



TOWN COUNCIL MEETING March 6, 2014



A quorum being duly present, Council President Jessica Rapp Grasseti called the March 6, 2014, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

An announcement was made by President Rapp Grasseti regarding the meeting being televised live and questioning if anyone was actively taping the session to please make their presence known. This session is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18.

PRESENT: Ann Canedy, Frederick Chirigotis, James Crocker, Jr. (7:30), Jennifer Cullum, Sara Cushing, Debra Dagwan, Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Paul Hebert, Eric Steinhilber, Philip Wallace. **Absent:** William Crocker, Jr., John Norman, and James Tinsley, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rapp Grasseti, followed by a Moment of Silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Seeing no one, close public comment.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Recognition of Louis Cataldo

President Rapp-Grasseti recognized Mr. Cataldo's years of service to the Town of Barnstable and presented him with a lapel pin. Vice-President Canedy read a proclamation and presented Mr. Cataldo with a certificate of recognition. Mr. Cataldo thanked everyone, as he recognized the deep history of the Town, he stated his monuments contribute to Barnstable's history and can be given to posterity.

Chief Paul MacDonald – Regional 9-1-1 update

- Discussed the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) and the dispatching protocols.
- 254 PSAPs statewide and the major goal is to reduce this number across the state.
- 911 call volume for Barnstable was the 13th busiest PSAP in the state.
- 911 Dispatch Steering Committee came to the conclusion that 1 large Regional Emergency Communications Center (RECC) was best.
- RECC is to be governed by an independent board.
- Both Cape Cod Chief's and Fire Chief's Association voted in support of 1 RECC w/independent governance.

- Does not recommend turning over regional dispatch to the State.
- Financing Regional 9-1-1 would be assessed by Sheriff, he would annual determine net costs.
- Strongly advises against giving up local control, Barnstable needs to oversee day to day operation.

Councilor Discussion and Questions:

(Discussion refers to both police and fire departments) Sheriff is following the Essex model which is a different demographic and smaller size. Sheriff has not yet presented financial or operational plan for regional model. New model will represent more of a cost. Devil is in the details regarding a regional plan and the Barnstable Police & Fire Departments are still considering all options. Regional RECC is a great idea, but perhaps too optimistic for the Sheriff. Perhaps it is feasible to bring in Mashpee and Yarmouth, but Barnstable cannot give up control to the Sheriff. Greatest concern is that there is minimal representation of the police and fire departments in a regional model. It's important that Barnstable oversee the day to day operation of the RECCs. The Sheriff already has a dispatch facility and cannot take on Barnstable; he would double the size of his operation if he took on Barnstable 9-1-1. The Sheriff is working outside the group because it's natural for any state agency to grow. Once local control is given up, Barnstable will have no control of future costs.

Workshop with Community Preservation Committee

Lindsey Counsell, Chairman gave a presentation highlighting the duties and examples of work.

- Successor to the land bank program and 3% tax surcharge
- Allowable expenditures –preserving open space, preserving historic resources, preserving recreation and community housing.
- Described allowable spending
- Make recommendations to Town Council for appropriations and bonding.
- Preserves the essential character of the town.
- FY14 yearly funding 378k per category.
- Described schedule of reserve fund balances per program
- Described a list of projects for Historic, Open Space, Recreation, and Housing: U.S. Custom House, 115 Pleasant Street, Archibald Property in Marston's Mills, Cape Rail Trail Extension, Bay School Fields.

Councilor Discussion and Questions:

The correct name is the Custom House not the Customs House. What are undesignated funds? They are funds that can be used for any of the three categories. Town Manager and DPW deserve credit regarding funding for Bay School. Describe application process for CPC funds. General policy is that a letter of interest is submitted, then it is evaluated and decided whether the application process should be started. Once applications are received the committee reviews then CPC makes a recommendation to the Town Council. Historic preservation that can be used for housing is a win –CPA money is the seed that can move a project forward. It was thought that CPC funds could be used to restore ponds and it has been

attempted by some towns, but it might be best to buy open space. Beneficial if the CPC informed Town Council on deliberations throughout the application process. The Act is set up differently, but there is no reason why CPC cannot periodically update the Town Council. Recreational facilities may be in the wrong location, a plan needs to be developed to cover the overall need. Is it possible for a structure to qualify for two separate categories? It is entirely possible. Capital Improvement plan with a mixture of CPC money within the plan. It's important to use creativity, using a historic structure for affordable housing. How do you solicit projects? The CPC committee will speak with appropriate representatives to determine need. Town Council will set a priority on how to direct CPC regarding undesignated funds.

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2014 meeting as written

VOTE: Passes Unanimous

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, STAFF, CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Craig Larson, ZBA Chairman described the purpose of the ZBA and their governance.

Council comments and questions:

A better product and house is built because of the DCPC. More in-law apartments are in existence and there should be more improvements made on this. Explained Accessory Affordable Apartment Program and stated that it helps out a lot of people. It is important to keep families on Cape Cod. Alternates are utilized because there is not a full board. Perhaps the alternates should be made regular members so there is no quorum problem. Family apartment ordinance was passed and no longer matters where owner lives and this is consistent with the law. CPC will advise Town Council liaison regarding clarification on family apartments.

