

**Board of Selectmen
Minutes of Tuesday, June 20, 2017
Bourne Community Building
Bourne, MA 02532**

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TA Tom Guerino

Selectmen

George Slade, Chairman
Peter Meier, Vice-Chairman
Judith Froman, Clerk
Don Pickard
Michael Blanton

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Chairman Slade Called the meeting to order at 7:00

Moment of Silence for our Troops and our public safety personnel /Salute the Flag

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

None requested.

4) Minutes from Meeting(s) dates: 4-25-17, 5-23-17

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to approve the minutes from April 25, 2017 as presented. Judy Froman abstained. Vote 4-0-1.

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Judy Froman to approve the minutes from May 23, 2017 with changes. Vote 5-0.

5) Correspondence

Judith Froman brought the committee up to date on the correspondence.

- A. Bob Ruggiero wanted to thank the Board of Selectmen for recognition of his retirement from the Bourne Public Schools.
- B. Letter from Helen Bresnahan thanking the Board for her reappointment to the Selectmen's Task Force on Local Pollution and Phase II Stormwater Management Community Oversight Group.

- C. Betty Steudel submitted letter of resignation from the Recycling Committee
- D. Letter from Julie Ellis-Clayton requesting permission to set up 1 massage chair at Monument Beach.
- E. Letter from JC Engineering re: Beach Access stairs off Crab Rock Way, Sagamore Beach.
- F. Letter from Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative stating that Eversource submitted revisions to the rates it proposed in January 2017 rate case filing.
- G. Letter from Prime Engineering Inc. re: Permanent Solution Statement, Diesel Fuel Release, 2 Nightingale Pond Road, Bourne.
- H. EAP Status Report from December 31, 2016 - June 5, 2017. [Report on file in the Town Administrator's Office]
- I. Division of Marine Fisheries: Seasonal status change - closed to Shellfishing: Wychunas Avenue
- J. Warwick & Assoc. submitted an application for a Simplified Chapter 91 license for a seasonal wooden ramp and pipe supported floats located at 40 Catskill Road, Buzzards Bay. [Application on file in the Town Administrator's Office]
- K. Board of Appeals meeting notice for Wednesday, June 21, 2017
- L. Marjorie McClung submitted letter of resignation from the Bourne Council on Aging.

Tom Guerino said on letter D the Board should have received a letter about the massages chair on the beach. It is the general rule not to allow business on the beaches; there is a bylaw on that issue. On letter E beach access; Tim Lydon has been working with the engineers. It still has to go through conservation. I will be meeting with the folks from the Sagamore Beach Association on Monday of next week at 11:00. On letter F Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative, it is more than just rates, it has to do with the metering credits.

Julie Ellis-Clayton, woman who put in the request for the massage chair, introduced herself.

6) Assembly of Delegates update – Linda Zuern

Linda Zuern spoke about the Assembly of Delegates and gave an update on what they do.

Michael Blanton questioned the funding for tick testing program. Mr. Blanton asked Mrs. Zuern to ask the County to help fund and underwrite some of the programs.

7) Request to support extension of Development of Regional Impact (DRI) permit from the Cape Cod Commission for the Canal Side Commons property at the Bourne Rotary.

Mr. Michael Scott, representing Rotary LLC, affiliate of Stop & Shop, spoke about the meeting with the town officials and Stop & Shop, what the town would like to see that property used for. Requesting the Selectmen's support for their request to the Cape Cod Commission seeking an extension for this DRI permit. Mr. Scott gave a brief overview of the property and the history of the property. We are asking for an extension for 5 years. We would like to coordinate with the town on marketing leads for open end users.

In addition we would like to coordinate Infrastructure planning and advocacy for state and federal funding. Perhaps participate in the Natural Planning exercise for the property and the surrounding area and to review the zoning, as may be appropriate coming from that plan exercise. We have asked for an extension from the Cape Cod Commission and would like the Board of Selectmen's support.

Peter Meier questioned how many houses are approved in the comprehension permit. Mr. Scott said about 300. Mr. Meier questioned if we don't approve this extension, would that jeopardize the 300 homes that are on the list now.

Judy Froman said I'd like to see the progress reported back to the Town Administrator in a written agreement. What are you going to do to generate more interest? Mr. Scott said Stop & Shop is a well-connected company. Because of Stop & Shop's engagement with the commercial real estate community they have spoken with the developers for developing this property. They think this is going to be a project of mixed use; you may have some components of hotel, retail, and housing. So once the master plan is done they can attract interest of developers that want a small piece of that property.

Michael Blanton said his concern is that it has been years since we have heard from Stop & Shop and without a formalized relationship going forward this may fall on the back burner again and we may hear from them in another four years asking for another extension. Would like us to put together a focus group and to get input from the citizenry.

John Hession, BSC Group said one of the big questions is what the true need is and the infrastructure cost. The town would need to be the catalyst for the focus group, getting the right people. Stop & Shop would be willing to participate.

Tom Guerino said the town will be undertaking, with the Cape Cod Commission, a town wide strategic economic plan. That will be a good start to a dialog with the citizenry of the town relative to how we went to see different parts of the community developed.

Mr. Guerino also spoke about the large empty space, off MacArthur Blvd., that is leased by Stop & Shop. It would be helpful to help us market that as a large retail or commercial space to fill that plaza.

Jim Mulvey asked Mr. Scott a couple questions about the bounds of property and the Cape Cod Commission. Has the Cape Cod Commission taken a position on the extension?

Mr. Scott said the Cape Cod Commission has not been requested previous to this time to extend the permit. We will be appearing before them next month. We have not discussed it with them until we have that meeting.

Tom Guerino said if the Board takes a vote in favor we would like the actual vote of the Board in the letter.

Judy Froman said she would like the quarterly updates add into the letter.

Don Pickard said he doesn't think the updates should go in this letter; it could be in another letter or agreement between the Town Administrator and the applicant.

Mr. Scott questioned how to coordinate the quarterly update. Tom Guerino will send a draft letter that indicates we want to work closely together and we will meet on a quarterly basis.

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to support the extension of the development of regional impact permit for the Cape Cod Commission for the Canal Side Common Property at the Bourne Rotary with the proviso that the Board will amend the letter to show that the Board has voted to support. Vote 5-0.

8) Affordable Housing - Kerry Horman

- a. Request of the Bourne Housing Partnership that the Board of Selectmen approve applications to DHCD for the following deed restricted housing units to be added to the Town of Bourne Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) and that the units be Certified in accordance with the Towns' Housing Production Plan approved by DHCD on January 20, 2015:**

58 Units at Coady School Residence

44 Units at Canal Bluffs Phase III

3 Single Family Housing Units at 12, 16, and 22 Settlers Way in the Pilgrim Pines Subdivision

- b. Request from the Bourne Housing Trust that the Local Action Unit (LAU) application for the development of deed restricted affordable home at 31 Wing Rd, Pocasset, be approved for submission to DHCD.**

8a. Kerry Horman, provides staff support to the Bourne Affordable Housing Trust, spoke about the Affordable Housing Ordinance. All towns have been given a goal to get to 10% of their housing as deed restricted affordables.

The process of putting units onto that comes through the Board of Selectmen. We have paperwork to submit to the state to add these units to the subsidizing housing inventory list. There are three projects ready to go which are: Cody School which is 58 units of over 55 housing, 44 units at Canal Bluffs and 3 single family houses at Pilgrim Pines. We are requesting to add these units to the subsidizing housing inventory list. Another is to have the units certified under the towns housing plan, which has been approved by DACD. That would make it so the town would have more control over proposed affordable housing developments for a period of time. The request is to submit this to be added to the subsidizing housing inventory list and also to ask for certification under the housing plan.

Don Pickard questioned what would this bring our percentage to once these units are added. Mr. Horman said it will bring us to 8.2%. Don Pickard questioned how close do we have to get to 10% so we don't get susceptible to an unfriendly 40B.

Mr. Horman said it isn't the total percentage. If you are able to get ½ of 1% in 1 year you get 1 year of coverage. If you are able to get 1% you get 2 years of coverage. It is not the total amount until you get to 10%.

Michael Blanton spoke about the workforce housing needs.

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to approve the application of the DHCD for the following deed restriction housing units to be added the town of Bourne subsidized housing inventory list and these must be certified in accordance with the Towns Housing Production Plan approved by DHCD on January, 2015; 58 units at Cody School Residence, 44 units at Canal Bluffs Phase III, and 3 single family housing units at 12, 16, and 22 Settlers Way in the Pilgrim Pines Subdivision. Subject to the condition of obtaining the building permit. Vote 5-0.

8B. Mr. Horman went over requesting approval from DHCD for a project to go ahead as eligible under 40B. This is a house that meets all of DHCD's guidelines. This is a single-family house that will be sold through a lottery. Would like to submit this with the Board's approval to DHCD.

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to approve. Vote 5-0.

9) MS4 – EPA Storm water regulation. The “MS-4 team (Ms. Guarino, Mr. Sala, Mr. Haines, Ms. Moore, Mr. Mullen, Mr. Guerino) will provide the Board an overview of the regulation and steps required to begin compliance measures.

Tom Guerino briefly went over the MS4-Team and the members that make up that team; Sam Haines, Conservation, Tim Lydon, Engineering, George Sala, DPW, Coreen Moore, Planning, Terri Guarino in Health, and Tim Mullen, Department of Natural Resources. They meet every other week.

Sam Haines, Bourne Conservation Agent, went over the MS4 2017 Stormwater Permit Compliance.

U. S. EPA/Mass DEP MS4 Stormwater Permit Compliance

The following summarizes the additional required compliance tasks to be implemented in Years 1 through 5 of the US EPA/Mass DEP MS4 permit which goes into effect on July 1, 2017.

Year 1: July 1, 2017 - July 1, 2018

- 1) Notice of Intent - due September 29, 2017
- 2) Development of public outreach plan
 - i) Develop website;

- ii) Determine how to reach the 4 target audiences identified in MS4 Permit and develop distribution timeline.
- 3) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program updates
 - i) Develop an inventory of all Sanitary Sewer Overflows;
 - ii) Begin MS4 GIS Mapping revisions;
 - iii) Written IDDE program;
 - iv) Initial ranking of outfalls and interconnections;
 - v) Written procedure for outfall and interconnection sampling procedure;
 - vi) Written catch basin investigation procedure;
 - vii) Provide preliminary IDDE inspection training to all employees involved with the program.
- 4) Finalize an Ordinance or Bylaw for construction phase and post construction regulation/oversight.
 - i) Regulatory mechanism that requires, inspects, and enforces the use of sediment control at construction sites and controls for other waste cleanup/disposal during construction;
 - ii) Regulatory mechanism that requires permittees to develop, implement, and enforce, post construction stormwater runoff for all new development and redevelopment within MS4 jurisdiction.
 - iii) Requirement that all development and redevelopment stormwater BMP's be optimized for Nitrogen removal.
- 5) Annual Report
- 6) Submittal of Stormwater Management Plan – due July 1, 2018
Year 2: July 1, 2018 - July 1, 2019
 - 1) Begin to implement public outreach plan
 - i) Update website to allow SWMP and annual reports to be available to the public and to allow the public an opportunity to participate in the review of SWMP and annual report;
 - ii) Distribute educational materials to the 4 audiences identified in the MS4 permit.
 - 2) IDDE Program
 - i) Update SSO inventory;
 - ii) Complete MS4 GIS stormwater mapping and provide it to the state and EPA;
 - iii) Provide annual IDDE inspection training to all employees involved with the program;
 - iv) Begin dry weather Outfall and interconnection screening;
 - 3) Good Housekeeping
 - i) Develop inventory of permittee owned parks and open space which address proper use, storage, and disposal, of herbicides; Evaluate town lawn maintenance and landscaping practices to protect water quality; Establish pet waste handling, collection, and disposal locations at all parks and public open spaces where pets are permitted; Establish procedures to address waterfowl congregation areas; Establish trash management procedures at all parks and open spaces; establish procedures to address erosion and poor vegetative cover.

- ii) Evaluate the use, storage, and disposal of pollutants stored at all town owned facilities where pollutants may be exposed to stormwater and establish spill prevention plans for those sites.
- iii) Establish procedures for the storage and maintenance of all town owned vehicles and equipment.
- iv) Establish an infrastructure Operation and Maintenance program
- v) Establish and implement street and parking lot cleaning program
- vi) Develop and fully implement Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans for Town owned maintenance facilities including public works yards, maintenance garages, transfer stations, and any other waste handling facility where pollutants are exposed to stormwater.

4) Update SWMP and submit annual report

Year 3: July 1, 2019 - July 1, 2020

- 1. Complete Catchment Investigation Procedure, such that all outfalls are inspected for dry weather flow by end of Year 3 as required by the 2017 MS4 Permit.
- 2. Complete follow-up rankings of outfalls and interconnections based on data gathered during dry weather screening and sampling.
- 3. Continue to implement existing training, programs, and public outreach.
- 4. Update SWMP and submit annual report.

