Present: M. Miller, B. George, S. Hoctor, C. Holden, D. Sampson
   G. Dunham, Town Manager; Heather Harper, Assistant Town Manager

Mr. Miller opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

Mr. Hoctor moved to convene Executive Session, according to M.G.L. c.30A, §21(a) – The Chair declares that having an open session may have a detrimental effect upon the Town’s bargaining, litigating, or negotiating position, as applicable:
Purpose – M.G.L. c. 30A, §22(f) – Review, potential approval and potential release of executive session meeting minutes of 4/14/2022.
Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. George moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2022. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1. Monday is Town Meeting and Thursday is the election from 7 AM to 8 PM. The next Board meeting is in two weeks. There will be Board reorganization, two liquor hearings and the JBCC annual update.

2. Yesterday there was a Zoom meeting with the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection and Southeastern Region and staff. There were representatives from Mashpee and Barnstable, Converge, the company to be hired to run the Base wastewater system, and others. The issues are disposal capacity and SRF eligibility. Our attorney met with Mr. Dunham in advance to talk about permitting strategies. Unfortunately, we are probably not eligible for SRF but will explore further. Anything we do inside our boundaries but outside of the Base is 100% recoverable through SRF. Town Counsel will redouble efforts to get a positive outcome. One of the issues is ownership interest. If five towns want to work together to form a wastewater
district and work together to get that done; then they might be able to have a contract with Converge. It is the ownership interest that is important.

**Questions/Comments** Mr. Dunham said that a new person has replaced Mike Riccio. The North Atlantic Division approved the Section 111. There is a meeting next week to talk about canal dredging — if and when they do it can they combine it with Scusset. Language for easements has been approved and awaits Town Meeting approval. Mr. George asked about the police station — Ms. Harper said there is nothing further than what was reported last week. He also asked about the Wing project — the developer will be applying over the summer for the next financing round in the fall. They will have to reevaluate the cost estimations. Mr. George attended a COA meeting and would like an update on the CAL — there is no firm date yet for the move, but probably the end of the calendar year. They ordered furniture today. Mr. Holden asked about Old Harbor — there is nothing new.

**CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Harper said that a tour of the CAL will occur on Thursday at 3:15 PM. Mr. Holden said that at the School Committee meeting there was some exchange of ideas on the Equity/Diversity Committee. The School Committee endorsed the capital budget. He also reported that the Citizen Police could be used for golf cart driving on election day.

**STAFF MEETING**

**7:10 PM Seasonal On-Premises All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License** COTO LLC d/b/a Carluccios 79 Rte. 130. Carlo Perugia, Proposed Manager. Mr. Miller read the hearing notice. Mr. Perugia is here with Gary Blank, his attorney. **Mr. Holden moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Sampson seconded. Approved unanimously.** Mr. Perugia has been a Sandwich Resident for 17 years living in Forestdale. He has been in the restaurant business all his life, and wants the best experience for his customers. He has had restaurants in Middleboro and Yarmouth. He will be leasing the old Ale House location. He will follow all laws and regulations and hopes to take the lease on May 1. All background checks are positive. There will be no reconstruction of the building. There was an amendment to the lease — originally he was not going to take the whole space, but the amendment allows him to use the whole front of the building. The previous lessee had requested to add a deck/patio. Mr. Perugia will be the sole manager. It is going to be simple food at reasonable prices. Mr. Hoctor asked about the seasonal license. Mr. Perugia said they would stay open year round to serve breakfast. He would like a year-round license when available. Mr. George asked about music entertainment; there will not be any yet. This will be a family restaurant, not a bar. Hours will be 7 AM to Noon for breakfast, then reopen 4 PM to 9 PM. There was no public comment. **Mr. Holden moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Sampson seconded. Approved unanimously.** Mr. Hoctor moved to approve the seasonal on-premises All Alcoholic Beverages Liquor License to COTO LLC d/b/a Carluccios 79 Rte. 130. Mr. George seconded. Approved unanimously.

