

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Tuesday, February 26, 2008 6PM  
Dennis Town Hall Meeting Room  
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Attendees: Board of Selectmen Heidi Schadt, Paul McCormick, Sheryl McMahon, Charles Crowell (arrived 6:55PM); Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandy Fife.

Absent: Jane Otis

Finance Committee: Jim Plath, Ted Dumas, Bill Crowell, Rachael Baroni

#### Public Information

Town Administrator Bob Canevazzi reported that the Melpet Property had been reacquired from the DHA. Action is being taken to temporarily insure the property. The current tenants will be found other housing.

#### **6:30PM Financial Policy Discussion with Standard & Poor's**

Geoff Buswick, Managing Director of Standard & Poor's presented to the Board the Cape Cod Credits and Financial Management Assessment of the Town of Dennis.

Mr. Buswick stated that the Town of Dennis has received a rating of AA/stable. The rating reflects the town's high property wealth and very strong property tax base growth, driven primarily by residential property appreciation of homes along the town's coast line, along with a sound financial position and low debt burden. These strengths are somewhat mitigated by the town's subsidization of the general fund budget by golf course and transfer station operations, and the seasonal economy. The financial management assessment is good.

#### **7:30PM Capital Needs Discussion**

The Department Heads were present to present their department's capital needs to the Board.

Steve Buss, MIS Director presented his budget request to the Board.

Dustin Pineau, Beach Director is requesting \$15,000 for beach erosion control and \$68,000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of a 5 year plan to repair beach parking lots (total cost \$394,869).

Sandy Fife presented the Building Department request to be able to replace a 1998 ford explorer, with over 100,000 miles and numerous repairs.

Sandy Fife presented the Board of Health request to replace a 1998 Chevy Blazer with numerous repairs.

Brian Malone presented the Department of Natural Resources request to replace a 2001 long bed truck that will no longer pass inspection due to rust on the underbody.

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Mark Dellner presented the Fire Department request to replace 1996 4 WD vehicle, upgrade ambulances electronic patient care reporting, and upgrade ambulances carbon monoxide oximeters.

Sandy Fife presented the Golf Department request of 2 new Kubota Tractors, 2 Aerocore Aerators, replace Toro Rough mower, new Versa Vac, replace Greenmaster, and new Hydroseeder to be shared with DPW and Rec Department.

Terry Clen, Harbormaster presented his request for maintenance/replacement of Sesuit Docks \$100,000, New 4WD Pick up Truck, Portable Fire Pumps, Dredge Sesuit Harbor \$40,000.

Steve Estey presented the Municipal Department request to paint WDGS \$50,000, replace 1999 truck, pave VIC Hall Parking Lot \$65,000.

Chief Mike Whalen presented the Police Department requests to replace 3 marked and 2 unmarked vehicles and an electronic fingerprinting system.

Joe Rodricks presented the Engineering Departments request for Sidewalk repair \$50,000, Culverts \$25,000, Roads – Drainage Improvements \$144,000, Secondary Roads \$720,000, Upper County Rd Guardrail \$35,000.

David Johansson, DPW Superintendent and Greg Rounseville, Assist Superintendent presented the DPW request to the Board: replace 14 year old dump truck, 15 year old chipper, 43 year old grater, 41 year old tractor, 11 year old street sweeper, 23 year old front end loader, 20 year old front end loader, 18 year old sanitation roll-off bins.

Sandy Fife presented the Town Clerk's request for 5 new voting machines, cost \$29,500.

Dustin Pineau, Recreation Department presented his departments request for Bleacher Replacement, Mike Stacy playground \$38,000, and John Kelly Park – Phase 2 \$238,000.

The Board discussed several options of funding the capital needs of the Town. The Board discussed the pros and cons of one year Capital Exclusion vs. a Permanent Capital Override.

**Motion made by Sheryl McMahon and seconded by Paul McCormick to establish a Permanent 2.5 million Capital Override. Motion passed 3-1-0 (Charles Crowell – no).**

**Motion made by Sheryl McMahon and seconded by Paul McCormick to adjourn at 10:10PM. Motion passed 4-0-0.**