

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Dennis Town Hall

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

6:00 PM

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Attendees: Selectmen; Paul McCormick, Heidi Schadt and Wayne Bergeron. Alan Tuttle and Sheryl McMahan were absent. Town Administrator Richard White and Wendy Pells Recording Secretary.

AWARDS

Nancy Howes, Co-Chairman of the Josiah Dennis Manse Committee presented certificates to the Junior Docents;

PLAQUE TO HERBERT GOLDBERG

Chairman Paul McCormick presented a plaque to Herbert Goldberg in recognition of his nineteen years of service to the Dennis Zoning Board.

Herbert Goldberg thanked the Board of Selectmen and urged citizens to join a committee.

TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Richard White announced that Engineering and Public Works Departments have almost completed their inventory of private roads. A final report will be made at the next Selectmen's meeting.

He also mentioned that he and Joe Rodricks met with EPA in Boston and were successful in negotiations with them in terms of storm water progress. The Town has made a good faith offer in settling a complaint with them. He stated that he is very optimistic after four hours of negotiations. If he can convince them that we are in compliance they will withdraw their complaint.

The Dennis Chamber, Dennisport merchants, staff and members of the Revitalization Committee met and discussed the issues and concerns that the merchants have. Administration and the merchants met and took a walking tour of the village. It was suggested that universal parking signs be used at the municipal lots. Speed limit signs need to be installed closer to the business. There are additional stop signs needed. A bench and trash donation program needs to be created. Some of the brick work on the sidewalks needs to be repaired. The attendees also suggested a kiosk on a green space located closer to the Harwich Town line be constructed. They also asked to designate the Village of Dennisport with signage. There was also considerable concern about the former hardware store property. The owner was going to chain link the property which would not add to the character of the property. Mr. White suggested the Town could enter into lease with the property owner. The Town would loam and seed the property and make a beautification effort. We need to take this positive step in making improvements to the neighborhood.

Paul McCormick stated that when people think of Dennisport they think of the A&P. There are efforts being made to lease that property to new businesses. Some of the property owners are just not doing their job. This is a first step in the right direction.

Wayne Bergeron mentioned that there used to be tax benefits for updating businesses.

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There was a consensus from the Selectmen to allow the Town Administrator to move forward with the improvements to Dennisport.

Rick White stated that he has given his department managers a 3% guidelines for the budget. He calculates that he will still be \$200,000.00 short on the budget. We will be able to get through the year with some pain. We will need some discipline and structure. Those items that are not funded will be placed on a list of priority funding.

Wayne Bergeron asked if we are looking at layoffs.

Rick White stated the budget does not include layoffs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved that the Board of Selectmen accept the \$50.00 donation to the Dennis Police Department, to declare a 1998 aerator surplus and accept the resignation from Carlyn Carey of the Dennisport Revitalization Committee with many thanks. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Update Charles E. Chamberlain Jr. Parkway Study Committee

Peter McDowell announced the dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 11:00 AM in the Patriot Square parking lot. There will be plenty of entertainment for all ages. He also explained where the new signs will be placed.

Stephan Boyson explained that he has requested a proclamation from the Senate and the House of Representatives. The whole Town will be involved and Charlie Chamberlain would have loved it.

Review Warrant Articles

Richard White reviewed the Articles with the Selectmen:
Art. 1. through 13.

Heidi Schadt stated that she has some concerns about the mileage cuts in the budget.

Rick White stated that this is a contract requirement. The reimbursement can't be skirted.

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Basically we have already cut one million dollars from the budget. If we don't increase revenues in 2012 we will see lay offs and feel service cuts.

MINUTES

July 7, 2009

Motion:

Wayne Bergeron moved to approve the minutes of 7/7/09. Heidi Schadt seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

July 21, 2009

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 7/21/09. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

August 4, 2009

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 8/4/09. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

September 1, 2009

Motion:

Heidi Schadt moved to approve the minutes of 9/1/09. Wayne Bergeron seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.

7:30 PM

Motion:

Wayne Bergeron moved to adjourn. Paul McCormick seconded. The Board of Selectmen voted 3-0-0. The motion was carried.