

Attendees: Board of Selectmen Paul McCormick, Heidi Schadt, Sheryl McMahon, Charles Crowell, Jane Otis; Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandy Fife.

Public Information

Alan Cole, Recycling Commission announced the winners of the Transfer Sticker Awards:

Initial Pass:	Josh Holmes
Second Pass:	Heather Pear
Honorable Mention:	Sienna Bryden Rachael Bunce David Hollis Julia Ryder

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi stated that the First Student Bus Co. would like to use the DPW Maintenance property on Bob Crowell Road for maintenance and storage of their buses. Mr. Canevazzi will get the information together for the Board.

Administrative Matters

1. Consider Revised Charge for Advisory Committee on Disabilities

Paul McCormick stated that the Advisory Committee on Disabilities has been working on the charge. The charge has been sent to Brian Florence, Building Commissioner to review the references to ADA. Once complete the committee will bring the charge to the Board for approval.

2. Request for Change of Hours, Why Lounge

Tanida, Inc d/b/a Why Lounge has requested a change of hours from 11AM -1AM/ 7 days a week to Tuesday – Saturday 5PM – 1AM, closed on Sunday and Monday.

Motion made by Sheryl McMahon and seconded by Charles Crowell to approve the request of Tanida, Inc d/b/a Why Lounge to change hours of operation to Tuesday – Saturday 5PM – 1AM, closed Sunday and Monday. Motion passed 5-0-0.

3. Accept Donation of a Maple Tree for Oak Ridge Cemetery

Motion made by Heidi Schadt and seconded by Paul McCormick to accept the donation of one Maple tree for the Oak Ridge Cemetery from Mr. John E. Gilligan, III, 281 Setucket Road, Yarmouthport, MA, with thanks. Motion passed 5-0-0.

4. Consider Resignation from the Josiah Dennis Manse Committee

Motion made by Sheryl McMahan and seconded by Charles Crowell to accept the resignation of Bonnie Main from the Josiah Dennis Manse Committee. Motion passed.

5. Discussion with Dennis Housing Authority regarding Melpet Farm

The Dennis Housing Authority met with the Board to inform them of the status of Melpet Farms. In attendance were Valarie Foster and Juan Donlin from DHA, Alice Boyd, and State Representative Cleon Turner.

Valerie Foster presented the background/history of Melpet Farm to the Board. For last three months the DHA has been negotiating a new agreement which was recently rejected by Faneuil Investment Group who further stated that they would move to foreclose on the property. After receiving the notice the DHA decided to advise the Town Administrator to act on the reverter of the Deed and take back possession of the property.

Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi stated that he has contacted Kathleen O'Donnell on what steps the town needs to do in order to take back possession of the property.

Alice Boyd stated that this is a viable project for the town with the funding sources that are available.

State Representative Cleon Turner stated that the present DHA commission did not create the problems that have existed with Melpet Farms. They have worked very hard to correct those problems.

The Board thanked the DHA for all their hard work.

Consider awards for Transfer Station Sticker Contest Winners

Motion made by Paul McCormick to grant 6 free transfer station passes to the winners and honorable mentions of the transfer station sticker contest. Motion passed 4-1-0 (Sheryl McMahan – no).

Sheryl McMahan stated that she feels that only 1st and 2nd place winners should receive a free transfer station pass.

Selectmen's Discussion

Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi read a letter from the DY Regional School District requesting a joint meeting with the Town of Dennis and Yarmouth to discuss the school budget for FY 2009.

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The Board decided that they would attend the joint meeting scheduled for February 25, 2008 and that they would invite the school committee to the Board of Selectmen's meeting on March 4, 2008.

Minutes

Minutes of December 11, 2007

Motion made by Sheryl McMahon and seconded by Heidi Schadt to accept the minutes of December 11, 2007. Motion passed 4-1-0 (Jane Otis –no).

MOTION:

Sheryl McMahon moved, Heidi Schadt seconded and the Board voted 5-0-0: Heidi Schadt "AYE", Paul McCormick "AYE", Sheryl McMahon "AYE", Charles Crowell "AYE", and Jane Otis "AYE".

The Board of Selectmen adjourned from Open Session at 8:20pm, to enter into Executive Session, not to return to Open Session for the purposes of Collective Bargaining, Land Acquisition, and Non-Union Bargaining.