

**APPROVED**

**MINUTES  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018  
6:30 P.M.**

**SELECTMEN PRESENT:** Ballantine, Brown, Howell, Kavanagh, MacAskill

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Chief Clarke, Carolyn Carey, Erica and Nolan Strzepek, Sharon Pfleger, Cyndi Williams, Ed McManus, and others.

**WEEKLY BRIEFING**

Nolan and Erica Strzepek reported on the upcoming art week at the Cultural Center and invited students to participate by creating a diorama of their favorite location in Harwich on April 17 from 10:00 to 1:00. Nolan displayed his diorama of Long Pond. Ms. Carey announced that the works will be displayed at the open house at the Cultural Center on April 28.

Chief Clarke reported that Monomoy Schools are closed tomorrow due to the blizzard. Mr. Clark noted that Town buildings will be closed as well.

Ms. Pfleger reported that there is a meeting of the Wastewater Support Committee planned for Thursday at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Williams reported that the job fair is this Thursday at the Monomoy High School from 2:30 to 6:00.

Mr. McManus of Harwich Cranberry Festival updated the Board on the concert this past Saturday at the Cultural Center which he noted was a sell out crowd. He noted that the revenues allow them to pay for an additional two or three scholarships or other ways to help out with the youth in the community.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes – February 26, 2018
- B. Approve the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to award the Contract for the Reevaluation Update for FY 2014-2015 to Paul S. Kapinos & Associates
- C. Vote to sign Agreement between Barnstable County and the Town of Harwich for dredging at Saquatucket Harbor and Allen Harbor

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Request from the Community Center Director to construct a 7 circuit labyrinth at the Harwich Cultural Center

Ms. Carey proposed constructing a labyrinth at the Cultural Center. She explained that this is a way to grow the Cultural Center and introduce culture in a way they haven't done before at minimal cost. She explained that they would ask for donations from construction companies in Harwich and reach out to faith based places. Ms. Brown said they should uphold the separation of church and state and a labyrinth can be looked at as a spiritual belief. She added that this it is too early to be suggesting putting anything permanent there. Ms. Carey said it isn't a permanent structure in any way and they aren't going to take up the whole footprint. Chairman MacAskill said he would like a little time to visit a couple of existing ones. He added that he is also concerned about extending into a long term commitment but supports the concept. Mr. Ballantine said he would rather wait on this and the Board took no action.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **A. Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

#### **1. Final Approval of ATM Warrant – *discussion and vote***

Mr. Clark outlined changes to the warrant as a result of Saturday's budget session including changes to salaries for elected officials, and changes to the town and school budgets. Mr. Ballantine moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles as presented tonight. Ms. Kavanagh seconded the motion. Mr. Howell said he is not willing to vote for anything moving forward right now based on where we are with our wastewater and what the community knows. He said the same 5-10 questions are outstanding with no answers. He noted that the Board of Health hasn't been working on it. Chairman MacAskill pointed out that they are voting the warrant tonight and not to support the articles. Mr. Ballantine noted that the committee is working hard on getting the answers to these questions prior to Town Meeting and we are expecting much more detailed information from our consultants by the end of this month which should answer most of the questions that are still outstanding. He added that the Board of Health is looking at what is required. Mr. Howell pointed out that the Board of Health hasn't voted. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **2. Final approval of Ballot Questions – *discussion and vote***

Mr Ballantine moved to approve the final ballot questions as voted tonight. Ms. Kavanagh seconded the motion. Mr. Clark outlined the 7 ballot questions for consideration. Ms. Brown questioned if there is a way to indicate in the pet cemetery question that it will be paid for by fees collected and Mr. Clark responded that it can be put in the explanation. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

#### **3. ATM Warrant Articles – *vote for favorable action or IP***

Chairman MacAskill said they are still going to meet with the Finance Committee to discuss warrant articles so the Board doesn't have to vote on the articles tonight. He said he would bring this back next week and the Board agreed. The Board had a general discussion about the wastewater project and the need to get questions answered for the homeowners. Ms. Pflieger said the Wastewater Support Committee will be meeting with a County representative and she asked the Board to send her any questions they need answered.

B. Budget Discussion – *follow up from March 10 Budget Hearings*

There was no discussion on this item

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

A. MDAR Public Notice for Vegetation Management Plan

Mr. Clark reported that we receive a notice from MDAR that vegetation management is set to begin.

B. Meeting of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group for Managers and Superintendents

Mr. Clark reported that there will be a meeting of the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group on Friday morning at 8:30 at Cape Cod Tech to get an update on various health insurance issues.

C. Departmental Weekly Reports

There was no action or discussion on this item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel  
Recording Secretary

## Related Documents - March 12, 2018 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Minutes February 26.pdf
- 03 Revaluation Contract.pdf
- 04 County Dredge -Allen Harbor.pdf
- 05 County Dredge - Saquatucket.pdf
- 06 Labyrinth at Cultural Ctr.pdf
- 07 Draft ATM Warrant.pdf
- 08 Sample Ballot.pdf
- 09 TA Rpt. MDAR Report.pdf
- 10 TA Rpt. CCMHG Meeting.pdf
- 11 Departmental Weekly Reports.pdf