

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Library Meeting Room  
November 25, 2008

Present: Chairman Ronald DiOrio, Selectmen Gregory Coogan, Duncan Ross, Kerry Scott, Roger Wey. Also present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler.

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.**

Review of 2008 audit. Powers & Sullivan

Finance Director Paul Manzi introduced Jim Powers of the auditing firm of Powers & Sullivan. Mr. Powers thanked the town employees for their cooperation in helping to prepare the report. He also said that the audit was very good, and that most recommendations the auditors made last year were followed. Formal documentation is an important part of the audit.

**Public Hearing: Housing Rehabilitation, Alice Boyd**

Alice Boyd was not present. The Town has received a grant for Housing Rehabilitation for approximately \$650,000 but is not available until a public hearing is held.

Town Administrator Michael Dutton read the legal notice, and explained the Housing Rehabilitation grant. In February, 2009, Alice Boyd will present a request for a grant that will also include an energy component. All home owners are eligible, provided that they meet the income threshold. There is no age requirement.

It is important that the Town use up all of the money, so that the funds won't be cut for next year.

Hearing was adjourned.

**Old/New Business**

Hearing: Regarding denial for a taxi driver's permit. Robert Parkhurst.

The denial was returned to Sgt. Fisher for further clarification.

Discussion and possible vote on policy for use of the Council on Aging building.

***Selectman Wey motioned to adopt the policy, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.***

Review and possible vote on use policy for Town owned vehicles.

***Selectman Ross motioned to accept the policy, seconded by Selectman Coogan. No vote was taken.***

The article was referred to both the Finance and the Personnel Committee. It will be discussed further at the next meeting.

#### Restructuring of Roads Committee.

Town Administrator Dutton reported that there are currently no members remaining on the Parking and Traffic Committee, due either to resignations or expiration of terms. Most of the issues that were before the Committee are those of safety, e.g. loading areas, additional parking areas, etc. These situations need a professional point of view with input and recommendations from a public hearing process.

The suggestion is to restructure the Roads Committee, which would consist of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Building Official, Water Superintendent, Planning Board member, Park Commissioner, Highway Superintendent, two Selectmen and the Ambulance Director. They would have the responsibility of making recommendations in the opening of new roads, change in the direction of roads, alteration of existing streets, creation of additional parking areas, creation of additional streets, pedestrian walkways, etc.

***Selectman Wey motioned to adopt the proposal to restructure the Roads Committee, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

#### **Minutes**

November 12, 2008

***Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Minutes of November 12, 2008, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Coogan abstained.***

November 12, 2008 – Executive session

***Deferred to the next Executive Session.***

#### **Town Administrator's Report**

Pre bid meeting on the Designer Selection Process for the old library on December 1, 2008 at the library.

Department Head meeting on job evaluation went well

Special Town Meeting will be December 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Selectmen's Update**

Cape Cod Selectmen have invited the Selectmen to a meeting prior to the MMA Meeting.

Selectman Scott said that she is still concerned about the Wastewater Article.

The joint Committee on Sengekontacket received \$5,000 from Farm Neck.

TRI grant will hold a workshop on making your house more energy efficient on December 3, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

#### **Public Communications**

***Selectman Coogan motioned to make the adjustment to the proposal to remove the requirement for a performance bond for Bruno's Inc. seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

The proposal to make East Chop Drive a one way street will be sent to the Roads Committee.

**Public Comment**

Thirty businesses in Oak Bluffs are raffling off \$100 gift certificates to encourage business in Oak Bluffs.

Chris Gibson and the Friends of Oak Bluffs were thanked for their part in the Christmas decorations.

**Adjourn**

*Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator