

**PRESENT:** Chair Jim Plath, Ted Dumas, Michael Brennan, William Crowell, Peter McDowell, Robert Prall, Brian Sullivan, Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi, Assistant Town Administrator Sandra Fife and Selectwoman Sheryl McMahon

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **Public Information**

Michael Brennan announced that the Dennis-Harwich Lions Club Annual picnic for the visually impaired will take place at Johnny Kelley Park on Saturday, September 9 at 12 Noon.

Chair Jim Plath referred to calculator won at a golf tournament. The meetings are now on the internet on the Town of Dennis website. Dennis is one of the first towns on the Cape doing this and MIS Department Head Steve Buss is to be credited for this.

MaryAnne Gibbs did email everyone free cash figures of \$2,263,156.00. This amount is \$300,000.00 less than last year's.

### **Article 24-School Capital-Generator Wiring, Engineering**

Skip Finnell presented the Article for a transfer from free cash for \$85,000.00 for generator wiring. This amount is to supplement the \$60,000.00 voted on at the 2005 Annual Town Meeting. This \$85,000.00 will make the generator operable.

Michael Brennan asked what the timeframe for getting the generator hooked up is. Mr. Finnell said that an RFP is out for engineering services. There are two generator projects in Yarmouth plus two in Dennis that will be packaged together in an engineering plan. Mr. Finnell said he hopes to have it done in this fiscal year.

Peter McDowell asked about the operability of generator. Mr. Finnell said the generator does work some of the time. Parts are no longer accessible for the present generator. Mr. McDowell asked if all of the schools in the DY system have generation. Mr. Finnell said that Laurence C. MacArthur might not. Mr. McDowell said that \$145,000.00 for generator power is a lot of money. Mr. Finnell said that the generator gives the School Department the opportunity to continue session if the power goes out. Mr. Finnell said it is difficult to send children home in the middle of the day with working parents, etc. Mr. McDowell asked if the generator will expand the area for power. Mr. Finnell said it is only to replace what is there now. Mr. Finnell said that the alarm systems, portions of light and two new elevators would be generator operated. Mr. Finnell said that after the \$60,000.00 was appropriated, he was told that it was only going to cover the cost of the generator. The estimated total for the complete project is \$145,000.00. The engineering fee will come out of this \$145,000.00. Mr. Finnell said that \$85,000.00 was the number given to him a year and ½ ago. Sheryl McMahon asked about the engineer that will be selected and will that selected individual be allowed to participate in installation. Mr. Finnell said "no" that would be illegal. Mr. Plath asked about the Yarmouth

appropriations. Mr. Finnell said they've appropriated \$135,000.00 and \$145,000.00. The RFP's are due to be open the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

Heidi Schadt says that this is one of the projects delayed from spring of 2005 and they are changing engineers. Ms. Schadt said the Chief of Police is having trouble getting certified because of lack of generation. Mr. McDowell said again that this is a lot of money for some wiring. Mr. Finnell said he wasn't sure of all of the technical details. Mr. McDowell referred to the limited Town funds and the fact that there are no RFP's in hand has him concerned.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 5-2-0 (Peter McDowell and Jim Plath)

**The Finance Committee recommended approval of Article 24 to transfer from free cash the sum of \$85,000.00 and the sum of \$60,000.00 from Article 13 from 2005.**

Mr. Finnell said that money for the Baker project will be released next week and received by the district.

**Article 1 CPC-Land Purchase**

Henry Kelley II reported on this Article and pointed out handouts he has provided to the Finance Committee. A change needs to be made in totals by \$10,000.00 as the information presented by Mr. Kelley was not based on the Town Accountant's numbers.

Mr. Kelley explained that the Community Preservation Act (CPA) itself is new to this community and that it hasn't been used to fund any projects. The Committee has done their best to evaluate that each of these projects is qualified and is worthy of public funding.

Article 1 involving the Prue Property was then discussed. This property was appraised at \$1,000,350.00. Then two town appraisals were given of \$1,000,220.00 and \$1,000,200.00. A purchase price of \$1,000,200.00 was agreed upon. Mr. Prue is on the Board for the Dennis Conservation Trust and he and two negotiators agreed that the amount of \$375,000.00 will be given by him directly or funneled through the Trust toward the purchase price so that the total cost to the town is \$825,000.00. The Selectmen have applied for a \$500,000.00 Self-Help Grant which will be decided upon sometime in November and another grant through the US Fish & Wildlife in the amount of \$100,000.00 has also been applied for.

