

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL WORKSHOP MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2008**

**Present: Selectmen – Suzanne McAuliffe, Jim Hoben, Bud Groskopf, Dr. William Marasco, Jerry Sullivan; Town Administrator – Robert C. Lawton Jr.**

**Public Forum:**

**A. Fire Department – Present Fire Fighter Recruit Graduates & Five (5) Call Fire Fighter Graduates**

Ms. McAuliffe – Congratulates the new fire fighter recruit as well as the new call firefighters.

**B. Deputy Kelleher - Completion 10 week Chief Fire Officer Management Training Program**

Chief Sherman – Congratulates Deputy Kelleher for his hard work in completion of the Chief Officer Management Training Program.

Ms. McAuliffe – She states that Deputy Kelleher is a fine example to all the firefighters in the department.

Deputy Kelleher – He reviews the program.

**Recreation Commission: – Review of Goals**

Jim Carol – He introduces the members of the Recreation Commission. He also reviews the Recreation Commission's goals. (See Attached Goals)

Ms. McAuliffe – Asks the Commission to go through the goals individually.

Discussion continues with the Commission reviewing each of the goals.

Dr. Marasco – Thanks the Commission for coming before the Board to present their goals. He reviews the goals and gives his suggestions. He believes that if a dog park is to be created the project should be undertaken by the Dept. of Natural Resources and not the Recreation Commission. He states that he would like to see the Commission pursue the construction of a community center. He also states that he's disappointed that the Commission hasn't included the community center as a future goal.

Mr. Groskopf - Asks Mr. Carol if the Rec. Dept. helped the Rec. Commission come up with these goals.

Jim Carol – He says that the Commission sought input from Pat Armstrong the Recreation Director.

Ms. McAuliffe – She says that her only concern is that the Commission may have created too many goals for one year. In addition she states that she would like the Commission to work closely with the Recreation Dept. to accomplish the goals but the Recreation Dept. is the body that will be implementing the goals.

Jim Carol – He states that he agrees that the Commission is an advising board, not an implementing body. He states that the Commission also agrees that Yarmouth needs a community center.

**Mary Zepernick – Non-binding Article/Ballot Question**

Ms. Zepernick – She reviews the non-binding resolution to end the war in Iraq. She would like to see the resolution placed on the ballot or the Town Meeting warrant for ATM 2008.

Dr. Marasco – He does not believe that this resolution pertains to municipal issues within the town therefore he doesn't believe it should be a ballot question or an article on the warrant.

Mr. Hoben – He believes that the citizens of Yarmouth should be allowed to vote on this non-binding resolution and the majority voice should be heard.

Mr. Sullivan – He states that the statement is somewhat inflammatory, and it's a very political statement therefore he does not believe that it should not be presented at Town Meeting.

Mr. Groskopf – He states that the Board is non-partisan and it's inappropriate for the Board to approve of this resolution.

Discussion continues on whether or not to include the resolution on either the warrant or the ballot.

Mr. Sullivan motions to not accept the resolution on either the ballot or the warrant. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE – 4-1** (Jim Hoben)

**ATM 2008 Warrant Articles – Final Vote To Set the Warrant**

Mr. Lawton – He reviews the 43 potential articles for the warrant. He explains that tonight is the last meeting to put articles on the warrant but the Selectmen will still have the chance to reduce the number of articles. He reviews changes in the warrant articles.

Discussion continues on the right-to-farm by-law and whether or not the by-law should instead be a town code.

A discussion occurs between the Board with regards to the Fire and Police five year capital plans.

Mr. Lawton – Asks the Board to vote for the 43 articles presented in the warrant for the annual town meeting.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to open the warrant for the annual town meeting. Mr. Hoben seconds.

Mr. Sullivan – Motions to vote to accept the 43 articles on the warrant, and then close the warrant for the annual town meeting. Mr. Hoben seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

The Board discusses that the Cape Cod Commission should give their report to town meeting on the second night. The Board also discusses sponsoring a hearing/information night on March 25, 2008 with the Cape Cod Commission.

Mr. Lawton – Informs the Board that in FY10' there will need to be an override for the budget, if the Board wishes to stay with the same level of service. He explains that he is already working on consolidation of services without reductions in staff, such as bringing some financial operations in house for example, payroll services.

**Appointments – Barnstable County Coastal Resources Committee – Karl vonHone**

Mr. Hoben – He recommends appointing Karl vonHone as the Town of Yarmouth's Representative to the Barnstable County Coastal Resources Committee for a two year term to run through February 2010.

Mr. Sullivan – Moves the recommendation. Mr. Groskopf seconds. **VOTE 5-0**

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Dr. Marasco – He informs the Board that the Nantucket Airport has a program for reducing landing fees if aircraft land within specific times of the day. He states that a program of this type could be utilized by the Barnstable Airport.

Discussion continues regarding the Barnstable Airport.

**Adjourn**

Ms. McAuliffe – Asks for a motion to adjourn.

Moved. Seconded. **VOTE 5-0.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:56p.m.