

**MINUTES
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
GRIFFIN ROOM, TOWN HALL
MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

APPROVED

SELECTMEN PRESENT: Ballantine, Howell, Kavanagh, MacAskill

OTHERS PRESENT: Town Administrator Christopher Clark, Carolyn Carey, Richard Waystack, Cyndi Williams, Jack Brown, John Wheeler, Clem Smith, Angelo LaMantia, Rich Larios, Chris Harlow, and others.

WEEKLY BRIEFING

A. Presentation of Recognition Plaque to Police Matron Patricia Scarnici

Chairman MacAskill reported that this item would be brought back at a later date.

B. Legislative Update from Senator Cyr and Representative Peake

Representative Peake updated the Board on the status of Home Rule Bills 3708 and 2636 which she noted are still on the House side. She stated that she discussed the need for a sidewalk connection to the harbor in Harwich Port with the Lt. Governor and Secretary Kirk and they are continuing to have conversations on that. Senator Cyr reported on issues that they have been working on including wastewater issues, room occupancy tax for short term rentals, and Pilgrim Nuclear Power Plant decommissioning. They indicated that they would have a discussion on Beacon Hill about the prospect of granting an exemption for the new room tax for somebody's primary residence. They took questions and comments from the Board on these issues as well as issues related to health care services and costs and housing issues. Senator Cyr provided data related to the opioid epidemic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman MacAskill recognized Recreation Director Eric Beebe who ran 54.6 miles last weekend in support of Boston Children's Hospital.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes –
 - 1. October 2, 2017 Regular Meeting
 - 2. October 10, 2017 Regular Meeting
- B. Approve contract with Weed and Feed Inc. for Whitehouse Field Irrigation Project in the amount of \$24,777
- C. Confirm appointment of Dean Damon as Greenskeeper I
- D. Vote to sign acknowledgement of completion of responsibilities regarding Ginger Plum Lane betterment

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS/PRESENTATIONS *(Not earlier than 6:30 P.M.)*

A. Annual Meetings with the Selectmen:

1. Golf Committee

Mr. Smith delivered the annual report of the Golf Committee and took questions and comments from the Board.

2. Recreation & Youth Committee

Chairman MacAskill noted that the Chairman of the Recreation & Youth Committee would not be delivering their report tonight due to illness.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Trails Committee membership discussion

Chairman MacAskill reported that the Trails Committee had a meeting scheduled this week for which they didn't make a quorum again. He explained that the committee went from 5 members originally to 7 members in 2005 and in 2008 it went to 9 members which is what it is currently. He stated that in speaking with the Conservation Agent, he has learned that they are more of a voluntary committee to the Conservation Agent and she holds their budget of about \$2,500. He stated that he would like to make them volunteers under the Conservation Agent or at the very least reduce the membership to 5 with a couple of alternates. He noted that this is a Selectmen appointed committee so it doesn't have to go to Town Meeting. Mr. Howell stated that the motivation for it as Mr. Worrell wanted was that we had a lot of ancient ways and paths in Town and he wanted to be able to put signs up to show people where they could walk and it has somehow morphed into something bigger. He added that if they were volunteers for Conservation and would help put the signs up, the Committee would go back to what its original roots were. Mr. Ballantine suggested having 5 members and maybe an alternate or 2. Ms. Kavanagh agreed and said we should streamline as many committees as we can and also agreed with the idea of putting them under the Conservation Agent. Chairman MacAskill said he would bring this item back next week when Ms. Brown, who is current liaison, is present. He said he would speak to the Conservation Agent to see if this is something she would want to take on.

B. Clarification on property line between Cultural Center and Elementary School

Chairman MacAskill said he was approached by the Little League and they asked about putting a well in for irrigating the fields. He noted that last year when he brought this forward he was told it was the property of the Monomoy Regional School System and that it was in the Regional Agreement but he does not see anything in the document about boundaries. He said he would like an answer as to who the fields belong to, and if they belong to the Town, then we should be leasing them to the Little League and Recreation & Youth should be in charge of them. He said

right now the School has taken that role of leasing the fields. Mr. Clark said we can have the surveyor draw something that reflects where the boundary should be and Ms. Kavanagh said we need an updated site plan showing the septic and leach field. It was agreed that Mr. Clark would pursue identifying the lines and bring it back to the Board.

C. Preliminary Capital Outlay Plan Summary update

Mr. Clark outlined the preliminary Capital Outlay Plan summary. He reported that there has been an interest in the snack shack at Saquatucket Harbor and questioned if the Board would be interested in pursuing it if it were funded by outside parties, and if so, we could put together an RFP. Ms. Kavanagh commented that it was a great idea. Mr. Larios stated that there are requests for \$25,000 to \$35,000 but the Capital Outlay Committee only votes on requests for \$50,000 or more. He reported that the Committee has heard about 50% of the requests and no votes have been taken. He said they feel they can work closer with CPC in terms of strengthening the recommendation or showing their support. Mr. Howell stated that there appears to be a lot of non-capital things in the Capital Plan. There was discussion about the West Harwich School project being too early on the Capital Plan. Mr. Clark said he would leave it on for FY19 in fairness as the Capital Outlay Committee hasn't heard the presentation and the Board can always move it in December. Chairman MacAskill said he would bring it back. Ms. Kavanagh suggested tabling the \$40,000 for the Albro House until we have a better understanding as to what we are going to do. Mr. Clark said he would need to get an assessment from Mr. Libby.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Notification of changes to Open Meeting Law

Mr. Clark reported that the update on the Open Meeting Law has been sent out and said he will make sure it has been sent to all Boards and Committees.

He reported that the full day budget hearings will be March 3, 2018.

B. Departmental Weekly Reports

There was no action or discussion on this item.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Ballantine discussed details from the Cape Housing Institute meeting that he and Ms. Kavanagh attended.

A. Budget Warrant Timeline

There was no action or discussion on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Howell moved to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. Mr. Ballantine seconded the motion and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Steidel
Recording Secretary

Related Documents - October 23, 2017 BOS Meeting

- 01 Agenda.pdf
- 02 Recognition Plaque.pdf
- 03 Legislative Update.pdf
- 04 Minutes - October 2, 2017.pdf
- 05 Minutes - October 10, 2017.pdf
- 06 Whitehouse Field Irrigation Bid.pdf
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- 08 Ginger Plum Lane Betterment.pdf
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