Ted Dumas asked if any part of the present foundry is included in this property. Mr. Kelley said "yes". The seller has had a 21-E test done on the property and the seller has agreed that he will give an indemnification policy to the Town of Dennis. The life of this type of policy is indefinite but Mr. Kelley can look into that further if the Board would like him to. Michael Brennan said what kind of dollar amount is involved in the

indemnification policy. Mr. Kelley said that the CPC is not qualified to address such administrative matters. Mr. Brennan said that the area is environmentally sensitive and that future problems might be expensive. Mr. Kelley explained the \$375,000.00 gift-back that Mr. Prue would like to do. Mr. Kelley said that the Self-Help Grant has a ceiling on of either \$500,000.00 or 50% of project. The gift-back would be part of the closing transaction. Mr. Kelley said that only oral conversations, but no contracts have been drawn up. Peter McDowell asked if it might not be prudent to get contracts and asked that if money goes through the Dennis Conservation Trust, has there been any indication that they might be willing to donate some money toward the purchase. Mr. Kelley said that Mr. Prue would contribute directly or through the Trust, without any other involvement from the Trust. Mr. Kelley said that Mr. Prue is representing himself and speaking for all the owners.

Mr. Brennan agreed with Mr. McDowell that something should be in writing. Chair Plath said that in some respects it seems unusual that something is not outlined on paper. Mr. Kelley said the principal reason why there is no formal contract is that the Committee had a number of proposals and the time allotted for deliberation did not allow for this. Mr. Kelley also said that this definitive conclusion took place very recently and that perhaps a purchase and sale agreement should be drawn up by Town Counsel. Sheryl McMahon said that the Howland purchase did not have an executed purchase and sale agreement. Mr. McDowell asked would eminent domain be prudent in this situation. Mr. Kelley said that it is already being done here. Mr. Kelley said that a max of \$825,000.00 not the 1.2 million will be utilized, but that the Committee is asking for the full 1.2 million.

There will be an article at some point to rescind the difference said Sheryl McMahon. Town Treasurer/Collector Rick Buffington said the article was approved as written and the draft motion is being rewritten.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Peter McDowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted that Article 1 be approved as written and that the borrowing of 1.2 be authorized.**

**Article 3-Bass River Park**

The request for CPA funds was submitted by the Bass River Park Committee to obtain site plans, including engineering and landscaping, and possibly minor site improvements. The Committee requested \$50,000.00 and the CPC approved \$50,000.00.

Margaret Kane Committee, Chair for the Bass River Park Committee, presented this Article. Michael Brennan asked about the timeline for the Park. Ms. Kane said that it is totally doable to have the Park improvements for next summer. Mr. Brennan said that the \$50,000.00 doesn't seem like a lot of money for what needs to be done. Ms. Kane said

that the different firms interviewed hoping to get the project came knowing the amount of \$50,000.00. They came hoping to be asked to stay on for the second phase of the project. Mr. Brennan said that some contingency plan might be needed to get the Park up and running for boating. Ms. Kane said that the conceptual plan due at the end of November should include some of this. Chair Plath asked what is the plan for the \$50,000.00. Ms. Kane said that in order to get further grant money, more sophisticated plans are needed for construction and revampment. The Committee will apply for an Urban Self-Help Grant in August of 2007. Chair Plath asked if the \$50,000.00 is for planning only. Ms. Kane said "yes". Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi said that the \$50,000.00 will develop the schematics, finalized plans and specs for public bidding of the project.

**MOTION:**

Ted Dumas moved and William Crowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to move the appropriated sum of \$50,000.00 for Bass River Park from CPA funds.**

**Article 4-Boundless Playground**

The request for CPA funds was submitted by the Dennis Advisory Committee on Disabilities to purchase and install playground equipment for handicapped children at the West Dennis Graded School. The Committee requested \$95,000.00 and CPC approved \$90,000.00. Jerry Berger and Juan Donlin presented the Article and described the equipment. This will be totally accessible. The main expense for the equipment is the bottom surface which will cost approximately \$29,000.00. The surface is made of specialized rubber. Juan Donlin said the playground will not be restricted to the disabled.

