business community is vibrant and we need to do all we can do to make that happen; we depend on a vibrant business community and by and large its small mom and pop operations -- that is the backbone of what we have going on economically. He stated that sort of operation is a very significant factor and Mr. McManus agreed. Mr. McManus stated that if you look at our existing package stores they all have staff in there that have made liquor stores their career and are very knowledgeable and are available to ask questions. He stated that he goes up and down the aisles in Stop & Shop and asks questions about different products and there are people stocking shelves -- they know where to stock it and that is about all they know and he assumes that will be the same in the liquor and wine aisle. He stated that a lot of young people go into this career and one of our major concerns is maintaining vibrant career opportunities for

young people to stay on the Cape. Mr. Ballantine said he took sort of operation to be more in the category of control and in that case he sees them as being equal. With regard to views of the inhabitants, Mr. Ballantine noted that they are arguing if they should deny this to protect the character of the community and questioned if that is a reasonable way to define the views of the inhabitants. With regard to views of the inhabitants, Mr. McManus noted that at the failed ballot measure 6 years ago there was a deal struck with the legislature which expanded ownership possibilities and he commented that it is like the camel getting its nose under the tent -- if the state legislature wants to do that they can but the Board has a local responsibility. He pointed out that other towns have chosen to be dry towns and if the state wants to take it all over they should be honest and eliminate the Board as Local Licensing Authority. He stated that our citizens of this locality have strongly voted against it and we should stand up and speak to them. Mr. LaMantia pointed out that the audience is basically people in the business and the Board isn't supposed to be dealing with competition. He commented that if they are so afraid of this competition, if that's what it is, then they have to be concerned with pricing and if the Board is supporting the results of this years old referendum then they may very well be taking money out of people's pockets. Chairwoman Cebula noted that both sides of the population are speaking and the Board can't just go with one or the other. Mr. McManus said his stance is based on the ballot issue not only in this Town but in the 4 other towns who voted against this. He said he is assuming the economics then are the same as they are now and back then they didn't vote their

pocketbook, they voted the character of the Town. Mr. Hughes questioned if some other entity showed up in East Harwich and they just happened to go into perhaps where the hardware store is would the Board think any differently and he said he thinks they would. He stated that he thinks the character and the nature of the operation that would be selling is a lot more than a liquor store and everywhere else it's not much more than a liquor store although we do have some that have gas stations attached. Mr. Hughes said that he thinks the 2006 vote is still valid and there has been no reason to speak otherwise since then. He said he puts a lot of merit in it. Mr. Hughes moved to deny the Stop & Shop request for the application for a liquor license change of location and transfer of license based upon factors 2 (views of the inhabitants) and 6 (sort of operation). Mr. McManus seconded the motion. Mr. McManus suggested getting a draft of more robust comments on item 2 and 6 before they vote. The Board agreed that Chairwoman Cebula would work on the letter with Mr. Merriam. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

NOTE: All submitted documents are on file in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Request to establish guidelines for future use of the South Harwich Meetinghouse – *discussion*

Judy Ford reported the work on the Meetinghouse is going really well, it is in wonderful condition structurally with utility installation nearly complete and an anticipated opening date of September 2013.

She stated that the license agreement is not up until next November but she was hoping to develop some sort of community use user agreement plan for the building as the current agreement is just to restore the building. She suggested establishing a revolving fund and added that she thinks it will very easily be self sustaining without any cost to the Town. Mr. McManus offered to work with the Friends group and bring forth a proposal.

B. Request by Nstar Electric to cut trees in Harwich that have undesirable growth or structural defects – *discussion and possible vote*

Mr. LaMantia moved to approve the request. Mr. Hughes seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

C. Disposition of the West Harwich School Building/Site – *discuss re-bid of RFP/possible vote*

Mr. Ballantine stated that this should be opened up for profit or non profit with the direction that it is important to save the building and the Board agreed. The Board took questions and comments from Brooke Williams. The Board took no action on this item.

D. Annual Town Meeting

1. Review Special Town Meeting Warrant – discussion/vote financial articles

Mr. McManus stated that the revenue for the cell tower is going to the Water Department when it is on Town property. He said the lease payment should come to the

Town. Mr. Hughes and Mr. LaMantia said that the land is under the control of the Water Department. Mr. McManus pointed out that they can bump the water rates up without anyone's approval but it is hard for the Town to generate additional revenue. Chairwoman Cebula asked Mr. LaMantia to discuss this with the Water Commissioners. Mr. McManus said this is a small thing for us to ask them to do for the Town. Mr. LaMantia said he would explore it.

2. Ballot questions/general override – discussion

The Board briefly discussed the ballot questions. No action was taken.

3. Article review

#16 - Fund the Purchase of a New Recreation Passenger Van

#17 - Beach Parking Lot Paving

#18 - Long Pond Beach Restroom

#19 - Allen Harbor Bulkhead Repair and Parking Lot Drains

Mr. Merriam briefly outlined the articles. No action was taken.

