

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, January 8, 2008
Dennis Town Hall, Hearing Room
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Attendees: Selectmen: Jane Otis, Paul McCormick, Charles Crowell, Sheryl McMahon and Heidi Schadt. Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife and Wendy Pells Recording Secretary.

The Pledge of allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Robert Kosco thanked everyone for their well wishes during his recent illness.

Florence Crockett, member of the Seaview Property Committee, stated that the public needs to form groups to discuss the planning for the Seaview Property.

Heidi Schadt announced that the Capital Outlay Committee will meet on January 15, 2008 to make their capital recommendations to the public.

Paul McCormick announced that the State primary is approaching. The Church of the Nazarene will provide the space for a training session for the handicap voting machine on January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM.

Sheryl McMahon stated the D-Y School Committee recently met on January 7, 2008. They worked on their budget for over two hours. The meeting was very productive.

Charlie Crowell stated the Bridge Street project is under construction. During the interim the Town should make some improvements to the detour especially Paddocks Path. Brush needs to be trimmed and holes in the road need to be filled.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Robert Canevazzi stated that the D-Y School Committee met on January 7, 2008. The current budget is up 8.7%. The increase includes the debt from the high school construction and fixed costs. This budget may not require an override. The school committee may need to use some funds from E&D to balance their budget.

Robert Canevazzi also announced that Mass. Highway will be performing work on the Rte. 134 Bridge over the next several weeks.

INTERVIEWS & APPOINTMENTS

Town Office Building Committee

Mr. Peter Nyberg came forward to be interviewed. He stated that he recently served on the Police Station Building Committee. He added that he has attended all the committee meetings to date.

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Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to appoint Peter Nyberg to the Town Office Building Committee. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Change of Manager Dennis Oyster Company

Gerry Bojanowski, owner of the Dennis Oyster Company, came forward and introduced Ms. Lynn Mumma. He stated that Lynn has worked at the restaurant since it opened. She is very knowledgeable and will make a good manager.

Heidi Schadt stated that Lynn Mumma is originally from PA. The Mumma name is very common in PA.

Lynn Mumma introduced herself to the Licensing Board. She stated that she has completed the barcode and serve safe courses.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to appoint Lynn Mumma as manager of the Dennis Oyster Company. Sheryl McMahan seconded. The Licensing Board voted 4-0-1 (PM). The motion was carried.

Request Funding from Wetlands protection Fund

Brian Malone, Dir. of Natural Resources announced the annual hardwood give away will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2008. Those folks that qualify for fuel assistance will be given the first opportunity at 9:45 AM at the old entrance to the Dennis Transfer Station.

The Director then requested the Selectmen approve his request to use \$2,286.00 from the Wetlands Funds for the purchase of trees and shrubs for the Whitfield Johnson mitigation plan.

Heidi Schadt stated that she is pleased that this issue has been resolved.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved to authorize the transfer of funds from the Wetlands Protection Fund in the amount of \$2,286.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Director Malone also requested the Selectmen to approve his request for \$419.44 for the purchase of one license for the Arc View GIS Mapping software.

Sheryl McMahan asked if this software is already available at Town Hall.

Director Malone stated that for the extensive amount of work that will be performed the NRD office will need its own license.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved to authorize the transfer of \$419.44 from the Wetlands Protection Fund. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

(Paul McCormick stepped down.)

6:30 PM Hearing Sand Dollar Bar & Grill request an alteration to premises and a Sunday entertainment license.

Licensing Chairman Charles Crowell read the public hearing notice.

Mark Barry, owner of the Sand Dollar Bar & Grill stated that he is requesting a temporary deck. It is intended to increase the afternoon business and to add curb appeal.

Sheryl McMahan stated that she would like to see a drawn plan.

Jane Otis stated that she is not sure this is the right place for a deck.

Mark Barry mentioned that he has been in business for seven years. His business has been in compliance for seven years. His business does not have A/C and it would be cooler to dine outside.

Jane Otis stated that Mr. Barry may want to consider using the existing area in front of the restaurant as opposed to the deck area off the side. Jane Otis also mentioned that she doesn't believe this is the right place for patio umbrellas.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved to continue the application for an alteration of premises until January 29, 2008. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Mark Barry stated that his second request is for Sunday entertainment. He added that he would like to provide a family Karaoke night on Sunday.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved to approve the request for an indoor Sunday entertainment license for the hours of 12PM- 12AM. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Resignation from Arts & Culture Council

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to accept the resignation from Andrew Renault. Charlie Crowell seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Resignation from Government Information Access Committee

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to accept the resignation from Robert Juliano. Charlie Crowell seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Resignation from Road Safety Task Force

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to accept the resignation from Dorria DiManno. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Consider right of First Refusal- Ocean Pines Village Condo

Sheryl McMahon stated that the Board of Selectmen should speak with Nancy Davison and Dan Fortier about revising the restriction for this property. The owner is currently not allowed to rent the property. If they can't sell the property it may remain vacant and fall into disrepair.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to refuse the right of first refusal for 321 Main Street, Unit A, Dennisport, MA. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved that the Board of Selectmen meet with Housing Assistance Corp. to discuss revising the affordable housing restriction for the properties located at 321 Rte. 28 Dennisport, MA. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

BUDGET REVIEW

MIS (155)

MIS Director, Steve Buss, requested the public to submit a green card for the Government Access Committee. There are several vacancies on the committee. Steve Buss began the budget review by explaining to the Selectmen that maintenance costs are fixed costs and they are subject to a 5% increase.

Heidi Schadt stated that it would be difficult for this department to stay up to date without their subscriptions.

Sheryl McMahon stated that some of the publications are available at the library or online.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to reduce the subscriptions, dues and memberships by 200.00. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Library Budget (610)

Acting Library Dir. Tish Murphy presented the budget. She stated that she has been employed by the Town of Dennis since 1987. She explained that the library is a very busy high tech building. The new library in Dennisport is much larger than the old library. The new library has experienced incredible growth. However, library staffing has remained the same.

Jim Plath, Chairman of the Dennis Finance Committee, requested the Selectmen provide the Finance Committee with a set of minutes that give the details of discussions concerning the salaries for the Library Dir. and Administrative Asst.

Mr. John Malloy provided the Selectmen a hand out that detailed the amount of support that is provided by each Town for their libraries. He added that according to these statistics the Town of Dennis underfunds their libraries by 4% per year. Library circulation is experiencing circulation growth at 8.8% per year.

Jane Otis stated that recent surveys show us that the citizens are happy with their library service.

Sheryl McMahon pointed out to Mr. Malloy that donations are not included in the statistics that he handed out.

Patricia Stone, Chairman of the Library Board, stated that Dennis Libraries circulated 163,000 items this past year. She requested the Selectmen support a service level budget for the libraries.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved tentative approval of the Library budget in the amount of \$433,902.00. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

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SELECTMEN'S DISCUSSION

Heidi Schadt stated that the Dennis Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee will meet at the DPW on 1/23/2008 at 8:30 AM to view the condition of the equipment.

Charles Crowell asked if there has been any progress with the Melpet Farm deed?

Robert Canevazzi stated the Housing Authority is still working with their attorney on reverter clause.

9:00 PM

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-union contracts. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.