Present: M. Miller, B. George, D. Sampson, C. Holden
G. Dunham, Town Manager

Mr. Miller opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Mr. Holden moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2022. Mr. Sampson seconded. Approved unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM
Peter Barlow – Said last summer he inspected the entire Boardwalk and believed what was there was in satisfactory condition. He recommended some maintenance, mainly putting in lag bolts instead of the nails because they are stronger. He gave his recommendation to the Town and believes it was ignored. He also believes that if his recommendations had been followed the Boardwalk would not be in this position.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT
1. Meetings: Tuesday the Finance Committee will be hearing from the DPW and Fire Chief Burke about the infrastructure and fire overtime issues. Both can come next Thursday night’s Board meeting. The Finance Committee is off the following week. On March 1, the school capital and Sandwich Hollows capital requests will be discussed. The Police Chief might briefly talk about the need for dispatch changes. Upper Cape Tech will attend on March 8. The Board has no meeting during school vacation week.
2. Notice of the annual DLTA funding grant from the Commission to fund local in-kind services. Mr. Vitacco has applied for assistance with the Local Comprehensive Plan. The County has asked all towns to submit a letter of support for a county-wide housing analysis.
3. Today, Dave Mason and Mr. Dunham submitted a regional grant application to look at disposal capacity at the Base; the grant is for $200,000.
4. FEMA asked all communities to provide preliminary assessment for damage reports. We applied for a little over $2 million for the Boardwalk, some erosion issues, and the DPW generator.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Holden mentioned that the Superintendent search committee had its initial meeting Tuesday. The school mask mandate will be lifted as of 2/28, but masks will still be optional. Mr. Miller commented about the breakthrough at the beach; it has been fixed and paid for by private owners.

STAFF MEETING
7:10 PM: Club Liquor License – Clark Haddad Post 188 American Legion Building Corporation, 20 Main Street.
Change of corporate officers, change of manager, and alteration of description of premises, Raymond Tourville, Proposed Manager
Mr. Miller read the hearing notice. The license was previously voted but needed to be done again because notice was not sent to abutters. Mr. Sampson moved to open the public hearing on the matter of the reappplication of American Legion Post 188 for the change of corporate officers, change of manager, and alteration of description of premises for the club liquor license at 20 Main Street Sandwich. Seconded by
Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously. No member of the public wanted to speak. Mr. Sampson moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. Sampson moved to approve the request for change of corporate officers, change of manager, and alteration of description of premises for the club liquor license held by the American Legion Post 188 at 20 Main Street Sandwich. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously.

7:20 PM: Annual General On- Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License, Sandwich Property LLC d/b/a British Beer Company 46 Rte. 6A – Transfer of License to Lucieranderson LLC d/b/a The Local Tavern and Grill, Jacquelyn Lucier, Proposed Manager

Mr. Miller read the hearing notice. Mr. Sampson moved to open the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously. Ms. Lucier is present and said she worked for the BBC for 18 years – as manager and vice president. They are going to make some small changes but are planning to keep it a local tavern. They will be making some changes to the menu as well. All managers are staying on. An entertainment license exists, and the entertainment will remain the same. The company is buying the business. They intend to have a pool table with a goal of having a family game room. They will need to have a public hearing for the pool table, entertainment, and video games. They plan to reduce the seating capacity; otherwise, everything is the same. Mr. George reported a problem with the sidewalk. Mr. Sampson moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. Sampson moved to approve the request of the transfer of the general on-premises all alcoholic beverages at 46 Rte. 6A from Sandwich Property LLC d/b/a British Beer Company to Lucieranderson LLC d/b/a The Local Tavern and Grill pending final consent from the building, police, and fire departments. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously

OLD BUSINESS

FY ’23 Budget Update

Mr. Dunham addressed the one-page budget summary; changes from last time are highlighted in yellow. At the end of January, the estimates used were positive. Since then, the Governor has released the Cherry Sheet. A major focus is the tuition assessment is up another $463,000. This is questionable as enrollments are down 6% for choice and 14% for charter, but assessments are up 11%. Final numbers will not be available until after Town Meeting. We are receiving more reimbursement on assessments compared to last year, but not to the promised halfway point yet. As a result of releasing the Cherry Sheet, Upper Cape Tech reran their numbers; there is a drop from the previous year of about $75,000. All changes have increased the bottom line, but we are still waiting for numbers on insurances.

