

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 P.M. MONDAY JUNE 9th, 2008
YORK LIBRARY
MINUTES

Call to Order- Chairman Estes called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

A. Minutes

-May 19th 2008 Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to accept the minutes for the May 19th 2008 Selectmen's Meeting with changes. Without objection so ordered

-May 28th 2008 On-Site Public Hearing at 4 Ram's Head Lane

-May 28th 2008 On-Site Public Hearing at 10 Seabury Road

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to accept the May 28th 2008 Onsite Public Hearing Meeting Minutes at 4 Ram's Head Lane and 10 Seabury Road. Without objection so ordered.

B. Chairman's Report

Chairman Estes read a letter from the York School Department and the School Committee into the record thanking the Board for their support of the school consolidation alternative plan.

C. Manager's Report

Mr. Yandow reported that the construction on Long Sands Beach will continue for the next few weeks, repairs are being made to the sea wall.

Mr. Yandow stated that the mosquito control program has been up and running in full force for the past few weeks. This program will continue through out the summer and we will hopefully have statistics to look at by at the end of the summer.

Mr. Yandow stated that FEMA has finally finished up their work with regard to the Patriots Day Storm relative to damage done at the Nubble, Sohier Park and out on the island. We have a settlement of \$310,345 which includes work on the lighthouse stairs, the boat house ramp, and Sohier Park repairs. We are in the process of putting those projects together.

Mr. Yandow reported that the Town Assessor has issued the assessments for 2008 which are in effect for FY 2009-69% of property either went down in assessed

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value or stayed the same, 19% went up between \$100 and \$5,000, 4% went up between \$5,000 and \$20,000, 5% between \$20,000 and \$100,000 and 3% increased by over \$100,000. Letters will go out to those whose property assessment went up \$20,000 or over so that they are aware and to explain the methodology.

D. Reports

E. Citizens Forum - Open to audience for comments or questions on items to be addressed on this agenda; or, to propose items for board consideration.

Public Comment: Jack Macdonald
 Kenneth Dupont
 Janet O’Neil
 Art Fosser

F. Approval of Warrant #50

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Goodwin to approve Warrant #50.
Without objection so approved

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Citizen’s Petition submitted to the Town entitled: “Procedures for Acceptance of Non-York Land Development Impacting Municipal Services in the Town of York”

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to open the public hearing regarding the Citizen’s Petition submitted to the Town entitled: “Procedures for Acceptance of Non-York Land Development Impacting Municipal Services in the Town of York”

Public Comment: Bob Tarbox read letter into the record from Anne L Anton
(??)

 Stephen Blaisdell
 Captain Kevin LeConte
 Chief David K Bridges
 Brad Monhayden
 Chief Doug Bracy
 Kristen Haight
 Bob Tarbox
 Charles Stacey
 Tom Haight
 Mike Estes read a letter from Henry Blaisdell into the record

Moved by Ms. Goodwin and second by Mr. Marshall to close the public hearing

H. ENDORSEMENTS

License Applications

- Robert Lago dba Fun-O-Rama, LLC (Coin-OP Amusement)
- William H. Burnham dba York Beach Bowling Alley (Victualers, Coin-Op Amusement)
- William H. Burham dba Surfside Restaurant (Victualers, Liquor)
- American Legion dba American Legion Post 56 (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement)
- Margaret Fennelly dba Sweet Josie's Candy Shoppe (Victualers)
- Michael Specker dba The Brixham General Store (Victualers)
- Downeast Resorts LLC dba Cape Neddick Inn (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement)
- Mary Jane Merritt dba The Meeting House (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement, Dance Hall)
- Shawn R. Mitchell dba Bagel Basket (Victualers)
- Spiro Paras dba Pizza by Paras (Victualers)
- Kenneth Kirchner dba Ken's Pizza LLC (Victualers)
- Mary McKinnin dba Molly O's Family Restaurant (Victualers)
- James and Michael Manos dba York Beach Dairy Bar Inc. (Victualers)
- Joseph Barberi dba York's Wild Animal Kingdom (Coin-Op Amusement)
- Ken Olson/Mount Vernon Properties Inc dba Northern Lights Condos (Bed and Breakfast)

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve license applications for Robert Lago dba Fun-O-Rama, LLC (Coin-OP Amusement), William H. Burnham dba York Beach Bowling Alley (Victualers, Coin-Op Amusement), William H. Burham dba Surfside Restaurant (Victualers, Liquor), American Legion dba American Legion Post 56 (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement), Margaret Fennelly dba Sweet Josie's Candy Shoppe (Victualers), Michael Specker dba The Brixham General Store (Victualers), Downeast Resorts LLC dba Cape Neddick Inn (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement), Mary Jane Merritt dba The Meeting House (Victualers, Liquor, Special Amusement, Dance Hall), Shawn R. Mitchell dba Bagel Basket (Victualers), Spiro Paras dba Pizza by Paras (Victualers), Kenneth Kirchner dba Ken's Pizza LLC (Victualers), Mary McKinnin dba Molly O's Family Restaurant (Victualers), James and Michael Manos dba York Beach Dairy Bar Inc. (Victualers), Joseph Barberi dba York's Wild Animal Kingdom (Coin-Op Amusement), Ken Olson/Mount Vernon Properties Inc dba Northern Lights Condos (Bed and Breakfast). Subject to taxes, fees and inspections being current and compliant with the usual noise stipulations, without objection so ordered.

I. Old Business

1. Possible transfer of Town-Owned Property at 8 Hemlock Avenue to Habitat for Humanity

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Rich Parsons and Greg Gosselin discussed Habitat for Humanity's plans for the property located at 8 Hemlock if the Town were to decide to transfer the property. Habitat for Humanity is a volunteer Christian organization that works to help people obtain affordable housing. HFH requires that those who will be living in these homes (partner families) to be able to maintain a mortgage and monthly bills and they are also required to put in 400 hours of service equity into either their homes or other Habitat for Humanity homes. HFH gives families an opportunity to afford a home and become part of a community, this program is designed to give people a hand up.

