Board of Selectmen
Minutes of August 2, 2011
Bourne Veterans' Building
Buzzards Bay MA 02532

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TA Guerino

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

List of documents:

Meeting called to order
7:00 pm

Moment of Silence/Salute the Flag

Public Comment – non-agenda items
None.

Correspondence
Selectmen Meier read correspondence into record. A copy of all correspondence is available in the Town Administrator's office.

Committee Reports

a. **Ambulance Service Study Committee – William Grant, Gary Seidelman, Chief Greene, Richard Conron, TA Guerino and Linda Marzelli**

Chm. Grant briefly discussed the degree of staffing of Department to respond to 911/emergency calls.

Given Bourne's size and area covered, Bourne may not be able to outsource ambulatory services.

In summary, the use of an outside contractor to provide ambulance transport services would result in a reduction of $1,000,000 in revenue and a cost reduction of approximately $245,000 (Operations $40,000, Vehicle Capital Cost $100,000 and Personnel $105,000), or a negative economic impact of $755,000 to the Town. Accordingly, the Committee has concluded that the use of an outside contractor would NOT benefit the Town economically and the Committee recommends that the Town's Fire Department continue to provide ambulance transport services.

Meier MOVED and SECONDED to Sloniecki accept Ambulance Study Committee Report as presented. VOTE 5-0.

Report of Ambulance Study Committee will be put on the Town website and for TA Guerino to send letter to Town Manager of Plymouth and Chief Bradley for spending time with Committee relative to the study, and a letter to Committee members on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Ford to dissolve the Ambulance Study Committee. VOTE 5-0.

Bourne Canalmen – Neighborhood Brigade Value Statement
Mr. Mike Roberts discussed the new voluntary group. This is a community-based network of volunteers providing non-medical help to neighbors in need during times of temporary crisis – such as serious illness, major surgery, sudden accident or tragedy. Services include meal delivery, local rides, dog walking, help with errands, and more. There is a spontaneous spirit within each of us that is motivated to help another, to give and to receive, and to make an impact on someone's life.

The chapters consist entirely of neighborhood volunteers who stop in to help where immediate family and friends just can't do it all. Help is delivered quickly, caringly, and completely free of charge.

Mr. Roberts to provide TA Guerino info to put on cable Community Announcements and place at the Community Building.

Meier MOVED and SECONDED by Sloniecki in support of the Neighborhood Brigade. VOTE 5-0.

Licenses/Appointments

a. Historic Commission

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint Neil Langille to the Historic Commission as a permanent member for a term to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

b. Local Emergency Planning Committee – Local Elected Official

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint John A. Ford to the Local Emergency Planning Committee as local elected official for a term to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

c. Main Street Steering Committee – BOS Representative

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint John A. Ford as the Board of Selectmen Representative to the Main Street Steering Committee for a term to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

d. Council on Aging

Estelle Blake spoke on Mr. Michael LeBrun's behalf with regard to his letter of interest. TA Guerino to put Mr. LeBrun on the next appointment availability.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint Kathleen Donovan as a member of the Council on Aging. VOTE 5-0.

e. Election Workers Appointments

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint Ann Gratis, Joan Marsh, Mary Reid, Karen Seiden, Edwin Smith, Estelle Blake, Helen Blankenship, Clarence Boucher, Ralph Brown, Kathleen Burgess, Sally Butler, Eda Cardoza, Phyllis Carpenito, Nancy Carritte, Barbara Cavanaugh, Mary Cocuzzo, Lisa Collett, Linda Connors, Diane Cremonini, Marie Dimitro, Maureen Dunn, M. Elizabeth Ellis, Mary Ellis, Diane Flynn, John Garity, Sally Gibbs, Joel Gould, Norma Goulding, Valerie Gudas, Albert Hill, Henrietta Holden, Kathleen Kelley, Michael Kelley, Frances Lahteine, Patricia Maskery, Traci Langley, Monica Layton, Janet

Luizzi, Priscilla Lyons, Joan MacNally, Judith McAlister, Debi McCarthy, Mary McDonough, Penny Myers, Ruth Palo, Martha Parady, James Russo, Patricia Saniuk, Richard Sheets, William Thomas, Judith Thrasher, Susanne Willey, Inez Withespoon, Beth Adkins-Perry, Arlene Cardoza, Janis Guiney, Dorothy Harrington, Bette Puopolo, Eleanor Brown, Phillip Burgess, Jan Finton, Lita Gasper, Cindy Smith, Carole Valeri and Dorothy Woodside as Election Workers Appointments for a term to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

f. Constable Appointments

Chief Dennis Woodside recommends David Coulombe, Charles Devlin, Richard White and Russell McAllister. Candidates introduced themselves to the Board.

The Board to determine to keep the amount of current Constables or to expand. Sloniecki and Ford are in support of expanding the Constable positions.

Ford MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to appoint David Coulombe, Charles Devlin, Russell McAllister and Richard White as Constables for the Town of Bourne. VOTE 5-0.

