Board of Selectmen
Minutes of January 10, 2012
Bourne Veteran's Building
Buzzards Bay MA 02532

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Town Administrator Tom Guerino

Don Pickard, Chairman
John Ford, Vice Chairman (excused)
Jamie Sloniecki
Earl Baldwin
Peter Meier (excused)

List of documents:

- Chapter 91: Section 10A temporary moorings of floats or rafts; permits issuance or refusal; review public nuisance – 2 pages dated 1/10/12 for the record.
- BETA Corporation drawing plans of the Bourne rotary – 15 pages

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to accept the Plan Design, as related to the Healthcare Insurance Program, as outlined by the Town Treasurer and HR Director in Selectmen's Executive Session dated 1/10/12. Roll call: Sloniecki – yes; Baldwin – yes; Pickard – yes.

Meeting called to order
7:00 pm by Chm. Pickard.

Moment of Silence/Salute the Flag

Public comment (non-agenda items)

James Mulvey with regard to the Harbormaster's duties and authority. Mr. Mulvey gave copies of "Chapter 91: Section 10A temporary moorings of floats or rafts; permits issuance or refusal; review public nuisance" to Selectmen prior to tonight's hearing, raising issue of powers, duties and responsibilities of the Harbormaster. In doing his own research, under Chapter 91 of the Waterways of the MGLs and Section 10 and 10a, it defines what the Department is. It is designated as the DEP and Environmental Management; Harbormaster is subject to this function of the State government. On Page 17, Mr. Mulvey read into record "…any person may appeal to the Division of Waterways of the Department within 30 days…" He stated this indicates that the Harbormaster decisions are appealable to the State level. Another section on the same page cites "… reasonable fee imposed by the city or town … ." Mr. Mulvey states the Selectmen's jurisdiction with the Trustees of the Community Building is restricted to setting fees to the buildings and not the operation. He continued to say that other indications in the document he presented to the Selectmen say that the Harbormaster is in control of the moorings, docks, etc. Chm. Pickard commented on not being able to deliberate on this topic at

tonight's meeting. However, he stated that it is Tim Mullen's, Harbormaster/DNR Director, opinion that he believes the Selectmen are only charged, with regard to moorings, is to set the fees with no control over anything else. Therefore, Chm. Pickard requested TA Guerino forward provided information by Mr. Mulvey and follow up with Town Counsel.

Approval of Minutes
Chm. Pickard said due not having a full Board, the executive session minutes of 12/21/11 and regular session 4/19/11 will be deferred to the next Selectmen meeting.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to approve minutes of 12/20/11 as submitted. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Correspondence
Sloniecki read correspondence into record. All correspondence is on file in the Town Administrator's office.

Item B - Letters of interest – TA Guerino to forward letters for match up.

Licenses/Appointments

a. ZBA Fees

TA Guerino briefly discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) fees presented by Chm. Lee Berger, which will be public record and recommends the Board adopt them. Sloniecki read said fees into record.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to approve the proposed filing fees as proposed by Chm. Berger on behalf of the Zoning Board of Appeals. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

b. Human Services Appt – Olivia Garcia (student)

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to approve request of Olivia Garcia as youth member of the Human Services and Resources Committee for a term to expire 6/30/12. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mass DOT/BETA Corporation/Cape Cod Commission
Updated traffic configuration presentation by BETA Corporation as it relates to the Bourne rotary.

Ken Ho and Anthony Lionetta, P.E.'s from Beta Corporation.
Clay Schofield, from Clay Engineering.

Mr. Schofield said he was asked by the Mass DOT and BETA Corporation to look at a low cost project for the Bourne Rotary and feels this proposed project is it. Low cost, high yield. BETA Group has been involved in consulting civil engineering for 30 years. It is an employee-owned company. In addition to municipal experience, they have Mass DOT experience.

Currently working in Barnstable on a town wide traffic signal inventory; when complete, information on traffic signals can be accessed on the website.

Mr. Schofield turned the meeting over to Mr. Ho, BETA Corporation, who highlighted preliminary plan concept and will identify steps needed to take moving forward.

Bourne Rotary project.
To begin, Mr. Ho identified the differences between a rotary and a roundabout. A rotary: size of circle (300 ft plus defines as a rotary); entry vehicle speed 30 mph+; entry radius varies. A roundabout: size of circle is smaller (250 ft max diameter); entry vehicle speed 20-25 mph; entry radius 30 feet to 100 feet.

Mr. Ho reviewed existing conditions at the Bourne rotary. Heavy volumes and traffic operation have been reviewed. Accidents have also been reviewed (2006-2008 accident data) – 76 accidents at the rotary. Location at accidents (side swept, rear-end collision) are within the weaving sections of the rotary and diving and approaching of the rotary. There currently are no pavement markings on the rotary (or signage).