Michael Brennan asked if there will be someone to monitor the use of this equipment. Juan Donlin said those individuals using the playground would usually have people with them for assistance and said that the William Wood Park is more open and visible from Pond Street so that people would be able to view any potential vandalism. Mr. Brennan is concerned with vandalism and asked that this be considered. Ms. Donlin said that presently there is some equipment up there now which was donated by the Dennis Housing Authority, which is not handicapped accessible. Mr. Brennan said that number of folks that might possibly utilize this playground and Jerry Berger said that the D-Y School District said that there are 1200 disabled children registered with them and that at least 1 dozen are in wheelchairs. Mr. Berger said that the property for this playground is perfect as it is flat. Mr. Berger has looked at other disability playgrounds and suggestions were provided by playground equipment people.

Chair Plath asked who will maintain this playground. Mr. Berger said that DPW Superintendent David Johansen has given the Committee and approximate maintenance charge. The Disabilities Committee is donating the planting. Mr. Brennan asked about community involvement and Juan Donlin said that a total of \$11,724.26 was raised from

private donations, a Ring Bros. fundraiser and much sweat equity. Groups such as the Dennis-Harwich Lions, Rockland Trust, the Hibernians and Southside Civic have been involved in fundraising. The actual expense for the playground installation would normally be about \$130,000.00, but with DPW assistance and other volunteers, there will be some cost savings. William Crowell asked if there has been any discussion of phasing this into a two-year project. Jerry Berger said one big problem is the increasing cost. Also, installing the base in phases would be difficult as it is rubberized. Peter McDowell asked which Town department would be responsible for the Playground. Jerry Berger said that Dustin Pineau said that it would be under his department and DPW has said they would take care of maintenance. Robert Canevazzi said that recreational activities come under recreation.

Dustin Pineau, Beach and Recreation Director spoke and said that nothing will change. The DPW maintains the grounds now and if anything, with a rubberized surface, there will be less area to maintain. The equipment being purchased is good for 30 years and requires very little maintenance. Chair Plath said that he needed to know that there is some coordination between the Disabilities Committee and the Recreation Department. Robert Canevazzi said that the land is owned by the Town and since the playground is recreationally oriented, it will be part of the Recreation Department purview.

**MOTION:**

Robert Prall moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:  
**The Finance Committee voted to recommend approval of Article 4 with funding of 90,000.00 for the Boundless Playground coming from CPA funds.**

**Article 5-Johnny Kelley Park**

The request for CPA funds was submitted by the Recreation Commission, to make improvements to Johnny Kelley Park per the master plan. The request was recently revised to do the Braille Trail/Walkway and Fitness Course only. The request by the Committee was for \$293,831.00 and \$154,000.00 was approved.

Tony Marvullo, Chair of the Dennis Recreation Commission, spoke about this project. Mr. Marvullo discussed the amount of \$154,000.00 according to master plan project budget by Kaestle Boos for 108,392.00 for improvements and \$42,000.00 for demolition and removal of existing fitness course and installation of new fitness course. William Crowell said that we have a Braille Trail in place now. Mr. Marvullo said that it is in major disrepair. The Trail is a mile ¼ to a mile ½. Chair Plath asked if we could allocate \$50,000.00 of the requested funds for the DPW to do the work. Tony Marvullo said that the DPW doesn't have the manpower or time to do it.

Recreation Director Dustin Pineau said that surface of the Trail and everything involved in the Trail, posts and signage, etc. would be included in the \$108,000.00 figure. Mr. Pineau said he could get these figures from Kaestle Boos. The figures would be a year

and ½ older. Peter McDowell suggested some of the Finance Committee members meet with Recreation to see where these figures have come from.

