Present: S. Hoctor, C. Holden, B. George, P. Ellis
G. Dunham, Town Manager

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Atty. Jonathan Fitch – reminded the Board that he is the attorney representing the owners of Forestdale Village. He read a statement saying that he is here with a positive update. They met with Mr. Jennings twice. They have not reached an agreement on all terms, but the meetings closed with the recognition to respect each other’s needs; the meetings were business-like and positive. The project is sustainable with cutting edge wastewater systems onsite. The permitting is bogged down because of State approvals of wastewater and energy. The owners made the decision to uncouple these from the housing. All back taxes from the previous owner are now paid in full; all amounts due since his clients took over are paid. They are looking forward to public/private cooperation.

Mr. Peter Barlow – thanks the Thomsons who are organizing the plank assembly. Some of the planks are destroyed, but some could be reused. He believes with a volunteer effort the boardwalk can be put together in less than two days. They will need supplies, wood, and hardware. Doing this would be better than closing the boardwalk for two years.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Holden moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2022. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved unanimously.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

1. Meetings - next Board meeting is on June 9th. Mr. Jennings is working with Ms. Crossman to set the next Finance Committee meeting, possibly on June 28th.
2. Town Meeting approved the amendment to the marijuana bylaw. They are looking at the host agreement to update the use and address any requirements by the Cannabis Control Commission. There are some different taxing percentages separate from the host agreement.
3. Mr. Dunham has worked with the lawyer regarding the conservation property on Asa Meiggs. It will probably close by end of the month.
4. Ms. Harper and a number of staff have been working on the temporary repairs to private ways policy and procedures. They want to button it up before making a recommendation for the Board to adopt. They are working on a real-world example to see financial impacts. This will probably be ready the last meeting in June or the first in July.
5. We submitted the application to the County for ARPA funds this week focusing on wastewater, mostly the connection of the high school to Oakridge. There are several layers of review. There was an interview today about the Town’s financial viability, which should not be an issue. There will probably be a few more stages to go through, but it should be approved, as that is the type of project they are looking for.
6. At some point the Board should have a wastewater workshop. We are looking at the rules for the State Revolving Fund for wastewater and how it relates to the Cape Water Protection Fund. We met with a couple of leaders of the Cape Cod Commission to see who to go to at the federal level. We are working with John Giorgio on this. Converge has officially taken over at the Base. Matt Kennedy has contacted some connections in other parts of the country regarding financing issues because funding is a national, not just a state issue. This will affect what comes next; answers sooner rather than later will affect our decision moving forward.

7. Update – there is a problem with seasonal hires. The Recreation Department is all right; the hires are a bit short but staffing for the camps is fine. They have only half to two-thirds of needed lifeguards and are still trying to attract new people. The Red Cross has not been able to certify lifeguards during the pandemic; they are trying to do that now. We are doing fairly well with gate attendants. Seasonal hiring for the DPW is the worst problem. They have increased the salary, but it is not working to attract more. The golf course is all right. Hoxie House and Grist Mill are having trouble staffing, so they might not be able to open full time.

Questions/Comments Mr. Hoctor said many are looking to hire to fill seasonal positions Mr. George commented that the police station roof is getting done. He asked whether the senior tax credit program could apply to the Hoxie House and Grist Mill; Mr. Dunham said that there are limits on the numbers of hours these people can work. Representative Xiarchos said the House funding for the intersection of Quaker Meetinghouse Rd. and Rte. 130 passed 155 to 0. It now needs to go before the Senate. He also got funding for the West Barnstable Community Center. Mr. Dunham said that the Senate is working on its own list – money for the Fire Department for a drone to assist with fire response, an amount to the Town to work on mental health and $40,000 to try to replace the generator at the DPW. If the money for the generator doesn’t come through, it should be the first item on the capital list for next fall.