Year 4: July 1, 2020 - July 1, 2021

- 1. Review Town regulations regarding street and parking lot design and other local requirements that affect the creation of impervious cover. Develop written report summarizing recommendations regarding changes to accommodate Low Impact Design measures.
- 2. Review Town regulations and potential changes regarding any obstructions to implementing green roofs, infiltration practices, and water harvesting and summarize in written report.
- 3. Develop Nitrogen Source Identification report for all Nitrogen impaired water bodies without a TMDL.
- 4. Identify a minimum of 5 permittee owned properties that could potentially be modified or retrofitted through the reduction of impervious cover.
- 5. Continue to implement existing training, programs, and public outreach.
- 6. Update SWMP and submit annual report.

Year 5: July 1, 2021 - July 1, 2022

- 1. Continue to implement existing programs and public outreach.
- 2. Update SWMP and submit annual report.
- 3. Schedule ongoing screening schedule for all outfalls.
- 4. Install one BMP as a demonstration project
- 5. Continue to implement existing training, programs, and public outreach.
- 6. Update SWMP and submit annual report.

Michael Blanton questioned the budget for the plan. Sam Haines said it will be difficult for each department to take this additional mandated unfunded program on without additional funding and staffing.

Judy Froman questioned if you already have the GIS Program or will that also have to be funded. Tim Lydon said we do have a GIS program, but there is still a lot of unknowns with it.

Sam Haines said one of the challenging prospects for us is the amount of data that has to be collected and put into one place to be tracked effectively.

George Sala said this is something that can't be put off any more. We do sweep the streets and do the basins, but we have to start doing the outfalls and testing each basin. There are programs that we are working with the Cape Cod Commission. Come budget time we will be talking more money for this.

Coreen Moore spoke about the new equipment and licenses that will be needed and getting a consultant to help with the program. There will be costs associated with this program.

10) Selectmen Appointment Renewals for FY18

Peter Meier went over the Selectmen's reappointments to different boards and committees.

Peter Meier went over the appointment for the Board of Appeals

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to reappoint Amy Kullar to the Zoning Board of Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2022. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Associate Members for the Board of Appeals

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Lee Berger, Kat Brennan, and Debbie Bryant as Associate Members of the Board of Appeals, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Don Pickard questioned if there is a residency requirement. Tom Guerino said he thinks you have to be a resident but you don't have to be a registered voter.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Bourne Housing Partnership Committee

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Terri Guarino, Board of Health, non-voting; Al Hill, at large; Coreen V. Moore, Town Planner; Sue Ross, at large; and Debra Jordan, Director to Bourne Housing Authority, to the Bourne Housing Partnership Committee; terms to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Bylaw Committee

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Brandon Esip and George Sala to the Bylaw Committee, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Capital Outlay Committee

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Richard Mastria and Mary Jane Mastrangelo to the Capital Outlay Committee, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Central Information and Liaison Officer for Development

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Coreen Moore as the Central Information and Liaison Officer for Development, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Conservation Commission

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Tom Ligar as a member to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Associate Member to the Conservation Commission

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Michael Gratis and Timothy Lydon as Associate Members to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Constable

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Charles Devlin, Russell McAllister, and Dennis Woodside to the Constable, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointment for the Ethics Liaison

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Barry Johnson as the Ethics Liaison, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Historic Commission

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Deborah Burgess as a Member, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote: 5-0

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Blanche Cody and Frances Speers as Associate Members to the Historic Commission, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Open Space Committee

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Richard Anderson, Andrew Cooney and Barry Johnson as Members to the Open Space Committee, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Staff Members for the Open Space Committee

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint Samuel Haines, Timothy Lydon, and Coreen Moore as Staff Members to the Open Space Committee, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointment for the Register of Voters

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to reappoint Barbara Jacobs for Register of Voters, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

Peter Meier went over the appointments for the Shore and Harbor Commission

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to appoint David Crane and Chris Southwood for Shore and Harbor, term to expire June 30, 2020. Vote 5-0.

11) Parking Agreement with MMA – Discussion regarding renewal terms.

