

**BARNSTABLE VILLAGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES -3/21/05**

President Ralph Cahoon brought the meeting of the Barnstable Civic Association held at the Barnstable West Barnstable to order at 7:05 pm.

**Elections**: The Nomination Committee consisting of Sheila Bears, Larry Thayer and Cathy Pastva have nominated the following:

- President: Ralph Cahoon
- Vice President: Lynn Roderick
- Secretary: Ann Canedy
- Treasurer: Charlie Eager
- Moderator: Michael Turner
- Board Members (2 year terms):
  - Larry Thayer
  - Pat Capone
- Board Members (3 year terms):
  - Evelyn Bassett
  - Mark Chasson
  - Duncan Gibson
  - Sue Angus
  - Ned Handy
  - Janet Edmonds
  - Tom Jones
  - John Temple
  - Debbie West

Ralph stated that the Bylaws needed to be revised.

**MOTION: TO ACCEPT SLATE AS PRESENTED. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Review of Draft LCP by Jackie Etsten, Barnstable Town Planning Dept:**

Larry Thayer gave a short explanation of the status of Exit 6 ½ proposal:

- No plans to build exit on Phinney’s Lane or Mary Dunn Road.
- No access to North side.
- Exit 6 ½ needed because:
  - Hospital Ambulatory Center being built near BJs.
  - Airport expansion and access road off Attucks Way.
  - Exit 7 and Rte 132 not adequate to handle increased traffic even with improvements.
  - Mary Dunn Road and Cummaquid Heights are defacto back ways to Hyannis and Exit 6 ½ will alleviate if not eliminate that use.
  - Intent is to funnel traffic through road improvements to downtown Hyannis.

Jackie suggested that the rezoning of the Industrial Park should be a priority and warned that a new exit could promote box store retail development.

Ann Miller asked about the proposed **Home Occupations Bylaw**. She believes the current Bylaw is strict enough, is thoroughly protective and that the proposed change would have a negative effect. Jackie discussed the incremental encroachment of commercialization of Route 6A West Barnstable and lack of zoning enforcement.

The original LCP and the proposed revised LCP recommend two acre zoning for Barnstable Village from Cummaquid/Yarmouth line west to West Barnstable and from the Midcape Highway north. The area north of Route 6A to the Harbor are susceptible to degradation due to overdevelopment and increased septic, nitrate loading, phosphorous encroachment and road run off.

Ralph confirmed the Civic Association's position that **Freezer Point should remain marine use zoning** and that **Exit 6 ½ should have no egress or ingress on Mary Dunn Road.**

There will many more opportunities to discuss various aspects of the LCP. Ann Canedy stated that the Planning Department and the Town Council would hold several workshops in the Fall and there would not be a final LCP drafted until probably the end of the year.

**Hathaway's Pond Campground Proposal:** Jeff Avery, resident and Barnstable Recreation Commission member spoke about the status of the Campground proposal. He stated that there was not much of a plan yet and he acknowledged there was a lot of opposition to it which he felt was based on bad information or misinformation. Jeff made the following points:

- The Town is in a “financial crisis” and needs to seek alternative ways to raise revenue;
- Jeff believes a campground could raise 300K without harming the environment;
- If the bath facilities at the pond cannot be upgraded without harming the environment, Jeff will not go further with the Pond proposal;
- There are no firm plans and Jeff wants input from everyone;
- The Recreation Dept. “owns 36 acres on the pond; most of the other parcels are Conservation land;
- The pond is not “pristine” –lots of diapers and dog feces;
- Jeff will put together a business plan and bring that plan to the BVCA;
- The campground would be introduced in three phases: the initial phase will consist of 75 campsites and a new bath house (which needs to be replaced whether or not there is a campground);
- Second phase would involve extending the beach to include present dog walking beach (east of entrance);
- Campground will be for tents only –no RVs;
- 24 hour security and maintenance;
- 160-220 campsites;
- ADA compliant;
- Traffic may be an issue – approximately 200 cars – Jeff will work with Nickerson State Park re traffic;
- Does not want this to be an enterprise account –would want any revenue after expenses to go back to the General Budget;
- Revenue will pay for maintenance, security and lifeguard staff;

- Campground would not displace current users –anyone with a beach sticker could access the pond (question: parking is already limited and wouldn't this add more traffic?);
- Campground would be open full time June, July, Aug; and during the shoulder season May 1-June 1 and until end of Oct. Closed Nov-March;
- Campground would be gated and fenced

Ralph Cahoon stated that he was personally against the campground proposal but that the **Civic Association had not taken a formal position**. There will opportunities for further discussion.

Ann Canedy spoke about:

- The designation of Bone Hill Road, Freezer Road, Rendezvous Road and Scudder Lane as **scenic roads**;
- Clarification that the Town Council Resolve authorizing the Recreation Dept to spend up to \$5000 of Recreation revolving funds to study the feasibility of composting toilets on **Hathaways Pond** did not mean that there would be a campground at Hathaways Pond. It is important to have the discussion;
- Announcement of **Jane Eshbaugh Citizenship Award** and **Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award** nominations;
- Announcement of **Women's Political Forum** 3/29/05;
- Importance of Council vote on Barnstable Water Company (**BARLACO**) on March 31. Check Ann's website [www.anncanedy.com](http://www.anncanedy.com) –information on BARLACO forthcoming.

Duncan Gibson reported on the progress of the **Bone Hill Farm** acquisition.

**MOTION TO DONATE \$1000 TO BARNSTABLE LAND TRUST FOR BONE HILL FARM – PASSED**

Larry Thayer suggested that a donation be made to the **Jannson-Brown family** who lost their house in a fire. Ralph C. said that a fund was being started by the school in which Erica Jannson-Brown was employed. Ann C. and Larry T. felt that an amount of \$200 should be sent separately from the Civic Association.

**MOTION TO DONATE \$200 TO ERICA AND ALAN BROWN, BOX 112, CUMMAQUID, MA. 02637 - PASSED**

**Next meeting of the Barnstable Civic Association will be held on April 18, 2005 (Patriot's Day).**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann B. Canedy, Secretary, Barnstable Village Civic Association