Chair Plath asked Henry Kelley about the CPA money and the flexibility of its use in terms of utilizing town departments. Mr. Kelley said that he and Town Administrator Robert Canevazzi are both new to this process and deferred to Mr. Canevazzi who reported that once the appropriation is made, it is incumbent on the Town to get the project done. Theoretically if we were to use his staff daily or overtime, this work would qualify under CPA. Due to the demands on their manpower, whether or not the DPW could do the work, is another question. Chair Plath suggested tabling this discussion until next week. Peter McDowell will get together with Dustin Pineau. Mr. McDowell would like to see the nuts and bolts of these numbers.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Michael Brennan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to table this Article.**

**Article 11-Dennisport Partners**

The request for CPA funds was submitted by a private corporation to build 18 units of housing off Great Western Road. Nine units will be deed restricted as affordable (80%) and nine at up to 120%. Laura Shufelt, Development Consultant, will be representing the developer Kevin McNeill. The entire project is for 3.3 million and the requested amount of CPA funds is \$375,000.00, which was approved by the CPC. The project will be deed restricted through a deed rider in perpetuity that would survive foreclosure. The sales prices were then discussed. The development will be three attached units per building, with either one, two or three bedrooms. Robert Prall asked about the breakdown for the whole project and wondered when the \$375,000.00 is payable to the developer. Mr. Kelley noted Mr. Brennan's concern that if we advance the money and somehow the project doesn't get finished, we'd be out of the money. Ms. Schufelt said that Mr. McNeill said he would accept the funds when the occupancy permit was issued. The property is about 2.5 acres. Mr. Brennan suggested that without CPC the project might not take place. Ms. Schufelt said that the site is already owned and that the special permit is already in place. The source of funding is private bank funding and the builder has a verbal commitment. The effect of the deed restriction restricts the sale price based on 80% of median income. Town Counsel would draw a legal contract to safeguard the Town said Henry Kelley. Mr. Kelley said that as a Committee member, he believes the Committee would not hold in abeyance an award for housing if it appeared that the applicant was not able to proceed in a reasonable amount of time as the Committee would not want to tie up public funds. Robert Prall said that Laura Shufelt is a recognized expert in this area. This is a special permit with no profit limitation. Mr. Brennan said that we have been searching for ways to make an investment in affordable housing and that this use of CPA money is one way to help our affordable housing base.

**MOTION:**

Michael Brennan moved and Brian Sullivan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 6-1-0: (Jim Plath)

**The Finance Committee voted to recommend the \$375,000.00 investment for this project.**

**Article 6- Rev. Dennis Manse Restoration**

This request was made by the Dennis Manse Committee to hire expert structural survey of the Josiah Dennis Manse, as a first step in restoration/preservation program. The request is for \$25, 300.00 and the CPC approved a larger amount of \$26,000.00. Peter Howes spoke about this restoration. A restorative expert will come in to do a work-up of what needs to be done.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and William Crowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted the amount of \$26,000.00 be approved for the purpose of this Article.**

**Article 7- Dennis Historical Archives**

This request was made by Dennis Historical Society to purchase equipment (\$3000.00) and to hire an experienced archivist (\$17,000.00). The request was for \$9,860.00 and CPC approved the larger amount of \$20,000.00. Peter Howes spoke about this project. Mr. Howes said that software needs to be purchased and that a special computer also needs to be purchased for the software. The support of a trained archivist would then be needed, as well as some clerical help. This project will take between 2-3 years and the \$17,000.00 amount would only cover the first year. It is not the intention of the Dennis Historical Society to bring on the archivist as a permanent Town employee. This would be a one time project undertaken by the Dennis Historical Society with a defined end.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Peter McDowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted approval of \$20,000.00 for CPA funds for the archiving project.**

**Article 8-Cemetery Restoration**

This request was made by the Town Cemetery Advisory Committee to begin repair of headstones and fences at the Dennis Village Cemetery, The So. Dennis Congregational Church Cemetery and the Fiske Street Cemetery. Also included in this request is repair work on the Receiving Tomb at Dennis Village Cemetery. The Committee requested \$104,000.00 and the CPC approved \$86,000.00. Chair of the Cemetery Committee, Bruce Hill, spoke about this project. Henry Kelley said that there is no way now to judge

how long this will take and how much work is to be done. Michael Brennan asked if all of the cemeteries involved are town owned and the answer was “yes”.

