



**Board of Selectmen
Town Hall Hearing Room
August 4, 2009
Regular Meeting**

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Selectmen Jim Hoben. Selectmen present: Bud Groskopf, Jerry Sullivan, Erik Tolley and Suzanne McAuliffe. Also Attending: Town Administrator Robert C. Lawton Jr. The Board of Selectmen gave the pledge of allegiance.

Public

- *Mr. Charlie Kelliher asked the board not to cut funding from Public Safety departments, tax increase articles and Met Tower height requirement special permits*
- *Curtis Sears informed the board that he serves on 7 different committees but all of them are not full time and he went through the selection process as like everyone else. Mr. Sears also asked the Board to think about naming the field across the street from Town Hall and creating a village green/center.*

Presentations

1. Certificate of Appreciation

Mr. Hoben read a recognition of the brave and courageous actions of Yarmouth resident Niles Carder in saving a person's life off of Chapin Beach on June 22nd 2009.

2. Recognition of Other Achievements

Chief Walker recognized all Seashift and callback personnel for their response and efforts on July 26th, 2009 for a water rescue. Chief Walker also recognized Firefighter Copsa and Firefighter Riecher for their individual efforts in the attempted rescue.

Discussion

1. Special Town Meeting

Mr. Lawton updated the Board on the additions or amendments to the warrant. He also briefed the board on the proposed budget cuts due to reduction in State Aid. Mr. Groskopf suggested creating a memo for the public to inform them of the cuts that have been made since day one. Mr. Sullivan agreed that a historical review would be beneficial to everyone to see.

- *Reset Date from September 22nd to September 29th*

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to change the date to September 29th.

Motion by: Bud Groskopf **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

- *Pre-Town Meeting Date*

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to hold a Pre-Town Meeting on September 16th.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley Yea 5 Nay 0

- *Proposed article for Main Building at Flax Pond*

Ms. Pat Armstrong spoke about the funding sources for the Flax Pond Building Article.

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to place Flax Pond Building Article on the warrant.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley Yea 5 Nay 0

Selectmen

1. Board/Committee Appointment/Reappointments

Ms. McAuliffe announced that she is looking for an Alternate member for Historic Commission/Old Kings Highway, as well as tow residents-at-large for Residential Wind Generation By-law.

2. Assessors Information on Website (continued from July 28th meeting)

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to not change the assessor information on the website.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley Yea 3 Nay 2

3. Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to approve the minutes of July 21, 2009.

Motion by: Suzanne McAuliffe **Seconded by:** Erik Tolley Yea 3 Nay 0 Abstain 2

4. Individual Items

- All of the Board members wanted to say that they were thoroughly proud of the Town with their efforts and community
- Mr. Groskopf announced "Tell It to Bud Time" on August 5th.
- Ms. McAuliffe asked if DPW Director George Allaire can come back to the Board to discuss wastewater issues and available funding on what other Towns are going through right now. Mr. Groskopf reiterated the importance of acting on wastewater now.
- Ms. McAuliffe announced that the Cape Cod Commission will be having a hearing on Chapter H thresholds.
- There was discussion between the board members on individuals serving on multiple committees and it was decided that Ms. McAuliffe would come back to the Board with a report on which committees needed more focus and attention.

Town Administrator

1. Other Items

- *Mr. Lawton mentioned to the Board that a group of people met with the Conservation law Foundation on what Yarmouth is doing to improve the Town's wastewater.*
- *Mr. Lawton informed the Board that Barnstable, Sandwich, Mashpee and Yarmouth will be joining forces to apply for the Green Communities Grant. He briefed the Board on what criteria needed to be met and where Yarmouth fits into the legislation.*

Adjourn

MOTION: To move that the Board of Selectmen to adjourn their meeting at 7:51pm.

Motion by: Jerry Sullivan **Seconded by:** Suzanne McAuliffe Yea 5 Nay 0

Respectfully submitted,



Elizabeth G. Hartsgrove