Tom Guerino went over the parking agreement with the MMA and the rates

1. We would prefer cadet parking didn't start until October 1st and end on the last day of the school year. The marina is still busy through September.
2. Parking for Cadets only during this timeframe. This will make sure the majority of cars are gone on weekends.
3. Limit parking to 80 cars. Although the diagrams show 85 limiting to 80 will help with the cars illegally parked and still give room for the 80 without running over into marina areas. Sometimes Marina Staff, customers need some of the area also.
4. Have a specific sticker for our location, i.e. the marina lot, currently the stickers read Off Campus, there are multiple off campus lots.
5. Litter patrol would be nice, the kids make a mess - They are willing to do that.
6. Reciprocal use of the new Taylors Point lot on weekend if needed for overflow ramp traffic. This would be very infrequent, in springtime when Black Sea Bass and Stripers show up. They said OK for cars only. Lot is not set up for trailers. Dependent on whether or not MMA has event on weekends.
7. No maintenance or repairs of vehicles allowed.

The current contract requires a written notification of renewal by the Town Administrator. Unless the Board objects I'd like to go with this as an addendum. Have it reviewed by Council on how you would do the attachment for the renewal for a two-year period.

Peter Meier questioned who has jurisdiction on tickets for unauthorized parking. Tom Guerino will check with Town Counsel.

Don Pickard said per the charter the Town Administrator can sign a contract that falls under 3 years.

Jim Mulvey stated he thought as far as contracts being signed by the administrator it would be mostly for services, or materials things for the day-to-day operation, but when it comes to the signing of a contract for the use of town property that should be a matter for the Board of Selectmen not the Town Administrator. Mr. Mulvey questioned what is the fee for providing them parking? Mr. Guerino said it is about \$12,000 a year, about \$140 per car.

Jim Mulvey questioned what the cadets are charged by the Academy for the privilege of parking. What is the amount that the students pay and how that compares does to what the Academy pays the town. Tom Guerino said it is his understanding the Academy does not get a lot from the cadets for parking. He is willing to raise the cost if the Board wishes.

12) Selectmen's Business -

- a. Goals update and discussion**
- b. Appointments**

George Slade spoke about the workshop the Selectmen had last week. During that discussion we decided to ask Susan Sleasman, and she has accepted our request to be the facilitator for our next session, planned for June 29th. Mass DOT sponsored event, Canal regional transportation group, is also scheduled that day from 4:30-7:30 and we should have a representative there from the Board of Selectmen.

Tom Guerino said he would go to the meeting on Thursday then come to the Selectmen meeting.

Judy Froman would rather have the Town Administrator at the Board of Selectmen meeting and have the meeting start at 7:30.

Michael Blanton said he would like the Selectmen's session to be moved back to accommodate both the Transportation Study and the Goal Session. Would like the goal session pushed back to start at 7:30.

12 b. Appointments

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to approve Teri Guarino as a voting member to the Cape Cod Water Protection Collaborative, term to expire June 30, 2018. Vote 5-0.

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Michael Blanton to approve Don Pickard as the Board of Selectmen member the Police Building Committee Study Committee.

Vote 5-0.

George Slade would like to get a list of all the subcommittee committees and assignments that each member is a part of, to get an idea of the balance workload.

Tom Guerino spoke briefly about the One Cape Summit on Thursday and Friday. On Friday we can do the agenda.

13) Town Administrator's Report

a. Update on Buzzards Bay Park

b. Appointment - Director of Assessing

Tom Guerino spoke about Buzzards Bay Park. The Buzzards Bay Park is going to come in on Budget. Next week I am going to ask the Selectmen to endorse a letter to the Water District asking for forgiveness in the rate that was charges for the test. Tom Guerino said we will come in at the amount of money that was authorized by Town Meeting.

Michael Blanton stressed the importance of keeping all the elements that were discussed and presented.

Peter Meier spoke about making that a Wi-Fi assessable park, and having a security system for the park, eventually, since there will be a lot of children there.

Don Pickard spoke about the park, going over budget, and making reductions in order to come in on budget.

Tom Guerino said it will encompass all of the pieces that we said would be in the park.

Judy Froman requested the Selectmen get reports on how the budget is and on the park as it is being constructed. Tom Guerino said we can bring in the line items so the Selectmen can see and stay engaged in the Buzzards Bay Park project.

Michael Blanton said we should consider renaming the park the Cape Cod Canal Park instead of the Buzzards Bay Park.

Jim Mulvey questioned the cost for maintaining the park. Tom Guerino said we may put a summer hire person down there.

Tom Guerino said he appointed Karen Trudeau as the incoming Chief Assessor. Mr. Guerino said he is requesting the Board the waiver of the 15-day veto power.