**MOTION:**

Michael Brennan moved and Peter McDowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to approve \$86,000.00 of CPC funds for cemetery restoration.**

**Article 10-Carleton Hall Restoration**

The Village Improvement Society has requested CPA funds to continue exterior improvements, including covering cement foundations with brick veneer, replacing asphalt walks with brick, covering cement steps with wood and installing additional shutters, etc. The requested amount was for \$42,954.05 and the CPC approved a larger amount of \$43,000.00. Bidding procedures and prevailing wages do come into play and Carole Bell has met with Robert Canevazzi and Henry Kelley regarding this. Ted Dumas pointed out that the sewer line comes underneath that sidewalk and Mr. Dumas is willing to consult on this at no charge.

**MOTION:**

Robert Prall moved and Brian Sullivan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to approve the \$43,000 .00 for continued Carleton Hall Restoration.**

**Article 12-Community Preservation Committee**

Henry Kelley discussed the Community Preservation Committee’s expenses for appraisals, legal expenses, grant applications and other expenses. The CPC approved \$40,000.00 for expenses. Some towns have a CPC Administrator. Any appropriation for this purpose not spent goes back into fund.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to recommend \$40,000.00 for CPC expenses.**

The Committee took a 10 minute recess.

The Committee returned from recess.

**Article 9-Union Church**

This request to rehabilitate exterior of 1838 historic portion of Dennis Union Church was made by the Church Corporation. The whole project will cost \$2,150,000.00. The Corporation has requested \$200,000.00 and CPC approved \$160,000.00. CPC stipulated this approval of this amount provided the Church itself did all seven of exterior

improvements. That portion of the complex is historically significant to the Town given the Josiah Dennis connection as well as the Church's visible location. There are other religious structures in Dennis that would qualify. The Committee felt this was not a violation of separation of church and state. Mr. Kelley said that Brad Crowell submitted an impressive application. The Committee checked with other CPC committees and they have spent CPA money on churches. Brad Crowell spoke about the project and detailed the expenditures. Michael Brennan asked Henry Kelley why he would pick a church over a private residence. Henry Kelley said that he didn't have that choice. The guidelines submitted to them by the department of revenue demonstrated that this rehabilitation qualifies. The public does have a stake in the exterior preservation of this building. Private dwellings given certain historical conditions would qualify. Chair Plath asked if some applicants were turned down. Mr. Kelley said that there were a couple that approached the Committee informally who were advised that they would not be eligible. All those that submitted applications did receive some funding. Brad Crowell then discussed the building improvements including structural work and moving the church 20 feet toward Route 6A. These types of structures have been endlessly modifiable. Mr. Crowell said that this is a rehabilitation project, not a restoration project and that the CPA funds would be for the cladding of some of the church.

William Crowell disclosed that he is member of the Church and that Brad Crowell is his son. Peter McDowell is a member of the Church and has a problem with the funding of this project using Town of Dennis tax dollars to fund a church rehabilitation. Mr. McDowell referred to an article about financing churches. The Town of Yarmouth has done this with a church that was no longer functioning as a church. Mr. McDowell said that the public business of restoration was addressed in all of the other requests. Mr. McDowell will not support public monies for private buildings. Robert Prall shares a lot of Mr. McDowell's concerns but sees this church as one of the Town's oldest. Mr. Prall said that this does fit within the rules of CPC. The money is going for a specific purpose. Chair Plath asked that if Town Meeting rejects the proposal, will the church continue to go forward with all of their plans. Henry Kelley said that the type of exterior renovation would not be quite as authentic. Sheryl McMahon said that it is called the Community Preservation not the Municipal. The MA Historical Commission has done 3 funding rounds which involved 14 church restorations, 12 of which were active. Chair Plath said that CPA is relatively new. Mr. Plath said that at first we should address our municipal needs.

Brad Crowell said that as Mr. McDowell knows it is all the things you can't see that burns up the money and that his group is asking the Town to pay for the pretty stuff. Henry Kelley said that this matter is not a simple one and that differences in judgment are not to be construed. Peter McDowell discussed the tax dollars for the government and the church. Ted Dumas said that the church is the center of any community. Mr. Dumas said that he believes that if it is a center for the community that we should help out, if asked to do so. If the Church Committee continues on with the project and still finds themselves in need of money, then we can step in.