CORRESPONDENCE/STATEMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS
Mr. Holden reported having attended the May 13th Cape and Islands Municipal Leader Association meeting; there are efforts to develop housing and preserve the environment. He also attended an informative town hall dialog to promote understanding of and creating inclusive school and community culture. The School Committee welcomed new members, Danielle Binienda and Christine Brown, and the new Superintendent. Mr. Holden thanked Keri Ames and Kristi Bader for their service, and Dr. Gould for a job well done. The boardwalk plank project was undertaken by the Thomsons as well as volunteers from the High School Key Club and others, all who deserve thanks. Approximately 70 hours of work resulted in 455 planks. Next is a schedule to return planks to the owners; interested people can contact boardwalk@sandwichmass.org. Yesterday Mr. Holden attended a substance abuse coalition meeting. Going forward, they are trying to resurrect the Sandwich Substance Abuse Committee.

OLD BUSINESS
Charter Review Committee – Additional Appointment(s) & Charge of Duties
Mr. Dunham provided background material (in the agenda packet) and provided an updated list to Selectmen. He said there is now a vacancy for a full member – one cannot serve. Mr. George recommended David Sampson if he is able to take it. Mr. Ellis said he would provide a modern-day context. Mr. George moved to recommend the appointment of David Sampson to the Charter Review committee. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously.

Alternates - Mr. Holden thinks that alternates provide a nice insurance. Mr. Ellis said these are not provided for in the current Charter and recommends that the Charter Review Committee provide for this in their review. Mr. George supports this. There is a defined time commitment, so there would be a different role for alternates.
Charge of Duty – A proposed Charge of Duty for the Charter Review Committee is in the agenda packet. Board members should let Mr. Dunham know if there need to be any changes. The review timeline is six months.

Wing School Lease Extension with Cape Cod Collaborative
Mr. Dunham reported that the prior agreement to extend the lease for the Cape Cod Collaborative is due to end on June 30th. The Collaborative is working out a long-term location in a former school, but work has been delayed. They would like 6 more months in the Wing School – through the end of the calendar year. SCG is in agreement. The Collaborative has waived liability, The Superintendent’s office can stay there as well. Mr. Holden moved to approve the lease extension for the Cape Cod Collaborative until December 31, 2022. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved unanimously.

License Agreement with Cape Cod Military Support Foundation – 115 Rte. 6A
The roof is complete. We are exchanging documents for the license agreement. We need a waiver of liability. The building improvement plan has to be approved by the Building Department. We need an update on how the building will be used, updated financial information, a sign, and final review for traffic flow. We should have this back in the next few weeks and will bring it back to the Board.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for Old Business
None.

NEW BUSINESS

Eversource Easement Request – 70 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.
This is not a public hearing because it is on our land. This is a request for utilities to connect from the road to the CAL. Mr. Holden moved to approve Eversource’s easement request at 70 Quaker Meetinghouse Road. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved unanimously.

Proposed Race Amity Day Proclamation
There is an email request in the agenda packet to declare the second Sunday of every June as Race Amity Day. This has been approved by the State. Mr. Holden moved to approve the proposed proclamation for Race Amity Day. Seconded by Mr. George. Approved unanimously.

Request for Temporary Pride Flag
There has been a request to fly a Pride flag for the month of June. An internal expert on flags will advise how to do it. It will hang from the flagpole at Eaton Square. Mr. George moved to approve the request for a temporary Pride flag on the flagpole. Seconded by Mr. Ellis. Approved unanimously.

Recommended Historic District Committee Alternate Appointment – Bill Collins
Mr. Collins’ information is in the agenda packet. He has served on the Historic District Committee for many years. Mr. Ellis moved to appoint Bill Collins as an alternate member on the Historic District Committee. Seconded by Mr. Holden. Approved unanimously.

Other Matters Not Reasonably Anticipated for New Business
None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.
CLOSING REMARKS
The Memorial Day parade is Monday at 10 AM; be at the Wing School at 9:30. After the speech, there will be a joint venture with Sandwich Stands; there will be an open mic for Veterans to talk. Mr. Holden asks that everyone remember the victims in New York and Texas as well as those under attack in eastern Europe that continue to threaten world peace.

Mr. George moved that the Board convene an 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 4/28/22. Mr. Ellis seconded. Approved unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.
Next meeting is Thursday June 9, 2022

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Respectfully submitted,

Susan James

Supporting Documents:
Charter Review (4 pages)
Wing School Lease (3 pages)
License (2 pages)
Easement (7 pages)
Amity Day (3 pages)
Flags (1)
Historic District Appt. (1 page)