**7:20 PM Public Hearing — FY ’23 Budget Recommended for Annual Town Meeting**

Mr. Miller read the hearing notice. **Mr. Sampson moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously.** This is the second budget hearing as required by
the Charter. Mr. Dunham reported that the total appropriation compared to a year ago is
increased by 2.99%. Portions of the line items are up, and some are down. There is some debt
retiring. As presented, this will represent a $279 increase in taxes on an average valued home.
He addressed the Fire Department overtime and the addition to the DPW budget for roads and
infrastructure. Mr. Dunham addressed the capital request for the golf course for irrigation and
some equipment replacement at the golf course. The goal is to fund these through golf
revenues and reserves. He feels it can be accomplished. It is still a general obligation bond, so
the Town is responsible for paying it. There are safety nets – the current debt will retire in 2031
and there can be money set aside from short term rental revenue. He also addressed the school
capital request; this will require a debt exclusion with at 2/3 vote at Town Meeting and a
majority at the election. The schools have identified some federal funds that will be put toward
this, and the Town has committed to $150,000 from the sinking fund. This results in a $13
million bond. The bond will be a $9 per year tax difference comparing now and 2024 when the
debt would kick in. Most of what is requested is due to decay from aging buildings and not lack
of maintenance. There is also a need to find a permanent home for the central office and for
playground improvements. This budget is not taxing people to the full extent permitted. Mr.
Dunham feels comfortable and safe with this budget recommendation.
There is no public input. **Mr. Sampson moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Holden
seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Overview of Annual Town Meeting Warrant*
Mr. Dunham briefly reviewed the 19 articles. The Town Report is not available yet. He reported
that the Massachusetts Municipal Association has made a concerted effort to increase Chapter
90 funding, but that failed. He also mentioned that this is the first year of the new promotions
fund allotments. Mr. Hoctor reminded everyone that the petition articles are submitted by
petitioners and not by Selectmen, so Selectmen do not take a position on these.

*Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for Old Business*
None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Verizon License Agreement – 46/17.5 Quaker Meetinghouse Road*
The license agreement is to put a pole on our land, a new pole for the CAL. **Mr. Hoctor moved
the license agreement for 46/17.5 Quaker Meetinghouse Road for Verizon. Seconded by Mr.
Holden. Approved unanimously.**

*Recommended Committee Appointments*
Sabrina Ewing – Recreation Committee
Edward Carlier – Sandwich Housing Authority
This is a tenant appointment to the Housing Authority and is a 5-year appointment to 2027. **Mr.
Hoctor moved to approve appointments of Sabrina Ewing to the Recreation Committee and
Edward Carlier to the Sandwich Housing Authority. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved
unanimously.**
Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for New Business

Mr. Sampson is traveling to London and hopes to visit Sandwich, Kent ENG. He is requesting official authorization to visit Sandwich, Kent on behalf of the Town. The visit will likely be on May 13 to 14. Mr. Holden moved to authorize Mr. Sampson to represent the Town as Ambassador on his visit to Kent, ENG. Mr. George seconded. Approved with Mr. Sampson abstaining.

CLOSING REMARKS

This is Mr. Sampson’s last meeting; he was given an inscribed glass boat. Mr. Dunham said that there has been a lot of fun with each other on the Board. His leadership and support in getting things accomplished has been incredible. Ms. Harper said she has been lucky to serve with this sitting Board for her first two years here where Mr. Sampson clearly sets the standard and holds people accountable but supports decisions. Mr. George thanked him for his service; he has had great ideas and lots of enthusiasm. Mr. Hoctor said it is important and better for everyone to put oneself out for the good of the Town and thanks Mr. Sampson for giving good advice, doing a good job and helping with knowledge on a multitude of topics. Mr. Holden thanked him for sharing his talent and intellect. Mr. Miller said the Board has accomplished more in five years than in past fifteen years; Mr. Sampson carried through with projects. Mr. Dunham said he spends the time and provides support, and the Board has accomplished a lot together. Without support of the community nothing would get done. With respect to local government, his transparency is unmatched.

Mr. Sampson said he knew he wanted to serve and make a difference and feels he accomplished a lot. He worked with Mr. Lapp and Ms. Harper, both with knowledge, experience and professional approach. This is a game changer to get where we are today. He said that Mr. Dunham is the most dedicated person he knows – he cares about people and cares about getting the job done. Probably no other town has anyone as dedicated. Mr. Miller is also dedicated to public service both in the Rotary and on the Board. Mr. Sampson feels like he could call him any time of day and believes he cares about the Town and its people. He feels that Mr. Hoctor has been a valuable asset to the Board, especially pursuing the federal delegation. Mr. Holden is a special person who has adopted Sandwich as his own; his dedication and appearance at meetings and boards is not matched. Mr. Sampson couldn’t be prouder of what the Board has done together. He also thanked Kathy Coggeshall for answering his questions and all the department heads.

Next Meeting – Monday, 5/2/22 the is Annual Town Meeting 7:00 PM Sandwich High School. Thursday, 5/5/22 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM is the Town Election. Mr. Holden announced the bike rodeo on Sunday at 11:00 AM. He also encouraged people to attend Town Meeting and vote on Thursday. Also, remember Ukraine.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sampson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hoctor seconded. Approved unanimously.
The meeting adjourned at 8:08 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 (6 pages)
Public Hearing Alcohol (37 pages)
Public Hearing Budget (1 page)
Budget Presentation (17 pages)
Warrant (2 pages)
Verizon License (4 pages)
Appointments (3 pages)