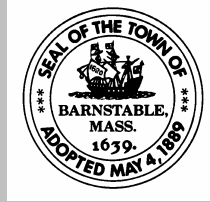


TOWN COUNCIL MEETING



December 18, 2008

(Minutes are brief due to the fact that the Clerk had a dead laptop.)

A quorum being duly present, Council President Frederick Chirigotis called the regular meeting of the Barnstable Town Council to order at 7:00 pm, on December 18, 2008, at the Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis, MA.

PRESENT: Janice Barton, Richard Barry, Ann Canedy, Frederick Chirigotis, James Crocker, Jr. Leah Curtis, Henry Farnham, Janet Joakim, J. Gregory Milne, James Munafo, Jr., Thomas Rugo, James M. Tinsley, Jr., Harold Tobey

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Chirigotis, followed by a Moment of Silence.

DISCUSSION - Annual Schedule of Meetings

There was a brief discussion on the fact that a few of the meetings were scheduled for times other than those set by the Charter and Council Rules. Attorney Ruth Weil noted that in 220-1 and 220-3 of the Code it explains the scheduling and rescheduling provisions – and she felt that a vote on this would be appropriate.

Councilor Milne would prefer the August meeting to be the third Thursday in August. Councilor Munafo sought to have the process followed by noting that the date submitted had been changed arbitrarily without vote of the Council.

Councilor Crocker made a motion to adopt the schedule that is before the council of the 2009 Schedule of Meetings for the Town Council and approve any changes to the bylaws in the passage of the motion.

A motion was made and seconded to amend the motion on the floor to change the date from August 6 to August 20th.

VOTE: 3 Yes 10 No. (amendment defeated)

VOTE: 13 YES – to accept the schedule as listed. (See attachment “A”)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Burt thanked former President Joakim for her hard work and congratulated President Chirigotis on his new position. He gave an overview of the overnights of Hospitality Program statistics for the Salvation Army (see attachment “B”) and the schedule of events for National Homeless Persons Memorial Day.

COUNCIL RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Councilor Milne asked for a copy of the statistics (they were given to all councilors).

Councilor Rugo told Mr. Burt to keep up the good work.

ACT ON MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the Nov. 20, 2008 meeting with the changes that were made by Councilor Canedy.

VOTE: 13 Yes

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to approve the minutes of the Dec. 4, 2008 minutes as written. (Councilor Canedy noted that she has not been receiving her mailed agenda and minutes).

VOTE: 13 Yes

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, STAFF, CORRESPONDENCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Milne thanked the BARS members for handling the digging of the quahogs to pay off the Falmouth/Barnstable Thanksgiving Day bet. He also read a letter to the editor that had been written by a Mr. John Long, who had been in the Noah Shelter.

Councilor Tobey noted that he had gone to the celebration of the retirement of John Reed from the school system. He stated that he gave the proclamation on behalf of the council and it was a very nice event.

Councilor Barton thanked Alan Burt. She said that she recalls a homeless person saying they did not mind the snow because it insulates them while they sleep. She also talked about the Operation in From the Streets program, and said it is working.

Councilor Milne noted that about 200 people were at Mr. Reed's retirement party.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

A. OLD BUSINESS

2009-056 - APPOINTMENT TO A BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION – INTRO.: 12/04/08, 12/18/08
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Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **RESOLVED**, that the Town appoint the following individuals to a multiple-member board/committee/commission:

GOLF COMMITTEE

Daniel Ginther, 289 Lakeside Drive West, Centerville to a term expiring 06/30/2011

PLANNING BOARD

Mathew K. Teague, 126 Braggs Lane, Barnstable to a term ending 06/30/2011

VOTE: 13 Yes

B. NEW BUSINESS

2009-054 - ACCEPTANCE OF FY08 TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT – INTRO: 12/18/08

Police Chief McDonald gave a brief rationale on this grant as presented in the agenda.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accepts a Traffic Enforcement Grant award in the amount of \$15,000 from the Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau.

VOTE: 13 Yes

2009-055 - ACCEPTANCE OF A UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT AWARD – INTRO.: 12/18/2008

Lynne Poyant, Director of Community Services and David Curley, Director of Recreation gave an overview of this grant. It is the second grant the town has received and this time it will go for FY10 salaries. Curley noted that we are on schedule and on budget with the building of the youth center.

Councilor Milne questioned the present and future use of the current grant. Curley explained that the monies were used for equipment that we are now using and will carry forward into the new facility.

Milne also asked for an update on energy production. Poyant said due to the guidance of Town Manager John Klimm we are making this facility as green as possible: with a wind turbine, solar panels and other cutting edge measures. We are making great strides on efficiency.

Town Manager Klimm wanted it noted that both of these grants came to us because of efforts made by Senator Ted Kennedy.

Councilor Crocker asked who applied for the grant and David Curley acknowledged that he had. Crocker asked about the \$60,000 fee from the schools. Curley said this goes back 6 years. He noted that they are working with the schools on various scenarios and hope to solve the issues. Curley also said that the U.S. Figure Skating Association is looking at the facility for events.

Ms. Poyant noted that the town now has a marketing manager and he is meeting with the Chamber marketing people. He hit the ground running.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was

RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby accept a United States Department of Education Grant award from the Fund of Improvement Education (FIE) Program in the amount of \$200,436 for the purpose of funding educational and recreational programs at the new Hyannis Youth and Community Center.

VOTE: 12 Yes (Munafa out of the room)

TOWN MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS

Manager Klimm said that he was in West Barnstable and was very impressed with the housing that is being constructed by the YMCA and the Lombard property. They are getting calls already on people interested in those locations. He thanked HAC, the village civic associations and thanked Councilor Farnham for his help on the projects.

Klimm said that he and Asst. Manager Tom Lynch had met with Deb Converse of the Chamber. They also have passed papers on the Procopio property in Cotuit and thanked Councilor Barry for his assistance on that.

Manager Klimm wanted it noted that Councilor Barton is the Operation in From the Streets program and she needs the credit for the work accomplished on this. He also announced that the Town will be donating \$10,000 to that program.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to ADJOURN.

VOTE: 13 YES

ADJOURNED: at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda E. Hutchenrider, MMC/CMMC
Town Clerk/Town of Barnstable

Happy Holidays!!!