- One-Liners – *discussion/possible vote*

This item was not addressed by the Board.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Merriam discussed the highlights of his report:

Monomoy Regional School Budget reduced

I wanted you to have this information -- although it will be presented at the school committee tonight, it was public as of the Chatham BOS last night. ~The attached files include the new Monomoy numbers. ~With reductions and reclassifications we were able to take care of most of the gap. ~The primary benefit here is derived from the same source as last year -- School Choice. With the year more than half over, we were able to identify budgeted items that could be reduced, allowing us to reclassify other costs originally assigned to School Choice to the regular FY 13 budget and carry more School Choice offset dollars into FY 14. ~

Ordinarily we would wait until tonight's MRSC meeting to provide the data, but (with the approval of the MRSC Budget Subcommittee) we shared the new numbers at last night's Chatham BOS meeting. ~Not surprisingly with the savings to Chatham, they voted unanimously to recommend what tonight will likely become the approved assessment numbers at their Town Meeting.

Carolyn

Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce

On March 7th, I was invited by Governor Patrick to attend the CC Chamber of Commerce luncheon in which he advocated for his new Tax plan and \$1.9b increase dedicated for Transportation and Education. Chamber President Dorothy Savarese, Executive Director Wendy Norcross and Senator Dan Wolf strongly advised Governor Patrick that the Cape's major Capital Infrastructure need is WASTEWATER. Needless to say, I was thrilled to personally witness the delivery of this message to the Governor. There is no

doubt in my mind that the Governor heard the message loud and clear. I would not be surprised to see a bond bill drafted in the very near term. Now, the message needs to be delivered to the US Senate candidates and seek their commitment to the Cape for Federal funding!

MMA Bulletin

Speaker DeLeo has indicated that he intends to file legislation for the Chapter 90 increase. MMA is urging support of his efforts by contacting our Legislators.

Herring River revised MEP

Please find attached the MEP Technical Team response to comments received by the MEP regarding the Herring River Nitrogen Threshold Report.~ The MEP Technical Team has considered all the comments developed by CDM/Smith and has revised the Draft Herring River Report as appropriate per the CDM/Smith comments as well as the comments generated by the combined review undertaken by MassDEP/BBP/MCZM.

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The Final Report is being assembled presently and will be made available via the Town of Harwich password protected download page.~ An email will be issued when the Final Report is available for download.

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Roland Samimy
MEP Technical Coordinator
Coastal Systems Program
School for Marine Science and Technology
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth

Disability Rights Committee

Bob Cafarelli and I attended the DRC

meeting to respond to and discuss their two grievances. We concluded by offering to submit a STM article to fund the ADA handicap ramps at Library/Town Hall and to install a couple inches of stonedust on top of the T-base to firm up the walking path around the Community Center ballfields.

ATM Article 30 Library

As discussed with Selectmen on Monday night, we now have firm quotes for the venting and AC so we can reduced the \$25,000 placeholder for Article 30 to \$9000. (I also have a question below.) Dan Durgin will do the venting work for \$2700 and we have the funds in this year's budget so I've authorized him to get it done and eliminate that safety concern. The AC portion of the article can be done for \$9000. I am sending this to you in a letter but thought you might want to know sooner as you work on the budget.

I'm also looking for guidance on whether we should continue to seek funding through the article now we looking for a much smaller amount, or should we go to the FinCom with a Reserve Fund Transfer Request for it this year? I'm working on estimating our Maintenance costs for the rest of the year. If I project that, barring an unexpected major problem, we have \$2000 or \$3000 that could go towards this, that would further reduce the amount of the Reserve Fund Transfer. I have no idea of the size of the Reserve Fund and what other competing demands are expected for it, so let me know if you think that's an option we should pursue.

Ginny

New multi-purpose patrol boat update (do you wish to include transfer to County in motion?) “and the Board of Selectmen be authorized to transfer title of the Commander to the Barnstable County Dredge in exchange for an equivalent value of dredging services”.

FYI... good news, as indicated in the below email from NOAA the Town can transfer the Commander to another government organization.~ I talked with Wayne Jaedtke today and the Barnstable County Dredge is still very interested in receiving the boat.~ We can't sell the boat, but we can receive dredge services that are equal to a reasonable sell price for the boat... Wayne is agreeable to this.~ So I guess we should get it to the Selectmen for approval so we can execute the transfer upon receipt of our new patrol boat (if/when funds are approved at Town Meeting).~
John C. Rendon, Harbormaster

Route 137 construction progress

I am please to report that~yesterday's Route 137 utility coordination meeting was extremely positive (the first in 1.5 years) and shows promise of keeping the project on its June 2013 completion date.~ N-Star has been working for the last 2 weeks weather permitting and has committed to have all their work done by Friday, March 22.~ Comcast states that they have 2 to 3 weeks of work while Verizon feels they will have two separate crews (underground and overhead) working for 3 to 4 weeks.~ Although Lynch and everyone at the table is encourage by the utilities' efforts, this by no means ensures completion of the project this spring unless all the poles and pedestals are moved~as promised.~~~~Thanks, Link

Allen Harbor Dredging update

On March 14th, we hired Barrows Excavator to assist with de-watering the dredge material at Pleasant Road Beach pit and started loading trucks to haul the material to the former landfill site. Link projects that it will take 5-6 weeks at 8 truckloads per day to complete.

Cape Cod Tech

Supt. Sanborn and Business Manager Erin Orcutt spoke to Cape Managers in Falmouth regarding a planned Facility upgrade and need for support from the member communities. Bob hopes to file a Letter of Interest with MSBA by April 10th.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Hughes moved to adjourn at 10:57 p.m.
Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary