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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

BOARD REORGANIZATION – ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Mr. Miller congratulated the newly elected/reelected members. Mr. George moved to elect Mr. Hoctor as Chair and Mr. Holden as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Mr. Ellis. Approved unanimously. Mr. Hoctor began the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Barlow – says he is a bridge engineer and is experienced with all types of bridges. The Boardwalk is a bridge. He is not sure if the Boardwalk is ever going to be built and has some suggestions. Planks can be reused, hardware costs about $2400 and it could be put together by summer. The parking lots turned in $77,000 last year; less than 5% of that could repair the Boardwalk. Mid-Cape Home Centers would provide the materials at cost if asked by the Town.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Holden moved to approve the minutes of April 28, 2022. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved with one abstention.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1. May 26th is the next Board meeting
2. We received formal notice yesterday about the ARPA funds: $10 million is going back to the towns. Roughly $850,000 could be coming back to Sandwich. The County voted to adopt a $10 million threshold, but this is different from what the Board decided for use of direct funds from the federal government, where we could use the funds for more general purposes. For the County funds, we will need to apply for funds and the application process is rigorous. This is not guaranteed. We would like to spend $500,000 on the High School to Oakridge wastewater connection and this use will be put into the application. We are focusing on moving forward based on the Wright-Pierce recommendations. Mr. Dunham explained the ARPA funds to the public. This needs to be spent by end of 2026.
3. Administrators have been spending a lot of time on wastewater. Hopefully, this will be the focus of summer meetings or a dedicated workshop. We are trying to keep things moving.
4. On the Boardwalk, we received comments from the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species programs; there was nothing extreme. We retained Public Archeology Inc. to advise us through the process.
5. Yesterday, the Senate released its version of the FY ‘23 budget. Plugging in the numbers brings the budget balance to $500,000. The numbers get better every step of the way. The State tax collection is way above what was expected.
6. Today we got a call from a representative of JERA; they have purchased the power plant. Mr. O'Brien is the representative, and the company is based in Texas, but it is a Japanese company. They are focused on unique ways to provide long term power and plan to hold onto the plant for many years.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Holden reported on the Bike and Pedestrian Committee meeting. There is progress on the Service Rd. project. A bid package will be issued in September with the bid award in October. They are also looking at the design and zoning changes to connect the Canal path to Service Rd. Mr. Hoctor received a call from Senator Markey's office regarding the Section 111 Study. Mr. Markey had a meeting with the Secretary of the Department of Civil Works. The first thing he brought up was the bridges and the second thing was the Section 111 Study. They are in the process of securing the funding and moving things forward. The proposal is to put the Canal dredging material on the beach as a permanent step. Mr. Miller announced that the federal government had supplied some funds to look at opioid overdoses across the country and Sandwich had been a participant. Over the past two years a group has distributed an HEAL survey. One outcome from that is a recommendation for Sandwich to start a substance abuse coalition modified after Bourne’s, which is a standalone 503C. There is a meeting on May 25th at the Sandwich Library from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM if anyone is interested. Mr. George reported that the American Legion is looking for someone to say a few words at the Memorial Day celebration. Mr. Dunham reported that former Selectman, Dave Sampson is going to Sandwich, Kent later this week; he is bringing gifts.

LIQUOR LICENSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

7:10 PM Public Hearing - Transfer of Annual On-Premises Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License from Stef. Co. Corps d/b/a 6A Café to Four Brothers Café Inc. d/b/a 6A Café, located at 415 Rte. 6A – Fabian Campoverde Montero, Proposed Manager

Mr. Hoctor read the announcement. Mr. Miller moved to open the public hearing. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. Montero is present. He has places in several locations on the Cape. Background checks are fine. He wants to keep everything as is. There are four brothers involved, each with a 25% share. There is no input from the public. Mr. Miller moved to close the public hearing. Mr. Holden seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. George moved to transfer the Annual On-Premises Wine and Malt Beverages Liquor License from Stef. Co. Corps d/b/a 6A Café to Four Brothers Café Inc. d/b/a 6A Café, located at 415 Rte. 6A – Fabian Campoverde Montero, Proposed Manager. Seconded by Mr. Miller. Approved unanimously.

