

**Minutes**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**September 30, 2008**

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

**Public**

Mr. Brian Carey speaks about the public making comments on the school budget that may not be correct. Ms. McAuliffe informs Mr. Carey that it is not the job of the Selectmen to fact check the public comments. She explains that people should understand that public comments are people's opinions and not always factual.

**Selectmen Items**

**Approval of BOS Minutes 9-9-08** – Mr. Groskopf motions to approve the minutes of 9-9-08, Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0

**Selectmen Goals**

Ms. McAuliffe indicates that she updated the goals in July and Mr. Hoben has made more additions to the updates. She asks the Board if they would like to incorporate Mr. Hoben's suggestions into the updated goals. Mr. Sullivan suggests that the Selectmen call town meeting at 7:00pm and all activities other than town business should occur before 7:00pm. He asks that this suggestion be placed in the goals. The Board continues to discuss the goals. The Board adopts the goals with Mr. Hoben's suggestions.

**Fee Hearing:**

**1. Golf Fees 2009**

Betsy Palmer (Golf Enterprise Committee) and Jim Armentrout (Golf Director) are present to discuss the Golf Fees. Mr. Armentrout begins with commenting on Yarmouth's rise in golf revenues over this past year. He also says that revenues have jump 20% since 2003. Mr. Armentrout reviews the fees collected from FY08. He reviews the 2009 proposed golf fees. Jerry Sullivan comments on the non-resident fees. Mr. Hoben comments on the resident fees and suggests that there be a discount to Yarmouth residents who do not have a membership. Mr. Armentrout says that the Golf Department does offer smaller packages for 5 rounds. Mr. Hoben also mentions the possibility of fundraising events at the courses. Mr. Armentrout says that the Golf Committee is currently considering the fundraising events. Ms. McAuliffe congratulates Mr. Armentrout for all his hard work and accomplishments with the golf department. She explains the golf enterprise fund and how the courses are self supporting. She asks for public comment, no one speaks. Mr. Sullivan motions to set the golf fees as presented. Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0 Mr. Armentrout thanks the Board for all their help and for appointing an excellent Enterprise Committee.

**2. Annual Beach Sticker Fees, Weekly Beach Stickers Fees, Recreation Fees & Hospitality Book Fees**

Mr. Lawton says that some of these fees are left over from the last fee hearing in August. He reviews the fees. Mr. Groskopf asks about several Recreation fees. The Board agrees to hold voting on the fees until the next meeting. The Board sets the second reading for October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## **Town Administrator's Items**

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Lawton reviews the consent agenda. He speaks about the naming rights, and the possibility of leaving the door open for income. He says that there is a request to name Old Town House Road Park after Peter Homer. Mr. Hoben comments on the buildings inside of Flax Pond and possible naming rights. Mr. Sullivan says that naming Old Town House Road Park after Peter Homer is the right thing to do. He motions to name the Old Town House Road Park the Peter Homer Memorial Park and Recreation Area. Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0 Mr. Sullivan recognizes Linda Homer, Ms. McAuliffe says that there will be a dedication to the park.

Mr. Lawton also reviews the donations that have been given to the town. Motioned. Seconded. VOTE 4-0

### **Review Responses – Cape Cod Commission, Regional Policy Plan Letters**

Mr. Lawton reviews the letters that will be submitted with the RPP to the Cape Cod Commission. He says that the Building Inspector is concerned with the differences between the RPP regulations and the state regulations. Ms. McAuliffe says she has spoken to Yarmouth's Rep. to the Commission who has reviewed the economic piece of the document who indicates that there are several items that need to be changed before the document is approved. Ms. McAuliffe also says that Yarmouth has been the most involved out of any town on the Cape in reviewing the RPP and the RPP will be before the Cape Cod Commission on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 3:00pm for their approval. Mr. Lawton informs the Board that the final approval from the Assembly of Delegates is an up or down vote but the document cannot be revised after the 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Groskopf says that the RPP is currently anti-tourism. Mr. Lawton informs the Board that Dennis has a 20 page review on the RPP, and Barnstable is also putting a package together to send to the Commission. Mr. Sullivan motions to authorize Suzanne McAuliffe to sign a cover letter and include backup comments from Yarmouth to the Cape Cod Commission on the RPP. Mr. Hoben seconds. VOTE 4-0 Bob Dubois speaks about Chapter H in the RPP which allows towns to request threshold changes. Mr. Lawton indicates that the Chapter H portion can still be commented on until the beginning of December.

## **Selectmen's Items**

### **Continued Discussion – Classification of Property**

Ms. McAuliffe says that she does not want to vote on this policy until Dr. Marasco is present. Mr. Sullivan agrees to wait on voting on the classification of property policy. The Board agrees to continue with the classification of property.

### **Additional Selectmen Comments**

Mr. Sullivan asks if the Selectmen's Packets to be smaller and double sided. Mr. Groskopf reminds the public of Tell it to Bud Time. Ms. McAuliffe speaks about the Minerals Management Service and Cape Wind.

## **Town Administrator's Items**

### **1. FY 10**

Mr. Lawton speaks about the state funding cuts and how the cuts may effect the Town of Yarmouth. He says if everything is level funded with no increases for either the town or the school the FY10 budget may be balanced, but he does not believe that there will be no increases. For example there are 19 new students to the Technical High School, D-Y increases, and the possibility of restoring the town services that have been cut such as reopening the Fire Station #3. Mr. Lawton also informs the Board that Roger Hatch from the MA Department of Education has responded to the town indicating that the Town of Yarmouth is responsible for the cost of

any student who attends the Upper Cape Technical High School in Bourne. Mr. Lawton also says that the second draft of the John Simpkins RFP is also completed and State Rep. Atsalis will come before the Board to speak about funding for the school. Mr. Lawton asked if the Affordable Housing Trust could insert the housing buy-down information sheets in employees pay checks. The Board agrees. Mr. Lawton also states that he has sent a land map plan to the School Board showing what land the District owns off Station Ave.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Hoben motions to adjourn. Mr. Sullivan seconds. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53pm.

**All times are approximate and subject to change.**

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CONSENT AGENDA**

**Naming Rights Discussion**

**General Fund**

Jerome Sullivan	\$212.01
Richard & Kathleen R. Kenyon	\$200.00
Marguerite P. Yardley	\$100.00
Muriel & Oliver Hallet	\$ 25.00

**Fire Department**

Anonymous	\$50.00
Dr. William Marasco	\$3,500.00
Station II Meeting Room	\$22.00
Nancy M. Anastasia	\$50.00
Douglas B. & Linda Hill	\$35.00
Susan L. Holmes	\$50.00
Dr. William & Sheila Gagnon	\$50.00
Robert & Eleanor King	\$50.00

**Police Department:**

Mary & Jerry McMahon	\$70.00
Linda D. & John R. Holgerson	\$65.00
Anonymous	\$50.00
Nancy M. Anastasia	\$50.00
Douglas B. & Linda Hill	\$35.00
Susan L. Holmes	\$50.00
Dr. William & Sheila Gagnon	\$50.00
Robert & Eleanor King	\$50.00

**Date: 9-30-08**

**Voted: 4-0**

