

Attendees: Board of Selectmen Sheryl McMahon, Paul McCormick, Charlie Crowell, Heidi Schadt, Wayne Bergeron (arrived at 6:45pm), Interim Town Administrator Warren Rutherford, Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife, and recorder Deborah Heemsoth.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Warren Rutherford informed the Board that he had met with Department Heads that morning to give them the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Instructions. The fiscal forecast shows the FY2010 will have a short fall of approximately \$850,000.00. He has instructed the Department Heads to think outside of the box when preparing their budgets for FY 2010. The plans are to hold a facilitator's meeting on Saturday, November 1, 2008 with the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, and Department Heads.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Motion to appoint liaison to Dennisport Revitalization Committee

The Dennisport Revitalization Committee requested a member of the Board of Selectmen be appointed as liaison to their committee.

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to appoint Paul McCormick as the liaison to the Dennisport Revitalization Committee. Motion seconded by Charlie Crowell. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to appoint Sheryl McMahon as the alternate liaison to the Dennisport Revitalization Committee. Motion seconded by Charlie Crowell. Motion passed 4-0-0.

2. Motion to appoint Student Police Officer

Mike Whalen, Chief of Police requested to have Thomas Murray appointed as a Student Officer, pursuant to MGL c.41 Section 96B.

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to appoint Thomas Murray as Student Officer, pursuant to MGL c.41 Section 96B. Motion seconded by Charlie Crowell. Motion passed 4-0-0.

3. Motion to appoint the Director of Council on Aging

Warren Rutherford recommended to the Board of Selectmen to appoint Linda C. Elliott as the Council on Aging Director for the Town of Dennis.

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to appoint Linda C. Elliott as the Council on Aging Director for the Town of Dennis, contingent upon her background check. Motion seconded by Charlie Crowell. Motion passed 4-0-0.

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4. Motion to Declare Equipment Surplus

Request made by Greg Rounseville, Assistant Superintendent, DPW to declare the following equipment as surplus:

- 1968 Jeep Kaiser – Dump Truck
- 1967 Jeep M52A2 – Tractor
- 1974 Jeep M52A2 – Tractor
- 1974 Jeep M52A2 – Tractor
- 1974 Jeep M52A2 – Tractor
- 1965 Letourneau – Grader
- 1994 Ford – Bronco
- 1960 Bandstand
- 1968 Lowboy – Trailer
- 1960 Cutter – 1 Ton Roller
 - Asphalt Pounder – Plate Compactor
 - Wacker – Plate Compactor
 - Billygoat – Leaf Blower
 - 6 CY sander
- 1990 5 - Accurate Ind. - Recycling Bins
- 1990 Dyna-Built – Recycling Bin

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to declare the equipment listed above as surplus.

Motion seconded by Charlie Crowell. Motion passed 4-0-0.

5. Reports from Beach, Golf, and Harbormaster Departments

Mike Cummings, Golf Director and Bryon Boone, Assistant Golf Director reported that the course are in great shape, membership counts are down. They are looking at other ways to expand their membership base. Mike Cummings stated that the costs of goods have gone up; county bids for fertilizer is a 100% increase in cost over last year and other cost are up 30-40 %.

6:45pm - Wayne Bergeron arrived at the meeting.

Terry Clen, Harbormaster reported on some of the improvements that have been made; the floating fire suppression system and the lighted navigation buoys. The harbor transient revenue was slightly higher then last year's receipts. The transient rental increased \$4,551.00 from 2007's \$14,024.00 to 2008's \$18,575.00. Daily parking receipts were down from 2007's figure of \$26,622.00 to \$23,066.00 in 2008.

Dustin Pineau, Director of Beach and Recreation reported that the summer 2008 beach season was a good one. The number of beach stickers sold at the Town Hall was 16,769 for a total in sales of \$540,667.00. Tickets sold at the South Side Beaches totaled 15,469 and total sales were \$232,040. Tickets sold at the North Side Beaches totaled 28,624 and total sales were \$429,360.00. The concessions added another \$92,329.98, for a total of \$1,294,396.98.

6. Review of the list of Warrant Articles

The Board of Selectmen reviewed that list of warrant articles for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

Elbert Ulshoeffter, Chairman Insurance Advisory Committee requested that articles 12. 32B Section 18 and 13. 32B Section 9D be removed from the warrant for the Special Town Meeting. The committee is working on their proposal for the town and will not be ready by the meeting. The Board agreed to remove the articles from the warrant.

Article 23. By Law Cost Recovery – the Board agreed to remove this article, it needs further investigation.

7:15pm – Discussion of Combined Dispatch Police & Fire

Wayne Bergeron stated that the Board of Selectmen is exploring different options to reduce costs, and dispatching is one of them. They are exploring two options, combine police and fire dispatching and using County Dispatching for fire.

Mike Whalen, Chief of Police stated that research has shown that there would be no cost saving to combine Dennis Police and Fire.

Fire Chief Mark Dellner stated that Dennis Fire already regionalizes many of its services with Barnstable County. He feels that there will be a public safety issue as well as a customer service issue if dispatching is moved to Barnstable County.

John Donlan, Assistant Fire Chief feels that moving the Fire Dispatch to County would take approximately one year to implement.

Wayne Bergeron, Board of Selectmen stated that it takes 8,760 man hours to operate Dennis Dispatching. Out of those hours 5,431 are funded by overtime pay at a yearly cost of \$238,964. If Dispatching is moved to County we're looking at an annual cost of approximately \$100,500.00 for FY 2010. There is also a one time start up fee of \$15,369.00. There will be an annual potential savings of \$138,464.00.

Peter Thomas, Communication's Director of Dispatching for Barnstable County Sherriff stated that towns save money by using county dispatching. Currently 14 towns use county dispatching at some level. There is a staff of 25 highly trained dispatchers with Emergency Medical Dispatchers who are trained to give pre-arrival instructions over the phone. The county would also be able to handle the calls that come in for LifeLine and from alarm companies. Peter Thomas stated that they could be up and running by July 1, 2009.

Jim Plath, Chairman Finance Committee stated that he has never been on record of having supported using County for dispatching.

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Wayne Conlon, Dennis Fire Fighter is not opposed to moving dispatching to the County, but states that public safety could be an issue.

7. Review of Capital Projects and Timelines

The Board of Selectmen reviewed the current capital projects and timelines. After discussion it was decided that the West Dennis Bulkhead was a top priority. Warren Rutherford stated that he will update the Board after he meets on October 14, 2008 with Dustin Pineau, Joe Rodricks, and Sandy Fife on the condition of the West Dennis bulk head.

SELECTMEN'S DISCUSSION

The Board requested that Steve Buss, IT Director design a help sheet for Power Point presentations at meetings.

Wayne Bergeron suggested looking at closing Town Hall and the Annex one day per week as a cost savings to the town and asked administration to research the savings.

Motion made by Heidi Schadt to adjourn the meeting at 10:15pm. Motion seconded by Paul McCormick. Motion passed 5-0-0.