- Vice President Canedy stated that Mr. Cataldo created Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award and described the application process for this award. Applications are in the lobby of the Town Hall.
- Councilor Cullum stated she was at a Regional Barnstable Substance Abuse Committee Council meeting and the Town of Barnstable does not have a prescription pill drop off box and is working to get one. Youth Commission may expand from 5 to 9 members.
- Councilor Dagwan reminded everyone of the International Women's Day Breakfast tomorrow. Many attended the Hyannis Youth and Community center for the Wear Red celebration recognizing heart health.
- Councilor Wallace shared that there is a coffee social at the community center for the Paine Black House. There's an auction to sponsor the Wheldon Library. 1717 Meeting House Foundation has winter debate series.
- Councilor Cushing let everyone know that COMM Fire would host a Heroin Overdose Awareness Program.
- Councilor J.Crocker stated that he applauds the Chief and Councilor Cullum for their efforts in getting a pill drop off box.

ORDERS OF THE DAY:

**2014-062 APPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION.
INTRO: 02/27/14, 03/06/14**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**, that the Town Council appoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Henry Farnham, 127 Coachman Lane, West Barnstable as a member with a term expiring 06/30/16

HYANNIS MAIN STREET WATERFRONT HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Brenda Mazzeo, 145 East Bay Road, Osterville, from an alternate to a member with a term expiring 6/30/2014

RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMISSION

Andrew Z. Jaworski, 272 Craigville Beach Road, Hyannis as a member with a term expiring 6/30/2015

VOTE: Passes Unanimous

2014-064 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER - \$20,000 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF SKATE PARK EQUIPMENT FROM LOU NICKINELLO OF BASS RIVER SPORTS WORLD, INC. INTRO: 03/06/14

Councilor Dagwan stated this appropriation is withdrawn.

**2014-065 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER OF \$22,000 FROM TOWN'S INSURANCE RECOVERY FUND TO REPLACE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT VEHICLE
INTRO: 03/06/14**

Open public hearing, seeing none close public hearing.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was referred to a public hearing on 3/20/14 **ORDERED:** That the Town Council hereby authorizes an appropriation in the amount of \$22,000 for the purpose replacing a damaged School Department vehicle and to meet this appropriation that \$22,000 be transferred from the Town's Insurance Recovery Fund.

VOTE: Passes Unanimous

2014-066 AUTHORIZATION FOR TOWN TREASURER TO ENTER INTO A TAX EXEMPT LEASE PURCHASE TRANSACTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES INTRO: 03/06/14

Mark Milne, Finance Director gave the rationale. This is a low cost alternative to financing equipment. A tax exempt lease purchase (TELP) does not need legislative approval from Town Council, but it's always best to get it.

Open public hearing, seeing none, public hearing was closed

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Town Manager, is authorized to enter into a Tax Exempt Lease Purchase transaction for the purpose of financing the purchase of school buses

VOTE: Passes Unanimous

2014-068 APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER ORDER OF \$40,000 FROM THE 2013-116 APPROPRIATION, FOR A COMPREHENSIVE BUILDING ASSESSMENT OF THE OSTERVILLE COMMUNITY BUILDING AND THE OSTERVILLE BAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INTRO: 03/06/14

Daniel Santos, DPW Director gave the rationale stating that the reason for this request is so an assessment and analysis of the property can determine the very best options for the property.

Open public hearing, seeing none close public hearing.

Councilor Discussion and Questions:

The Town Manager added that this is not new money and the community wants to take a broader view of the properties potential. It's important to understand the price of the buildings and the fields all together to determine what can be salvaged and what cannot. The previous presentations for the property made uncomfortable, this process and all the work for this assessment is a good thing for the people of Osterville.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

ORDERED: That the sum of \$40,000 be transferred from the \$200,000 appropriated under Council Order 2013-116 for the Osterville Community Building upgrades for the purpose of undertaking a comprehensive building assessment of the Osterville Community Building and the Osterville Bay Elementary School.

VOTE Passes Unanimous

Town Manager Communications:

- Barnstable Hosting Women's Hockey Games and mentioned the teams playing at this event
- At the HYCC, Mondays are free walking for seniors
- Barnstable is rated #4 in healthiest small cities
- Capital Improvement plan is moving along, a copy will be provided March 20.

- Family Fun Night was a lively event with much enthusiasm.
- Assistant Town Manager is working on Community Preservation items, comprehensive assessment of recreation fields.
- Follow up meeting with rules and regulations for consumer parking lot license holders.

Councilor Comment and Discussion:

Assistant Town Manager gave an update regarding the shooting range

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to adjourn.

Unanimous

Adjourned at 9:01 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Gaudet

Assistant Town Clerk – Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: March 20, 2014

Exhibits:

- A. Regional Dispatch Discussion Point
- B. Inter-Municipal Agreement For The Joint Provision of Public Safety Communications, Dispatch, and Operations Services.
- C. Town Manager's Report