

Board of Selectmen's Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2008
Dennis Town Hall, Hearing Room
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Attendees: Board of Selectmen: Jane Otis, Charles Crowell, Paul McCormick, Sheryl McMahon and Heidi Schadt. Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife and Wendy Pells Recording Secretary.
(Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi was absent.)

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Mr. Bruce Hill, Chairman of the Dennis Cemetery Advisory Committee, addressed the Selectmen. He announced the Committee will sponsor an open house at the Old Town Hall Cemetery on Saturday, May 24, 2008 from 1- 4PM. Nancy Reid will be on hand to provide tours. The Boy Scouts of America will also be there cleaning some headstones as part of their Eagle Scout project.

Dustin Pineau announced that the Community Leadership Institute will provide a volunteer clean up at the Johnny Kelley Park on Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Request Change of Park Users Fees

Beach & Recreation Director Dustin Pineau proposed the following increases:

Pavilion Rental (4 hour limit @ \$5.00) increased to \$5.00 per hour.
Pavilion and Field 2 ½ limit on field \$12.00 increased to \$25.00
Facility or Tournament use by group Not Regularly renting \$70.00 increased to \$100.00

Dustin Pineau mentioned that the fee increases will help offset the increased costs of electric and water at the facility.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to accept the fees as outlined in the memo dated April 14, 2008. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 5-0-0. The motion was carried.

Peter McDowell stated that the parking lot lights are now working at Corporation Beach.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Sandra Fife announced that a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will be held on Friday night at the West Dennis Graded School House. There will be raffles and a silent auction. The proceeds will benefit the Bigelow Family. Lynn Bigelow, an employee with the Assessors office recently lost her husband in an unexpected death. Many of the donations have been provided by Town Employees, Paul Covell, Clancy's Restaurant and Stop & Shop.

Jane Otis asked the other Selectmen why a Board meeting was held without her knowledge. The Selectmen met to discuss forming a Town Administrator Search Committee. The date for the interviews was rescheduled for a later date. Jane Otis asked what was wrong with the pool of existing applicants.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she received a message from Heidi Schadt that a meeting was posted. Sheryl McMahon stated that nothing was done to deliberately exclude the Chairwoman. The intention was also to include the new incoming Selectmen in this process.

Jane Otis stated that she finds the whole sequence of events disconcerting. She added that it was her decision not to run for Selectman.

Paul McCormick stated that he read the Chairwoman's email response as that of being notified of the meeting; however she would not be available to attend the meeting.

Charles Crowell stated that he also received a message from Heidi that a meeting has been posted.

Heidi Schadt stated that she called and left a message on Jane's cell phone.

Jane Otis asked if the meeting was televised.

Heidi Schadt stated that it was a short meeting. It was not televised. The purpose of revising the date for interviews was also to be able to include those folks that have not yet returned from FL.

Peter McDowell stated that the Selectmen may want to take a formal vote now that the meeting is televised.

Jim Plath stated that this is a disservice to those residents that have stepped forward and submitted a green card.

Alan Tuttle, resident of So. Dennis stated that the Selectmen created a good schedule. He added that he was disappointed to see the changes.

At 6:35 PM Jane Otis, Chairman of the Dennis Board of Selectmen, stated that she was going home. She passed the gavel to Charles Crowell.

Heidi Schadt mentioned that she recently attended an open house at the DPW. The purpose of the open house was to give the public the opportunity to view the public works equipment. The event was very well attended. Heidi Schadt also announced that residents should submit green cards for the Conservation Commission.

Paul McCormick stated that the Golf Dept. revenue is \$216,000.00 ahead of revenue from last year. Paul McCormick also announced that from 4/13-4/19 is National Library Week. Selectman McCormick went on to read a proclamation for National Library Week.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she recently attended the Cape Cod & Island Selectmen's & Councilors meeting. She added there was a consensus that the Cape & Island Leaders are unhappy with the support they are getting from MMA. The Cape & Islands are being under represented. The leadership is going to start making some noise.

6:30 PM Hearing Tyas Corp. d/b/a Harney's Cape Cod Liquors Request to transfer ownership to Jill's Corporation.

Marc Reingold, manager of Harney's came forward and explained that the ownership of the store is being transferred back to his mother in law.

Motion: Heidi Schadt moved to approve the request to transfer ownership from Tyas Corp. to Jill's Corp. The package store hours will be Monday- Saturday 8AM- 11 PM and on Sunday from 12Noon- 11PM. Paul McCormick seconded. The Licensing Board voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve Marc Reingold as manager. Paul McCormick seconded. The Licensing Board voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

(Paul McCormick stepped down.)

Request for Change of Manager for Royal Pizza

Mr. Apostol Bollano introduced himself to the Selectmen. He explained that he is the owner of the restaurant. He explained that he is also TIPS certified.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she thought he was already the manager. She added that he is always at the restaurant.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to appoint Apostol Bollano as manager for the Royal Pizza restaurant. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Licensing Board voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

(Paul McCormick returned to the panel of Selectmen.)