Since the start of HFH in York County there have been 22 families placed in homes and there have been no foreclosures. The income bracket for Habitat for Humanity is between \$20,000 and \$60,000 and HFH is interested in families that are able to repay and keep up with every day living expenses. The family who ends up owning this home will be tax payers and contributing to the town's tax base. Typical square footage for a HFH home is about 1200 square feet for 3 bedrooms. The amount that the land is assessed at will be added to the amount that the building is assessed at and this will set the tax base.

When choosing a homeowner Habitat for Humanity does an initial screening on a financial basis and then meets with the families in their current living conditions. HFH often gives preference to those that are living in hard or inappropriate conditions. Another criterion that is looked at is what community involvement these families have and what they will bring to a community. Habitat looks for families that will continue to be a productive part of their community but will also continue to be involved with Habitat for Humanity. HFH does not help with things such as plowing or other long term financial situations such as that. It is expected that these families will be responsible for these areas.

No action was taken tonight this item will be on a future agenda for action.

2. Route 103 Parking Lot

The Wheeler Trust has agreed to contribute \$6,025 towards the construction of improvements to the parking area on Route 103. This grant was approved for approximately \$6,025 to upgrade to granite curbing. It is recommended by Dean Lessard, Director of Public Works, to modify the approval to allow for this money to be used for the granite curbing.

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the amendment to the Route 103 Parking area plan which allows the use of granite curbing instead of asphalt curbing. This amendment is authorized based on the Board of Selectmen's original project approval on April 28th, 2008 which allowed such modifications. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

J. New Business

1. CELCP Grant-York Land Trust

Doreen MacGillis and Wolfe Tone presented a proposal for a funding package for the purchase of the first 131 acres at Highland Farms as well as the second phase which includes an additional 21 acres for a total of 151 acres. As part of this package a grant application will be submitted in the amount of \$750,000 to the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program. This grant application needs to come from state or local government and therefore the York Land Trust and the Trust for Public Land would like the Town to be the applicant for this grant. Currently they have raised over \$2 million for the Highland Farm project and there has been a number of different proposals submitted for support to save this land. The total amount needed to be raised is \$3.1 million.

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to authorize the town manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$750,000 to the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with the grant funds to be applied to the purchase of the property at Highland Farm.

2. Parking Study

The Department of Community Development sent 27 requests for proposals to engineering firms in New Hampshire and Maine. The Town received 4 proposals from the following consulting firms; Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, CLD Consulting Engineers, Eaton Traffic Engineering, and Paradigm Engineering.

Town staff recommended awarding a \$15,000 contract to CLD Engineering to conduct a traffic study of York Beach using traditional counting methods
Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to award the contract in the amount of \$15,000 for the York Beach Parking Study to CLD Consulting Engineers.

After some discussion it was decided that the idea of using cameras to collect the data would be desirable for this project, Mr. Marshall withdrew his motion.

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to award the contract in the amount of \$20,000 to Paradigm Engineering for the York Beach Parking Study.
Vote 4-1 motion passes. (Ms. Gregg against)

3. Presentation of Workforce Affordable Housing Ordinance Submitted Pursuant to Article II, Section 21 (B) of the Town of York Home Rule Charter

Chairman Estes has presented the Board of Selectmen with a Workforce Affordable Housing Ordinance pursuant to Article II, Section 21 (B) of the Town of York Home Rule Charter. The charter provision requires a public hearing to be held. A public hearing will be scheduled for July 21st 2008.

4. Approval of the Proposed Dock for Donald and Susan Booth Located at Map 67 Lot 14

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the application from Donald and Susan Booth for construction of a wharf at 4 Ram's Head Lane and to issue a license for construction pursuant to Title 38, Section 1022 of M.R.S.A. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

5. Approval of the Proposed Expansion of the Bait Shed, Lengthening of the Ramp and Reconfiguration of the Floats for John Roth Map 62 Lot 8

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the application from John Roth for expansion of a bait house, lengthening of a ramp and reconfiguration of floats at 10 Seabury Road and to issue a license for construction pursuant to Title 38, section 1022 of M.R.S.A. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

6. Approval of Special Event Application for the York Hospital Breast Cancer Walk for Hope

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the York Hospital Breast Cancer Walk for Hope that will take place on Thursday July 31st 2008 from approximately 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

7. Approval of Parade Permit Application for Kittery Recreation

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to approve the Parade Permit application for the Kittery Recreation Bike Ride Fundraiser on June 21st 2008 from approximately 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

8. Acceptance of Anne Monks Resignation for the Sohier Park Committee

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Ms. Gregg to regretfully accept the resignation of Anne Monks from the Sohier Park Committee. Vote 5-0 motion passes

The Board of Selectmen thanks Ms. Monks for her time served to the community.

9. Approval of Business Directional Signs for Walker Stables and Johnson Farms

Moved by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Mr. Little to approve the application for three business directional signs for Walker Stables at Johnson Farm. Vote 5-0 motion passes.

K. Other Business

L. Executive Session- Real Estate-(Pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405.6 C)

Moved by Ms. Gregg and seconded by Mr. Marshall to go into Executive Session- Real Estate-(Pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405.6 C) at 10:43 PM

Moved by ???and seconded by ??? to come out of Executive Session- Real Estate-(Pursuant to MRSA Title 1, Section 405.6 C) at ???

Adjourn

Moved by ??? and seconded by ??? to adjourn at ???

Respectfully Submitted By

Kathryn Danylik, Recorder