**MOTION:**

Robert Prall moved and William Crowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 2-5-0 (Ted Dumas, Jim Plath, Peter McDowell, Michael Brennan and Brian Sullivan)

**The Finance Committee voted not to recommend Article 9 as written.**

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Brian Sullivan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 5-2-0: (William Crowell and Robert Prall)

**The Finance Committee voted to move indefinite postpone of Article 9.**

**Article 2-CPC Short Term Interest**

Henry Kelley said involved transfer for Howland and Sheryl McMahon said that the Prue Property should be included in this. Ms. McMahon has been speaking with Rick Buffington on how to utilize short term notes. Appropriation will be needed from CPC funds for short term interest. Ms. McMahon recommends rolling the notes as short as possible, but this means you need to appropriate the interest cost.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Robert Prall seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to approval of this article for interest for \$42,571.62**

Henry Kelley thanked the Finance Committee for their time in going through the CPC allocations.

**Article 13-Rescind Borrowing**

Treasurer/Collector Rick Buffington was on available to answer any questions. The Article would reduce authorization by \$5000.00.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Peter McDowell seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted approval of Article 13.**

**Article 17-Check off Box Tax Bills-Caleb Chase Fund**

Robert Prall said that the check-off box should only be used to pay for real estate. Treasurer/Collector Rick Buffington said that this money would help with real estate taxes. Robert Canevazzi said that this was an older fund. Sheryl McMahon said that Mr. Buffington is referring to the fact that the check off box can be put on the bills if you use the funds, even though Caleb Chase tenants are broader than just for real estate. Mr. Buffington said that the DOR does allow this. Special legislation will be needed. It was set up in 1899. This check off box is optional and will not create an administrative nightmare.

**MOTION:**

Ted Dumas moved and Robert Prall seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:  
**The Finance Committee voted to approve the Article exactly as written.**

**Article 18-Chapter 90**

Robert Canevazzi reported on this Article which involves receiving Chapter 90 FY '07 funds totaling \$453,298.00 for primary roads.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Michael Brennan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:  
**The Finance Committee voted to accept the allocated Chapter 90 funds.**

**Article 19-Chapter 90 Supplements**

Robert Canevazzi discussed the FY '06 supplemental sum of \$661,000.00 for primary roads.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:  
**The Finance Committee voted to recommend this Article as written.**

**Article 20-Grizzley Grapple Scope Change**

David Johansen, DPW Superintendent, spoke regarding this Article to see if the Town will vote to amend Article 36 of the May 4, 1999 Annual Town Meeting by changing the purpose of the article from replacing the Grizzly-Grapple crane at the transfer station to repairing the Grizzly-Grapple crane for \$31,826 and change. Mr. Johansen asked that the balance be kept for future repairs, as this is a high maintenance item.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:  
**The Finance Committee voted to recommend the Article to amend Article 36 of the May 4, 1999 Annual Town Meeting by changing the purpose of the Article from replacing the Grizzly-Grapple crane at the Transfer Station to repairing the Grizzly-Grapple crane.**

**Article 23 –Various Capital Requests**

1. Beaches-Beach and Recreation Director Dustin Pineau asked that the following come from the new Beach Improvement Fund for Cold Storage Restroom Renovations (9,500.00), Mayflower Storage Bldg. Renovations (\$5000.00) and Southside Bulkhead Repairs (\$17,000.00). There was a total of \$45,000 plus change in this Fund at the end of July. When asked how her Committee felt about these requests, Capital Outlay Chair

Heidi Schadt said these projects didn't meet her Committee's financial criteria as she works with projects over \$10,000.00.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Brian Sullivan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to recommend the beach improvement request utilizing the new Beach Improvement Fund.**

2. Data Processing

Steve Buss spoke about GeoTms Permit Tracking Data Bridge for \$6000.00 for the Building Department permitting process. This would allow easier data transfer from Assessing to the Building Department. The money was allocated for a project that did not go through from Article 10 from 2004 (\$26,900.00 for a permit application from the Munis organization). This was discussed last year. Chair Plath said can we return this money now. The closing of articles and special funds is being reviewed said Sheryl McMahon.

No formal vote was taken and there was no opposition.

3. Fire

John Donlin and Jeff Perry from the Fire Department spoke about the purchase of a boat for \$17,000.00. The present boat is 33 years old and does not have an access door. An opportunity came up to purchase a 22 foot Boston Whaler from the Town of Chatham Harbormaster. Jeff Perry said that the condition of the Boston Whaler is built to military specs and that this boat is in very good shape for its age. Peter McDowell asked for photographs. The Department plans on keeping the small Whaler. This is no duplication of efforts with the Harbormaster as Ed Tierney's boats are not set up to do fire fighting. Robert Prall asked if we need both boats. John Donlin said that keeping the small boat does make sense. Heidi Schadt said that this boat has not been before Capital. The Capital Committee ranked this on the bottom of the list. The process of capital should be followed. Peter McDowell said that Ms. Schadt has a good point, but Mr. McDowell said in this instance this boat for \$3500.00 is short dollars. The smaller boat would be applicable in tighter conditions. John Donlin said that this was a last minute situation that arose. Chair Plath said that the Capital Outlay should have been kept in the loop. William Crowell asked will these two boats be used at the same time and will it stretch personnel

No formal vote was taken and there was no opposition.

4. Golf

Dennis Penner spoke about this request for turbine leaf blower (\$6500.00), snack shacks replacement (\$5000.00) and the replacement of a retaining wall at Dennis Pines (\$8500.00) from the Golf Improvement Fund totaling \$20,000.00. The blower is used for

stubborn pine needle removal. Michael Brennan said that he understands that pine needles do get stuck.

Mr. Penner said that the Snack Shacks were built in the late 80's and difficult to keep secure. Volunteers will put the buildings up so materials are the only cost. These are part of the restaurant concession. Electric and water are already at the sites. They will be ready for next season.

Replacing the retaining wall at Dennis Pines is needed as the original wall was built in 1988 when the clubhouse was built. Michael Brennan expressed concern about the appearance and esthetics. Mr. Penner said that there is \$221,482.52 in the Golf Improvement Fund. Sheryl McMahan said she has the same concerns about the esthetics and said the wall is looking very precarious. Dennis Penner said that they are hoping to get this done soon. Peter McDowell requested a profit and loss statement on the Pro Shop and golf operation.

No formal vote was taken.

#### 5. Harbor

Ed Tierney spoke about this request and said that an engine blew in July. He is looking for \$11,422.44 to replace the engine on the boat. Mr. Tierney got three government bids on Honda, Evinrude and Mercury. Ship Shops does all the work and knows the boat. Mr. Tierney requested a 200 horsepower vs. 150 horsepower engine. The Department is presently using Evinrudes as they do a lot of work with government municipalities. Peter McDowell has a concern about the higher horsepower engine and at some point thinks that the job descriptions for the Harbor should be reviewed. The vote for this (without any formal motions) was 6-1-0 (Peter McDowell).

#### 6. Engineering

Joe Rodricks spoke about this request. The Secondary Roads is for \$460,000.00 and the drainage improvements are for \$64,000.00. The Capital Outlay Committee is in agreement with this.

#### 7. Police

Chief Michael Whalen spoke about the Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management System. Chief Whalen spoke about Ed Tierney and said his people are out in the Harbor and on the Dennis beaches. The Chief hopes that we could continue this. Peter McDowell requested a log for boats in trouble on the northside and Chief Whalen said he will provide this log. Chief Whalen said this system is no longer a luxury, it is a necessity. The present system is close to 20 years old. There are 10 police departments on the Cape that use this system. This also gives the Department the ability to share data with other departments. We've been in touch with Steve Buss to be sure we are compatible and training and the cost of someone to do data conversion are included.

Some of the hardware and software will be installed over the next 6-8 months and will be on line when the Department moves into the new building.

**MOTION:**

William Crowell moved and Robert Prall seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to accept Article 23 of various capital expenses.**

**MOTION:**

Ted Dumas moved and Peter McDowell seconded to remove the purchase of the turbine leaf blower.

No vote was taken.

Robert Canevazzi asked that they hold off on this Article. Ted Dumas said that he has a problem supporting the purchase of the turbine blower.

**MOTION:**

Peter McDowell moved and Ted Dumas seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to table Article 23.**

**MOTION:**

Ted Dumas moved and Brian Sullivan seconded and the Finance Committee voted 7-0-0:

**The Finance Committee voted to adjourn at 11:31PM.**