Petition Article for Solar Energy, Alternative Energy Committee

Jim Demetras, member of Dennis Alternative Energy Committee, introduced Mr. Carl Freeman with the Green Energy Towns program (GET). Carl Freeman stated that he is an advocate for renewable energy. He added that the GET program is a financially sound program. He stated that the Town will need a sound energy audit for both their heating and cooling system, as these systems can compete with each other. Carl Freeman stated that the cost of a solar photovoltaic system is roughly \$115,000.00. The cost to the Town would be \$55,960.00. Mr. Freeman stated that by the 30th year the system will have saved the Town \$300,000.00. Also, the Town of Yarmouth has drafted an excellent RFP and they are willing to share it with other communities.

Paul McCormick stated that this is the right thing to do. The Town needs to find a funding source.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she would like to have Town Counsel review the Article, as she has some concerns with the wording. Sheryl McMahon added that this is the positive direction that the Town needs to go in.

Heidi Schadt asked the other Board members how the Town would fund this expense.

Sheryl McMahon stated that the Town could borrow the money, as it is an option in the Article.

Heidi Schadt stated that Steve Estey will need to take a look at the roofs on the Town buildings and determine which ones could support a photovoltaic system.

Jim Plath, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the funding mechanism may be flawed. We don't want to see this Article defeated because of that. The Finance Committee would like to see it pass.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she would like to see the Article continued until the Special Town Meeting in the Fall. The Board of Selectmen could bring it forward.

Jim Demetras, member of the Alternative Energy Committee stated he would consult with the Committee as to whether or not to pursue the petition or turn it over to the Selectmen for Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Merton Ingham, Chairman of the Alternative Energy Committee, stated that the Historic Commission has had an opportunity to make recommendations on the application process for a photovoltaic system.

Article # 39 Surviving Spouse Benefits

Anne Clancy, Dennis resident and Dennis Payroll Administrator, addressed the Selectmen. She stated that she would like the Dennis Board of Selectmen to support the

adoption of 32B Sect 9D of M.G.L. This would allow the town to provide the surviving spouse of a retiree with medical benefits at 50% of the cost.

Sheryl McMahon stated that she would like to see this article postponed indefinitely until the Segal study is completed. She added that she would like to see what the cost is to the Town.

Heidi Schadt stated that she is in agreement with Sheryl.

Motion:

Sheryl McMahon moved to indefinitely postpone Article 39. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Article # 37 Bike Path Easement

Town Engineer Joe Rodricks stated that the bike path along Rte. 134 is under construction. The Town needs to have an easement from this property owner. This easement is on a piece of property that is unbuildable. This piece is needed in order to make the bike path safe along Rte. 134. Joe Rodricks stated that Robert Canevazzi will meet with the property owner, Delia Gormley in order to determine an agreeable amount of money for this easement.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to place Article # 37 on the Annual Town meeting warrant. Sheryl McMahon seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Amend Traffic Rules

Town Engineer Joe Rodricks stated that this is a request for a stop sign for Bridge St. northbound at Sesuit Neck Road.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to adopt the creation of a Stop condition for Bridge Street, northbound, at Sesuit Neck Road, E. Dennis. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Swan River Road Ch. 90

Joe Rodricks stated that he is trying to plan some summer work even though funding is tight. Joe Rodricks stated that the bridge on Upper County Road is not going to be repaired anytime soon, as they have other bridges in the State that are in far worse condition. The Bridge St. project is 90% complete. The State is finally ready to move

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forward with Swan River Rd. The Town will need to designate \$15,000.000 for consulting

services. Joe Rodricks also mentioned that he would like to resurface portions of Nobscussett Road, Old Chatham Rd. Shad Hole Rd., Sea St., Hall St. and So. Yarmouth Rd. for a total of \$180,000.00.

Paul McCormick stated that the Ch. 90 plan looks good.

Joe Rodricks announced that Bridge St. will be open by the end of April.

Charles Crowell asked if the bridge on Rte. 134 over Rte. 6 will be open to traffic this summer.

Joe Rodricks stated that Police Chief Michael Whalen is working with Mass Highway on that issue.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to support the Ch. 90 recommendations from the Town Engineer. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Melpet Farm Article # 43

Sandra Fife stated that the Town is still waiting for a site plan.

Henry Kelley stated that he spoke with Nancy Friend. She assured him that the plan will be delivered to the Town within the next few days. Henry Kelley stated that he will look at the plan to determine whether it is suitable for Town meeting.

Article # 28 Water District Election

Sheryl McMahon mentioned that Counsel suggested that the following text be added to the Article: *and if necessary to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file special legislation to effectuate this change.*

Motion:

Paul McCormick moved to place Article # 28 on the Town Meeting Warrant. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-1 (SM). The motion was carried.

Warrant Line-up

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to shift Article 36 up closer to Article 12. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 2-2-0. The motion failed.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to shift Article 28 after Article 23. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-1-0 (SM). The motion was carried.

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to shift Article 46 after Article 32 and to switch Articles 32 and Article 33. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.

Selectmen's Discussion

Bob Kosco resident of So. Dennis mentioned that he recently went on line to check on his stimulus check from the government. He provided the public with the following address: www.irs.gov.\app\espc. He added that he wasn't going to get very much money, but perhaps other people would.

Sandra Fife stated that she met with the Town dept. heads to discuss the Bio Diesel Bid. There is an upfront cost to install a pump. There was a consensus not to participate in the bid this year.

Sheryl McMahan stated that we should think about installing a pump at the public work facility.

9:15 PM

Motion:

Sheryl McMahan moved to adjourn. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 4-0-0. The motion was carried.