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to reconsider the terms of the newly appointed Constables to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

Meier MOVED and SECONDED by Sloniecki to appoint David Coulombe, Charles Devlin, Russell McAllister and Richard White as Constables for the Town of Bourne for a term to expire 6/30/12. VOTE 5-0.

g. Hot Rod's for Heroes – Block Road

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to approve the Buzzards Bay Eagles Aerie #3741 hosting of car show Hot Rods for Heroes request to block off Cohasset Avenue from St. Margaret's Street to Wallace Avenue on Sunday, 9/11/11 from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm per routing slip, waiving fee but collect refundable deposit for clean up. VOTE 5-0.

h. Eagles 10:00 am Sunday Serving

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to approve Buzzards Bay Aerie #3741 requesting to serve alcoholic beverages on Sundays beginning at 10:00 am serving of alcohol per routing slip. VOTE 5-0.

i. Colonel Gomes Auctioneer – One Day Auctioneer

Tabled until further applicant research.

j. Pan Mass Challenge

Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Ford to approve Pan Mass Challenge request for use of Town roads from 9:00 am on Saturday 8/6/11 to 6:00 am Sunday 8/7/11 per routing slip with addition of three (3) police details at Taylor's Point and one sided parking. VOTE 5-0.

Town Administrator's Report

Manager reviews of staff beginning the week after next. TA Guerino will be meeting with HR Director with regard to the organizational chart.

Selectmen's Business

a. First reading of Public Comment Policy as proposed by Town Counsel

Chm. Pickard read into record the First Reading of Public Comment Policy. TA Guerino to post proposed policy on website, sending to Boards and Committees for comments (including posting in some public buildings) on a future agenda item (8/23/11 suggested). Two other readings are required at future meetings.

Discussion of a public hearing on said Policy before adoption. TA Guerino sees Policy as the Selectmen's Policy Amendment, have next meeting incorporating Boards and Committees comments, then adopt as their own.

Sloniecki raised issue on Public Comment with regard to all Bourne Boards and Committees. Ford suggesting Town Counsel address other elected Boards (Planning Board and Board of Health).

TA Guerino to set meeting up with all Boards and Committees with Planning Board and Board of Health strongly encouraged to attend. A second meeting with be with Atty. Troy.

Town Counsel provided a mechanism for Boards and Committees to incorporate Public Comment into their meetings.

Meier MOVED and SECONDED by Sloniecki to accept Policy and move toward a Second Reading. VOTE 5-0.

b. Discussion of adding new positions to the Town Budget with possible vote

Vice Chairman Ford requested Selectmen position on adding positions within the Town Budget for future need as advanced by TA Guerino.

Workshop held on 6/29/10 with Atty. Troy. Town Administrator and Selectmen have a lot of authority as far as goal and policy making. Chm. Pickard said he would like to address discussion as a generic position discussion.

The Bourne Board of Selectmen has had an unofficial policy of no new positions with the exception of the Human Resource Director's position while we are in these tough financial times. The board of Selectmen has cut several positions in the town's staff and to add a new position at this time, in my opinion is unreasonable. Over the last month we have been taken a lot of heat from residents on the budget decision taken on the line item for Life Guard's.

I have asked the Chairman of the Board to put this issue on the agenda for this meeting, for discussion and possible vote. I feel this will bring transparency to any decisions to add new positions.

Ford MOVED and SECONDED by Meier for discussion purposes that no new appointments or no created positions within Departments for the remainder of this fiscal year.

TA Guerino feels it is incumbent to look at the remaining staff levels and work within budget approved at TM and the Selectmen and run departments in the best way possible. This may need adjustments within departments, but does not exceed line item for the budget for the year and does not add to the long term expense to the Town. TA Guerino cited the Charter Section 4.6, Items (b) and (m).

Chm. Pickard believes the Board must hear items come up in a case-by-case situation. One concern of a public hearing relative to a creation within existing budget in a Department, and Selectmen don't approve, it defeats the position of the Department Head.

Chm. Pickard and Baldwin are not in favor of a blank vote at this time.

Mr. Mulvey asked for clarification of "position" being a title or body.

Chm. Pickard said there may be times to make changes within a department.

Diana Barth requested the Board to clarify positions reporting to the Town Administrator. TA Guerino answered transparency.

Ford MOVED and SECONDED by Meier no new appointments or no created positions within Departments for the remainder of this fiscal year. VOTE 4-1 in opposition.

Meier – DPW new highway garage will be on agenda for 8/23/11.

Ford – 7/23 Charley Miller dedication; 7/24 attended Bourne Braves game; attended Cable TV Advisory Board meeting to finalize contract with Comcast.

Sloniecki – commended the Ambulance Study Committee and their Report; attended Miller dedication.

Pickard – attended ISWM Business Working Group

Adjournment
Sloniecki MOVED and SECONDED by Meier to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Respectfully submitted-Lisa Groezinger, sec.