

New Shoreham Town Council – Town Manager Work Session
Town Hall, Old Town Road, Block Island
Wednesday, October 06, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Present: First Warden Kimberley H. Gaffett, Town Councilor Peter B. Baute, Town Councilor Kenneth C. Lacoste and Town Councilor Richard P. Martin. Second Warden Raymond J. Torrey was absent. Also present was Town Manager Nancy O. Dodge and Finance Director Amy Land. Town Clerk Fiona Fitzpatrick was present to take the minutes of the meeting.

Report of the Town Manager

- **Finance**

Monthly Finance report: August

Finance Director Amy Land presented the finance report for the month of August, 2010. The report reflects an expected timing anomaly because grant moneys expended by the Town in the amount of \$475,000 have not yet been reimbursed to the Town for the North Light, Town Hall solar, and LEAP fund paving. Also the Sewer Commission owes the Town \$424,247 for payroll expenses.

Act on Quarterly Municipal Deficits Report: June 2010

The report reflects the end of fiscal year, June 30, 2010.

Ms. Gaffett moved to accept the presentation of the Municipal Deficits report and authorize its submittal, seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 4 (Gaffett, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Torrey)

Receive update on FY10 audit process and scheduling audit report meetings

Finance Director Land said the auditors plan their last day on site will be tomorrow. It appears no major issues have come up. The auditors will be scheduled to report to the Town Council, and Water and Sewer on November 1.

- **Public Works**

Town Manager Nancy Dodge reported the Old Harbor Dock project will recommence next week with site remediation. Tides look good for Thursday. Environmental Engineer Hoffman is planning to work Thursday, Friday and part of Monday. Remediation may take ten days, part of the road will be blocked Thursday. The barge will be deployed on the following Tuesday. There is still no price on the building sketch. Minor alteration on the width of the transition corner between the South dock and West dock will keep the built-out corner out of federal waters. Fishermen have met and decided the location of pilings. The construction area will be secured for safety with a locked gate; the Police, Fire and Rescue and Town Manager will have keys.

- The timing for the shellfish closure for clam transplantation will depend on conditions on the Great Salt Pond. Cormorant Cove and management areas 2 and 3 north of the channel will be closed.
- The Town workers contract expires June 30, 2011 a letter has gone to the union.
- Verizon: The phone company is no longer keeping anyone here full time. The Town Manager will find out if there is a written agreement to keep a full time presence on the Island. Sean McGarry asked if the Island is exempted from the 2011 fiberoptic conversion.

Dr. Baute moved to authorize the First Warden to sign a letter to Verizon asking for the appropriate level of year round service. Motion seconded by Mr. Martin.

Ayes: 4 (Gaffett, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Torrey)

- Repairs to Spring Street (sewer outflow) and Corn Neck Road (Edie Blane) are scheduled to start after Columbus Day, by the Department of Transportation.
- The ESCO selection process continues, determinations will be made in a couple of weeks. Three contractors were finalists.
- Final hearing on SAMP has been postponed to October 19 due to lack of a quorum.
- Town Hall weather stripping and sealing on doors will be fixed.

- Dr. Baute asked that Herm Mast provide a report on the Solar panels.
- Foghorn maintenance was discussed. The foghorn is designed to be triggered by marine radio signal, it is possible another party is using the wavelength.
- Steve Holloway, Pastor at the Harbor Baptist Church, and the Recreation Board have been exchanging letters regarding furniture and use of the center.
- Marsha Merrick has asked about the family memorial provided for in the Purchase and Sale agreement for Plat 6, Lot 147. The Town Manager will contact her saying the Town is working on a plan and inviting her to participate.

2. Review Town Council meeting Schedule for October

October 17: North Light with Senator Reed at 12:15 at Town Hall

October 18: Council with Water and Sewer at 4:00;

October 19: Hearing for Charter Questions at 7:00;

October 20: Council meeting at 7:00.

October 23: North Light relighting ceremony starts at 5:15

October 26: Candidates Night

At 9:05, a motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Gaffett and seconded by Mr. Lacoste.

Ayes: 4 (Gaffett, Baute, Lacoste, Martin) Nays: 0 Absent: 1 (Torrey)

Minutes approved October 20, 2010

Fiona Fitzpatrick,
Town Clerk