

TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF SANDWICH

FEB 27 2019

2 H 06 M R M
RECEIVED & RECORDED

SEIC Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2019 – Sand Hill School Community Center, 16 Dewey Ave., Sandwich, MA

In attendance: Dick Johnson, Charlie Ritch, Hank Tuohy, Daryl Crossman, Mike Miller, Jeff Picard, Joanne Westerhouse, and Sandy Scannell

Guests: Ralph Vitacco, Tao Wolf, and Paul Gately

5:30 PM The meeting was called to order by President Dick Johnson

Daryl moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2018 meeting, second by Jeff, unanimously approved.

Charlie presented the financial report which reflected no activity of 2019. Joanne moved approval, second by Hank, unanimously approved.

Under New Business Ralph updated the Board on a meeting that he and Dick had with Mass Development in Boston. He explained to the Mass development staff that he had submitted a grant to the Cape Cod Commission regarding development of South Sandwich Village Center and Rte. 130 approach to the site. He further explained that the grant would cover from Jan Sebastian to Snake Pond Road. Jeff questioned why it did not extend down 130 to pick up businesses on 130 prior to Jan Sebastian. Ralph stated that it could be expanded to that include area. He stated that the DLTA grant was for \$35,000 and that part of it would be completed by Union Studios that previously did the Marina Grant for the town. Zoning will be a major part of the evaluation. Mass Development will review the DLTA grant and make recommendation that are needed to file for a bigger grant for the piece meal development of the South Sandwich Village. That grant should be ready to be filed in the fall. Ralph also informed that the Local Comprehensive Plan which was approved in 2009 would have to be updated.

Hank informed Ralph that Lambert's market was interested in a parcel of land on Cotuit for potential expansion. Ralph informed the board that the land was owed by the bank and that he look into it.

Ralph informed the board that the \$20,000 for an Arts Center was approved. Joanne informed the board that she was working with Bud for the conveyance of the funds and that she had identified three potential locations for the center. She also informed the board that Bud will provide \$10,000 upfront to draw the funds down and that Bud and the town's finance director were working on an arrangement so that the lease for the center could be paid in advance because the funds had to be expended during this fiscal year.

Dick recommended that letters of appreciation be sent to Bud and Representative Hunt for assistance in making the funds available. Dick informed the Board that Randy had to get the language changed in the Senate to include an Arts Center and that all 4 local groups still had to approve which was handle by Bud and Joanne. Hank motioned that the letters be sent on behalf of the board to Bud and Randy, second by Daryl, unanimously approved.

Ralph informed the board that he had 5 inquiries for the Wing School and that there would be one advertisement in the new England Journal and that an RFP was being prepared. Joanne commented on a school rehabilitation that had been completed in Harwich for multiple tenants with great success. Mike stated that one was also completed in Chatham and one on the north shore.

Mike reported that the town was considering purchasing the Santander Bank building for the location of town offices and that a condition by the selectmen was that it had to include all town offices. The price would be negotiated and nothing was settled at this time. He also informed the board that that power Plant revenues were being considered for the purchase along with selling the Town Hall Annex, Jan Sebastian Town building, old Fire and Police headquarters, as well as the fire station in Forestdale on RTE 130. Mike stated that all revenues for the sale of public property has to be used for reduction of debt. Mike stated that many issues remain to be resolved including consideration of a town warrant article in May.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2019 which is the 4th Monday because the 3rd Monday falls on President's Day.

At 5:15 Daryl made a motion to adjourn, second by Mike, unanimously approved.

Approved 2/25/2019
Debra Johnson
President - SEIC