7:20 PM Public Hearing - Verizon and Eversource New Pole Request at 149 Main Street, Pole 14/9.5

Mr. Hoctor read the hearing announcement. Mr. Miller moved to open the public hearing. Mr. George seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. Dunham reported that this pole would be in front of the Dan’l Webster for additional service and also provide service to the library property. They need to be sure to not interfere with one of the trees in that location. There was no public input. Mr. Miller moved to close the public hearing. Mr. George seconded. Approved unanimously. Mr. George moved that the Board grant permission to Verizon and Eversource for their new pole at 149 Main St. Pole 14/9.5. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously.

STAFF MEETING

Joint Base Cape Cod Commanders’ Update – Ongoing JBCC Efforts and Activities

Brigadier General (retired), Christopher Faux, the Executive Commander of Joint Base Cape Cod, began the introductions saying he is always happy to speak with the Towns. He introduced Colonel Matthew Porter, Army National Guard, Colonel Sean Riley, Air National Guard, Lt. Colonel Timothy Sheehan, Space Force, Commander Roger Mason, Coast Guard, and Captain Rob Potter, Air Station. Commander Faux reviewed some
of the facts about Joint Base Cape Cod as well as its mission and vision. Their goal is to become the premier agency for training and to provide transparency to the public.

Economic survey results suggest that the Base economic impact and employment contributions look to be in excess of $600 million not including weekend training. The management structure is focused on joint oversight (meet monthly), with interagency cooperation and shared responsibility. There is a military civilian community council – information and management- that meets regularly. They want to work closely with the Towns. A long-term goal is to get more into community law enforcement training; they are looking long term to construct a police academy on the Base.

Following Gen. Faux’s remarks, each of the other leaders spoke giving some details about their divisions and briefly answered questions posed by Selectmen. A summary follows:

- **Col. Sean Riley** talked about the 102nd Intelligence Wing, citing goals of having a walking campus, improving airports, retaining and training for home and away, improving facilities, land divestment and supervision of utilities.
- **Lt. Col. Timothy Sheehan** of the Cape Cod Space Force said that the division has a new name, but the job hasn’t changed. This group operates the Pave Paws Installation, and their primary job is to identify and track potential incoming missiles. Currently their focus is on tracking items and debris in lower orbit, some of which travel at 17,000 mph. Another focus is looking at how to take care of the team better – socially emotionally and physically.
- **Capt. Rob Potter** and **Commander Roger Mason** from the Coast Guard and Air Station Cape Cod. Their area of coverage ranges from New Jersey to Canada. Their focus is on search and rescue, natural disaster response, drug surveillance and seizure, and protection for fishermen. They rely on volunteer service. They work with local law enforcement agencies and address needs of tenants residing on the Base as well as the needs of other Base operations. They provide security to the Navy in foreign ports, fisheries training, anti-terrorism, and environmental cleanup. They oversee Base needs, such as maintaining runways, running a medical clinic, operating child-care, assisting with housing support and hazard reduction. In cooperation with the Navy, they do helicopter flight training.
- **Col. Matthew Porter** from Camp Edwards discussed the various types of soldier training and statistics. The Army National Guard maintains facilities for training missions and operates a natural resources department. They conduct wildland fire management and reforestation. Some initiatives include decommissioning ranges, and provision of different types of ranges and courses for different types of training, including the proposed multi-purpose machine gun range. He talked about detonation and the agencies involved. They are working on improving communication with the surrounding towns when something needs to be done and are sensitive to community concerns. They have been organizing monthly tours of the Base for the public on Saturdays. Information is on the massnationalguard.org website.

**Finance Director/Town Treasurer/Tax Collector, Bill Jennings. Bond Anticipation Note Extension for Center for Active Living Project**

The BAN is for $500,000 with interest rate at 1.5%. The goal is to roll several large bonds into one ($19.65 million), as costs are very expensive. Recently, basis points have risen 50 points and might go up again. We want to get the bonding done as soon as possible because of inflation. The Board members signed the paper work.
OLD BUSINESS

Annual Town Meeting Recap
Mr. Dunham thanked the Board, Finance Committee and the voters; every budget article passed. Other communities are doing debt exclusions and overrides. The money for the golf course passed – it has a safety net. School capital is so important. The by-law for recreational marijuana will need approval from the Attorney General’s office. The Community agreement will need to be amended because of different rules for recreational vs medical. In Good Health is still owned outright by its current owners.