Recommendations:

- Pavement marking within the rotary; stripe from the outside pushing weaving distance out, allowing people more time to decide where to go. Yellow stripe on the inside of the rotary.
- Create two 15-ft. travel lanes throughout the entire rotary; adding yielding marking before entering into the rotary.
- Minor adjusting to the curb (widening) so trucks can safely make turn onto the bridge without encroachment. Proper radius and merging into the rotary (conventional pavement marking).
- Not to change the current signage within the rotary.
- Adding signage as approaching the rotary, approximately 400 feet have an overhead sign; from that sign going north going over the bridge recommend another guide sign telling people as they approach the rotary, this is what they have to keep an eye on.
- Adding advanced signage (guide signage) at the other side of the bridge; in addition to regulatory signage.

The goal is to create safety of the rotary and the next step (assuming the Board finds concept acceptable) would be to meet with Mass DOT with recommendations (striping and signage) and construction from the design standpoint. Prior to said meeting, more traffic data needed to validate their work to make sure there are no safety issues and minor geometry work for trucks in front of the IHOP.

Mr. Schofield added BETA Corporation did this work pro bono, giving a no-cost solution. Looking for some response from the Selectmen tonight; also will be looking at the Belmont rotary.

Sloniecki asked about taking property from the IHOP. Area is still within the right of way and not on private property, but is something that will need to be validated. Sloniecki commented on the striping not lasting long and asked if there is a paint that will last. Paint will be a maintenance issue, which is done by the State. Mr. Ho said thermal plastic lasts longer, but also more expensive than regular paint. Mr. Lionetta said the other type is an apoxy, but will still need to maintain.

Sloniecki asked about imbedding the lines into the road. Mr. Ho said a lot of highways have that feature, doesn't believe there is a safety concern, but doesn't provide reflectivity during the night from a safety standpoint.

Sloniecki also asked if proposed project would interfere with future work in replacing the rotary. Mr. Schoffield said this is an interim project and would not supercede the proposed future work.

Baldwin believes project as proposed is "as good as you will get".

Rickier Tellier believes as a short-term solution, this proposed project is a good one. He hopes the Selectmen will approve so all can move forward to Mass DOT.

Chm. Pickard asked if the Police Chief was consulted for this project. Not at this time.

TA Guerino recommends adding language to the signage from Woods Hole and the other way, "Sagamore Road" included with "Sandwich Road". He is concerned with Trowbridge Road where locals come into the rotary, and that it doesn't slow their ability to get onto the rotary in an effort of proposed project to get traffic on and off the rotary. If at all possible, he suggests blue signs added for lodging, meals helping local businesses coming over the bridge. Finally, to pick up on what Sloniecki said with regard to imbedding; a rumble strip or thin strip is something what the Commonwealth can review for the night vision which can be added.

Mr. Schoffield wants the proposed rotary to be safe for both residents and non-residences.

Diana Barth, Bourne Enterprise asked about north bound where people can go towards Sandwich Road, asked if a third lane could be dedicated to Sandwich Road (problematic area). Mr. Ho said as part of the follow-up, next step, they will know how many people originate from Route 28 and heading to Sandwich. If the need is there, an additional lane will be looked into. He cautions, in terms of rotary, the more lanes you create, the more lane usage will be abused.

Jim Mulvey commented on Trowbridge and Sandwich Road being heavy school traffic areas heading into the rotary where entry is an issue. Mr. Ho commented on Sandwich and Trowbridge, to possibly add smaller guide signage, but wants to eliminate confusion. Jim Mulvey asked how to break bridge traffic to enter this flow.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to approve traffic improvements at the Bourne Rotary as presented this evening on 1/10/12 and to authorize TA Guerino to draft letter on behalf of the Selectmen of their approval be sent to Mass Highway. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TA Guerino with regard to Belmont rotary, said there is a RFP with some various traffic signals and other turns to get onto bridge, Route 25 and Main Street. The District Director is looking for a meeting and recommends having this meeting first when discussing the Belmont Rotary. Mr. Tellier said a meeting will be set up with DOT and Pam Asner; waiting for DOT on when they will have the meeting.

Chm. Pickard requested submitted drawings on the Bourne Rotary to go into the minutes and TA Guerino to forward said drawings to the Mass. Highway Department.

Town Administrator Report
Defer to a full board.

Selectmen's business
Slnoiecki updated the public of the Bourne basketball team playing Wareham.

Pickard – auction of town-owned land will be March 1, 2012. TA Guerino explained the procee to bid will be posted on the website, advertised and mentioned at Selectmen meetings prior to the March date. Mr. Pickard discussed the celebration honoring the Bourne HS football team Div 3A champions, coaches, support staff, cheerleaders, band, athletic director, boosters, etc. Several citations presentations, including the Chamber of Commerce presented a plaque as well. Sloniecki commended Meier on all of his efforts and added that Phil Goddard videotaped the event which will be on the local access programs shortly.

Adjourn
Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Baldwin to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Groezinger, sec.