

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, September 29, 2009

6:00 PM

Dennis Town Hall, Hearing Room

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Attendees: Selectmen; Paul McCormick, Sheryl McMahon, Heidi Schadt, Wayne Bergeron and Alan Tuttle. Town Administrator Richard White and Recording Secretary Wendy Pells.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

HEARING 6:30 PM

Heidi Schadt read the public hearing notice into the record.

Airport Taxi. L.L.P. Request A Taxi License

Dean Murphy and Joseph Vargas introduced themselves to the Licensing Board. They stated that they would like to expand their existing business to Dennis. The Licensing Board instructed the Police Chief to develop standards for taxi fares and permitting.

Motion:

Wayne Bergeron moved the approval of Airport Taxi. Alan Tuttle seconded. The Licensing Board voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appoint James Sullivan to Police Sergeant

Declare Old Skiff Surplus

Accept \$45.00 donation to Police Department Donation Account

Accept Donation of a Tree to The Dennis Village Cemetery

Accept the Surrender of an Annual All Alcohol License from Sofy's Inc.

Board of Health Request to Waive Vaccination Fees for Drive thru Clinic

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to appoint James Sullivan to Police Sergeant, declare a skiff surplus, accept a \$45.00 donation to the Police Dept., accept a donation of a tree for the Dennis Village Cemetery, accept the surrender of an annual all alcohol license from Sofy's Inc., and waive the vaccinations fees for the drive through clinic. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

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ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Review Transfer Station Design Study: Environmental Partners

Mark White with Environmental Partners and Supt. of Public Works David Johansen provided a quick overview of the study objectives: improve efficiency, increase public and workers safety, resolve traffic conflicts and provide flexibility.

Mr. Mark White then described the current layout of the transfer station. He also described the responsibilities of the gatehouse attendant. The gatehouse is a real source of congestion especially during the summer months. The segregated recycling program is now outdated. Mr. White then reviewed the solid waste data. He explained that the MSW totals are going down. This is due to less packaging and more recycling. The data collection included meeting with the staff, traffic counts and direct observations. He stated that the gatehouse is very congested. There is a vehicle at the gate every 12 seconds during the summer months. The staff can be overwhelmed. The recycling area can only take 8-10 vehicles at a time. The cardboard recycling area is heavily used. Some of the traffic in that area is simply exiting the transfer station due to the center drive thru lane. Mr. White explained the C&D and Scrap metal is also difficult to handle. He explained the constraints include the gatehouse, swap shop and misc. recycling area.

Mr. White also reviewed the economic evaluations of recycling and solid waste. He added that he also looked at alternative hauling methods. Those communities that are participating in the co-mingling are experiencing 25% of the market. The Town of Dennis is currently earning 8%. The goal is to increase the recycling rate. There is currently much more competition within the industry. Mr. White added that commercial waste has also declined. He also included an analysis for SEMASS vs. Yarmouth TS Haul. He mentioned that currently with the bid rates the Town is doing better with SEMASS. Mr. White reviewed the short term and long term improvements. He explained that the elimination of the cash transactions at the gatehouse will create a better flow. The elimination of weighing brush at the scale would also speed things up. The Town could charge by the size of the vehicle. Mr. White would recommend relocating the gatehouse and the scale, consolidating the recycling area.

Paul McCormick stated that the current design is dangerous. He added that he would also like to incorporate the use of credit cards.

Alan Tuttle stated that the sooner we can get rid of the construction and demolition debris the better. If we started co-mingling the Town would save time and increase profit.

Rick White stated the Board will have the final report in a few days. The Board can then make long term and short term decisions.

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Follow-up on Private Road Inspection

David Johansen explained that Rob Crowell inspected 500 private roads in Town. He added that 112 roads failed the inspection. The list will be published in the paper and door tags will be placed. These roads will not be plowed this winter.

Wayne Bergeron is concerned that the residents have ample opportunity to make repairs.

Flu Clinic Presentation Q&A

Terry Hayes, Dennis Health Director explained that the Federal Government will provide the H1N1 vaccine. In Massachusetts 3.4 million will be eligible. He explained that in 2006 the Town performed a successful emergency dispensing site (EDS) drill. The drill showed us that we will need additional staff. He then explained the benefits of a drive thru clinic. Less staff is needed. Buses won't be needed. Terry Hayes explained that car pooling will be important.

Heidi Schadt and Wayne Bergeron stated that they are concerned that those folks that are shut-ins will not be able to obtain a shot.

Terry Hayes stated that his goal is to complete the seasonal flu virus clinic by 11/1/2009. The H1N1 clinic will be held at a later date.

D-Y Schools District Facility Study Committee Representatives Needed

Paul McCormick read a memo from the D-Y School Committee. The committee is looking for three people from the Dennis community to serve on the committee.

Wayne Bergeron stated that one of the members should include a Selectman.

Sheryl McMahan stated that she has some people in mind for this committee.

Request for American Legion Sign at Clover Leaf Exits

Paul McCormick stated that the signs need to be consolidated. He added that he would mention it to the C. Chamberlain Parkway Committee. Paul McCormick mentioned that he would discuss the issue with the Town Engineer.

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Wayne Bergeron moved to not take any action until such time a policy is drafted. The Town engineer and the C. Chamberlain Parkway is to be consulted. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Appoint Liaison to State Ethics Commission

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to appoint Terri Bunce. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Consider Nominations for Metropolitan Planning Organization

Motion:

Wayne Bergeron moved to nominate Yarmouth Selectman Suzanne McAuliffe. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Select Date for Committee Appointments

There was a consensus to meet on October 21, 2009 at 5:30 PM.

SELECTMEN'S DISCUSSION

The Selectmen agreed to meet every other week. Wayne Bergeron stated that he would like to continue discussions on other regional opportunities.

Alan Tuttle mentioned that he would like to see a Selectmen's Meeting Policy. There need to be rules to follow.

MINUTES

August 10, 2009

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 8/10/09. Alan Tuttle seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-2-0. The motion was carried.

August 18, 2009 (Hearing)

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 8/18/ 09. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-1-0. The motion was carried.

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September 15, 2009

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 9/15/09. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-2-0. The motion was carried.

8:45PM

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to adjourn. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.