Update on Current Building Projects
Drywall is going up at the CAL. There was a tour last Thursday. There was a meeting today to choose colors of walls and furnishings. In addition to the really amazing amenities and furniture the finishes are going to be really nice. There are 37 items remaining on the list for 100 Rte. 6A; 20 are well in hand. Ninety-nine percent of things needed for the HVAC is onsite; then there will be a push to get the contractor in to complete what needs to be done. Some of what needs to be done will be done in-house, so everything is looking positive. We are working with two excellent consultants and Sam Jensen on the golf course irrigation system. That package is getting ready to go out for bid. We also were immediately in touch with the Hydrogeologic consultant for the wells. Mr. Hocott asked if there was a possible need for a Plan B regarding the HVAC; Ms. Harper responded that some of what is needed is additional work; they are not in a position of failure to perform yet. There are still a lot of small ground-work things to be done.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule
The meeting schedule is in the packet. One or two might need to be changed depending on the agenda.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for Old Business
None

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Charter Review Committee
Mr. Dunham reported that late in 2019 before Covid he had contacted seven people about interest in serving on the Charter Review Committee. The committee business is not conducive to Zoom meetings, so the Board wisely delayed appointments. The same seven people remain interested in serving. One or two alternate members could be considered but Counsel says this could be difficult to manage. In general, the Charter contains too many specific dates and numbers but is otherwise structurally great. There was some discussion about Mr. Sampson as an alternate; three other people have expressed interest as well. Mr. Ellis moved to approve the slate as submitted. Mr. George seconded. Approved unanimously. (Specific names are in the agenda packet).

Recommended Appointment as Historic District Committee Representative – Architect/Building Representative - George Peter Williams (Current Alternate for a year).
Mr. Williams is here. There was some discussion about his leaving the recent Historic District Committee meeting, which he described as a “quiet protest for inconsistent application of rules.” He had prepared for the meeting then was told he couldn’t vote; he did not anticipate the result. Mr. Hocott said that people were very upset, especially those coming from a long distance and not getting the chance to speak, as well as the fact that some projects would be timed out. Mr. Hocott and the board permitted Michael Sullivan, current Chair of the Committee, to speak. He suggested that Mr. Williams’ leaving the meeting would not have changed the outcome. Apparently, this position is appointed by selectmen and does not need a recommendation from the Committee. Mr. Ellis moved to appoint George Peter Williams as the Historic District Committee representative – Architect/Building for calendar year 2022. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved 3 to 2.
Accept 1st Quarter 2022 Donations
The list of donations is in the packet. These are the ones received from January through March. The largest donations are from Shawme 1 and 2. Mr. George moved to accept the donations from 1/1/22 to 3/31/22 as listed. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for new Business
Mr. George asked Mr. Dunham whether there can be volunteers to build the Boardwalk. Mr. Dunham said it would not be feasible. Mr. Hoctor listed all the requirements this would entail to circumvent prevailing wage. Mr. Miller expressed concern that the board members read the petition articles at Town Meeting – it makes it look like the board supports them. He asked whether the Board should be involved at all and could there be a policy that selectmen would not do it. Mr. Dunham said that it would require the petitioners to get assistance from Town Counsel about wording of a motion. Mr. Dunham will ask Town Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CLOSING REMARKS
Mr. Ellis thanked the people who supported him for the position. He also said that the name of the Board should be changed right away to Select Board. Mr. Miller said it had been investigated a few years ago but that the wording is in the Charter, which is a legal document. Mr. Ellis would also like to see discussion of becoming a Green Community on a future agenda. We also need to be proactive about the bridges. Whoever is on the task force needs to be reporting the Board more frequently. We need a lot more activism about the issue. Mr. Hoctor went to a meeting with Senator Markey where this was discussed, and they are looking at a timeline of 8 years for completion. Mr. George said he told the DOT that they need to get out and tell the public what is happening. The eminent domain issue will be one of the largest ones to address.

ADJOURNMENT
Mr. George moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Holden.
The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM. Next meeting is May 26th.

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 (5 pages)
Liquor License Hearing (63 pages)
Verizon License (4 pages)
JBCC (2 pages)
Bond (1 page)
Warrant (2 pages)
Upcoming Meetings (1 page)
Charter Review (1 page)
Historic District Appointment (2 pages)
Donations (1 page)
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