Don Pickard questioned could you tell us when you appointed Mrs. Trudeau and when will you have her start to work. Mr. Guerino said he appointed her last Friday and she will start

sometime in early July. Don Pickard said under the Charter it states an appointment of a department head or Board of Assessors shall become effective the 15th day after the day in which notice is proposed to the notice of the proposed appointment is filed with the Board of Selectmen unless the majority of the Board of Selectmen votes to reject the appointment within that period.

The Board has not seen any of her qualifications or her references and all of her credentials. I don't know why we are waving this. Based on the way the agenda is written I don't think we can vote on the waiver.

Tom Guerino spoke about the 3-year contract on the insurance renewal. Our overall premium is coming down a little bit. There is a potential for a 3-year lock-in. I will bring in the numbers next week.

Docks and Piers Committee meeting will be scheduled for next week

Working on getting a place for people, who are only down here on weekends, to get their beach stickers; maybe later hours or a weekend at an offsite location?

14) Selectmen's Reports

Michael Blanton read the letter of concern he wrote.

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Colleagues, and People of Bourne -

I rise to a point of personal privilege to answer a lingering concern over a criticism that was raised at our previous meeting, that being the process by which this body arrived at the most recent execution of the contract with the town administrator. I am not going to discuss the internal points made within that contract, a signed document that is soon to become public; but rather to address the characterization made by a member of this board of that process as a 'charade.' It is because of that dramatic description that I believe the citizenry of Bourne deserve an explanation and an alternative view.

Simply put, it was not a 'charade.'

- The agenda stated, 'No Discussion.' To clarify, it might have read 'no further discussion,' as the implication made was that we had not had sufficient opportunity to engage in a dialogue over the merits and challenges of extending, amending or ending the contract. The truth is that we had ample opportunity, in at least eleven (11) executive sessions from November to May held under that previous board. By comparison, the record for executive sessions held to negotiate the T.A. contract in years past has been three (3). To suggest that there was insufficient discussion is patently false, and misleading to the public.
- The agenda read "all items within the meeting agenda are subject to deliberation and votes by the Board of Selectmen," and was construed by the same board member as an allowance for this to be continuously debated. This boiler-plate language appears on all our publicly posted meetings, and by its definition allows matters contained within to have the potential to be acted upon, subject to the

direction of the Chairman, and most importantly, clarifies that subjects not listed on the agenda cannot be deliberated or voted upon. This latter portion prohibits action on an issue without due process, professional information, legal counsel, expert opinions and the like from being decided from the floor without the benefit of preparation and fact-finding. In the case of the contract, as noted above, all that discussion had occurred; legal counsel on both sides was considered; contract issues were raised again and again; and votes were taken and reported out to the public. The process was time consuming, passionate and thorough, on the part of the T.A. and the Board, but ultimately was concluded after a dozen meetings and appropriate votes taken. This process was not rushed, nor was it without difficult discussions and differences of opinion. But an authentic vote was taken, and a decision was made. It was not a unanimous vote, as confirmed by the former Chairman, but it was a legitimate majority vote.

- The time frame, number of sessions, discussions and points raised, arguments made and other issues raised all fell under the direction of the previous Chairman, the very same member who characterized the work of this board as a 'charade.' If there was a concern over the legitimacy of the process; which I believe there was not; but if there was, then such a concern should fall squarely on the shoulders of the member who set the agenda and directed the many discussions held on this very subject and oversaw the vote.

For these reasons, I was taken aback at the comments made during our previous meeting; not just for me, but for the public perception promoted by these remarks. While I recognize that here we enjoy freedom of speech, and a duty to voice both popular and unpopular opinions at this table, I also believe that we as the elected representatives of the people of Bourne have a responsibility to maintain a better sense of decorum, composure and respect for the efforts of all at this table and in this town. Ultimately, I want the people of Bourne to understand the work we do on their behalf, and to have confidence in the legitimacy of those efforts. While we may have different opinions, and all outcomes are not always what we might individually desire, that does not make those efforts or decisions a 'charade.' I thank the Chair for the opportunity to speak to this matter, and I respectfully yield the floor.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Blanton
Monument Beach

The next Bourne Selectmen meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27th at 7:00 P.M.

15) Adjourn

Voted Peter Meier moved and seconded by Don Pickard to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm. Vote 5-0.

Respectfully submitted – Carole Ellis, secretary.