



Town Council Meeting

January 8, 2015



A quorum being duly present, Council President Jessica Rapp Grasseti called the January 8, 2015, Town Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearing Room of Town Hall, 367 Main St., Hyannis, MA.

An announcement was made by President Rapp Grasseti regarding the meeting being televised live and questioning if anyone was actively taping the session to please make their presence known. This session is recorded and broadcast on Channel 18.

PRESENT: Ann Canedy, Frederick Chirigotis, Jennifer Cullum, Sara Cushing, Debra Dagwan Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Paul Hebert, John Norman, James Tinsley, Jr. **Absent:** James Crocker, Jr., William Crocker, Jr., Eric Steinhilber, Philip Wallace

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Rapp Grasseti, followed by a Moment of Silence as Debra Dagwan asked everyone to keep 18 year old Justin M. Aristide and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Colford spoke about Stewart's Creek Restoration Project; need a study of the waterway.

Brian Hughes spoke to the Council regarding the Stewart's Creek Project, canoeing and kayaking is impossible at this time. Lowering the tide has created mud flats. Help us plan and work this out.

James Kirker is living on the streets of Hyannis to write a story about what it is like to be homeless in Hyannis. He has many observations regarding the day program; it is a depressing scene. He has met with the Duffy Center, and the HAC. He has spent time talking with many of the homeless people.
Close public comment

COUNCILOR RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

Councilor Cullum spoke about the day program, problems are looked at from the top down, Mr. Kirker offers an interesting point of view; it is important to shed the light on the day program. The Stewart's Creek issue will be on the next Town Council Agenda, thank you for coming out.

Councilor Canedy spoke about the Stewart's Creek issue, as a proponent for allowing nature to do its work; we are planning to have an expert look at this project.

Councilor Hebert saw trash bags and plastic at Stewart's Creek, and spent some time cleaning up the area. Hebert stated his concerns regarding the lack of progress; it took a long time for the damage to occur. Thank you for keeping us aware. The homeless issue is a big topic here, difficult to solve, asked Mr. Kirker to document some of the needs for the Council.

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS:

Happy New Year

School Superintendent will be leaving and submitting a 6 months notice

- Mark Ells gave an overview of the ENF
 - Determination does not require any further MEPA review.
 - Will schedule a visit regarding the MOA
 - Upon request read a paragraph from the documentation

Court decision regarding the Hyannis Fire District

- Town Attorney, Ruth Weil spoke about the court case which the Judge did dismiss the complaint
- Weil highlighted the reasons for the dismissal decisions

[Basically the statute states the district is exempt, proposition 2 ½ does not apply to districts, the school district is the entire town. The citizen's can go to the legislature to request changes.]

Cape Wind ruling

Capital and Operating Budget meeting

JFK Lease signed

Chapter 90 money has been released

Cape Manager's Meeting

Mrs. Sproul's first grade class

Councilor questions and comments:

Regarding issue about the 100 million, will that amount be released for each of the two years it was withheld- 2014 and 2015? Now that Cape Wind financing fell apart, will NStar expansion off Mary Dunn Road go forward, have you heard about the construction [not as yet]

ACT ON MINUTES:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept as written the minutes of the December 18, 2014

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

COMMUNICATIONS – from elected officials, boards, committees, staff, commission reports, correspondence and announcements:

New Sticker at the Transfer station, the rate for transferring of trash off Cape is high; we all must recycle diligently; Recreation Commission reports show that all activities are growing, added new programs; boat building program; prepared a homeless youth census;

HYANNIS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, JESSICA SYLVER, PRESIDENT AND CEO INTRODUCED CHRIS KEHOE, CHAIMAN BOARD OF DIRECTORS: gave a slide presentation of the accomplishments of 2014. Here are a few of the highlights:

- Father's Day Car Show
- VIP night
- Motorcycle Show on Main Street Barnstable
- Breakfast with Santa
- Annual Dinner
- Golf Tournament
- October Bash
- Thank you video

Councilor questions and comments:

Have you gotten any negative responses from the thank you video; [we do respond and pass them along] Housing Committee needs to look at the rental stock in Hyannis, could someone from the Chamber join that committee; regarding likes on face book, tell us the most popular places [beaches, Main Street and the transportation] would a Chamber member join the Disability Commission? With the offering a scholarship,

do you have any youth involved with the Chamber? [Have an intern during the season] Would you come in and talk with our Youth Commission?

2015-058 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION INTRO: 12/18/14, 1/8/2015

Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded it was:

RESOLVED: That the Town Council appoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Robert Anthony, 104 Old Stage Road, Centerville, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Justin Grimes, 75 Grove Street, Cotuit, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Stanley Goldstein, 12 Trudy Lane, Cotuit, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Elaine Grace, 11 Apollo Drive, West Barnstable, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Genevieve Hill, 49 Indian Hill Road, Cummaquid, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Theodore Housman, 69 Captain Loring Lane, Barnstable, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

John Jenkins, 361 Parker Road, West Barnstable, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Kenneth Jenkins, 184 Flume Avenue, Marstons Mills, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Gail Nightingale, 32 Sunset Lane, Osterville, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Sheila Place, 583 Whistleberry Drive, Marstons Mills, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Karen Rezendes, 121 Great Marsh Road, Centerville, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Gloria Rudman, 50 Waterman Farm Road, Centerville, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Lili Seely, 33 Candlewick Lane, Hyannis, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

Cyndy Shulman, 1529 Race Lane, Marstons Mills, as a member with a term expiring 6/30/15

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2015-060 ACCEPTANCE OF A WILDFIRE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,815.00 FROM THE CAPE COD COOPERATIVE EXTENSION'S WILDFIRE ASSESSMENT AND PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM LAND MANAGEMENT INTRO 1/8/2015

Rationale given by Darcy Karle, using a power point presentation

Councilor questions and comments:

Is there any concern for wildlife while burning the area [all the creatures will have a chance to get away] will you have a public reminder on the day of the burn [fire chief is taking care of that] after the burn the whippoorwills may return; what is the time period of an open permit; [2 years]

Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, That the Town Council hereby accepts a grant in the amount of \$6,815.00 from Cape Cod Cooperative Extension Wildfire Assessment and Preparedness Program Land Management for a one day prescribed control burn at Crocker Neck Conservation Area, Cotuit.

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2015-061 REAPPOINTMENTS TO A BOARD, COMMITTEE OR COMMISSION INTRO: 1/8/2015

Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**, that the Town Council appoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

Robert L. O'Brien, 41 Deacon Court, Barnstable, 02630 as the Town of Barnstable representative member to a term expiring 6/30/17

STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY PORT COUNCIL

Robert R. Jones, 65 Pinewood Road, Hyannis 02601 as the Town of Barnstable representative member to a term expiring 6/30/16

VOTE: Continue to a second reading on January 22, 2015-Unanimous

2015-062 RESOLVE TO ESTABLISH TOWN COUNCIL AD HOC COMMITTEES INTRO: 1/8/2015

Upon a motion that was duly made and seconded it was **RESOLVED**, that the Council President in accordance with §241-8, B and Rule 11A, the following Ad Hoc Committees are hereby established for said purpose:

Charter Review Sub Committee

Parking Sub Committee

VOTE: PASSES UNANIMOUS

2015-063 APPROPRIATION ORDER OF \$40,000 FOR CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TECHNICAL EVALUATION OF THE STEWART'S CREEK CULVERT AND LOWER ESTUARY INTRO: 1/8/2015

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was to refer to a public hearing on January 22, 2015 **ORDERED:** That the sum of \$40,000 be appropriated for consulting engineering services for the technical evaluation of the Stewart's Creek culvert and lower estuary in Hyannis; and the sum of \$40,000 be appropriated from General Fund Reserves; and that the Town Manager is authorized to contract for and expend the appropriation made for this purpose.

VOTE: Referred to a public hearing on January 22, 2015-Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED to adjourn:

Unanimous

Adjourned at 8: 32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ann M. Quirk, CMC

Town Clerk – Town of Barnstable

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 22, 2015