Update on Current Building Projects

There was no damage to the CAL during the storm. They are working on 100% enclosure and making progress. They are still working on the HVAC balancing at the Library. Things are progressing at 100 Rte. 6A. One subcontractor is holding things up. They are hoping to complete the inside work by the end of March. Then outside work has to be completed. The Town wants to get everything done before moving in. The goal is to hopefully move in by May. Mr. Sampson requests a walkthrough of both the CAL and 100 Rte. 6A buildings soon.

Wastewater Efforts Updates

We are looking at how realistic the Base is. The $200,000 grant has been submitted – all five upper Cape towns agreed to participate. We are looking at whether there is capacity for treated effluent disposal for five communities. There is existing capacity, but this will need to be expanded. The State DEP has been assisting. If this does not work, we will need to build our own – possibly at end of Jan Sebastian Way - but we will need more land than we have.

Boardwalk Update
Different staff have been working on the Boardwalk. We are going to construct better barricading from both sides. In speaking with Alan Pepin, the MEPA process deadline is to submit by February 15th; the MEPA staff is working with us. A couple of town departments looked at the two sections; two private property owners signed off on waivers. Engineering, DPW, Marina, and Natural Resources have extracted both sections to be stored at the marina in one day. They will eventually be moved to the garage to take off the planks. It is not certain how long this will take. Mr. Dunham said the Town has asked for Americorps to help for a few days. Some stairs need to be repaired; this will be done quickly. Mr. Dunham said thank you to the landowners and staff. Mr. Sampson commented that these efforts are similar to what occurred in 2018. It will take a licensed general contractor to take out a building permit and other permits and be insured. This is not practical to pursue. Environmental complications and the placement of this makes it extremely complicated. Mr. Sampson also addressed and clarified other incorrect public perceptions.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for Old Business
Town Counsel has submitted a new draft for the RFP for the Deacon Eldred House. Test pits have been dug to look at whether it can take a normal septic system. It will be in the RFP that a proper Title V septic system can be placed in that one location.

NEW BUSINESS

2022 Spring Town Election Ballot Question Submission – Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station
Mr. Dunham reviewed a non-binding petition article for Town Meeting related to the Pilgrim Nuclear Power plant decommissioning process and not disposing of radioactive waste in the Bay. The petitioners were asked whether they wanted the petition on the warrant or ballot; they wanted a ballot question. To do that the Board needs to give permission to put it before the voters. There is a process if the Board says no that requires signatures for the next election. The petitioner is here; they want to prevent Holtec from dumping radioactive substances into the Bay. The choice of a ballot question is to get a non-binding opinion from the community. The Board has already decided to support a letter requesting that. Mr. Sampson moved to place the nonbinding public advisory question regarding the Holtec disposal of radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay on the annual town election ballot as requested. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for new Business
Mr. Dunham will ask the DPW to present some of the information about the storm-related issues next week. An after-action discussion occurred. It is not uncommon that equipment breaks during a storm. Also, we need a snow emergency parking policy and a policy for long term protection of DPW equipment. Mr. Miller reminded the public to call the DPW for storm related issues and not the Selectmen.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CLOSING REMARKS
None.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. George moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Sampson. Approved unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

Note: Board of Selectmen meetings are recorded and available for viewing in their entirety on the Sandwich Community Television website: https://sandwichcommunitytv.org
Respectfully submitted,

Susan James

Supporting Documents:
Minutes
License Hearing American Legion (56 pages)
License Hearing Lucieranderson (44 pages)
Budget Sheet (8 pages)
Grant Application (6 pages)
Ballot Question (3 pages)