

Select Board Minutes

January 10, 2023

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
91 Sohier Street-Willcutt Commons

Select Board Members Present: Jack Creighton, Chair
Jean Healey Dippold
Corey D. Evans
Paul Grady

Select Board Members Absent: Diane Kennedy

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Chair Creighton asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will discuss the Navigation Bylaw. Motion moved by Select Member Grady, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye

The Board went into executive session at 6:05 p.m.
The Board came out of executive session at 6:48 p.m.
The Board came back into public session at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge-Recited.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Cohasset Rotary Club-Road Race by the Sea-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the Road Race by the Sea Event on Sunday, April 2, 2023, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

Cohasset Financial Planning Committee-Subcommittee Appointments-Motion by Select Member Dippold to direct the Finance Director to meet with smaller group (Jean Healey Dippold, Lance Dial, Brian Host and Advisory Liaisons) to gather necessary facts and get the Cohasset Financial Planning Committee on track and if necessary, recharge, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous.

Historical Commission-Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Martin St. John to the Historical Commission for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous.

Town Archivist-Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Jackie Dormitzer as Town Archivist for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous.

Cohasset Community Television-Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Nicole Roth to the Cohasset Community Television Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous.

Electrical Aggregation-Update-Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Justin Shrair reviewed the outreach so far to the community. The website has been updated with all information about

the Electrical Aggregation program. He discussed the community outreach with local media resources. He reviewed mailings sent out to the community and upcoming public forums.

Cemetery Discussion-Updated Fee Schedule-Glenn Pratt was present and reviewed the proposed fee schedule. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the new fee schedule as presented, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** The vote was unanimous.

Motion by Select Member Evans to move sidewalk discussion up to the next item on the agenda, seconded by Select Member Dippold. The vote was unanimous.

Board/Committee Update/Appointments-Sidewalk Committee- Applicant Tori Hanna-304 King Street gave a brief overview of her background. **Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Tori Hanna, Bill Burnett, and Justin Pimpare to the Sidewalk Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** The vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the minutes of 11/29/2022 & 12/13/2022, seconded by Select Member Evans.** The vote was unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting Calendar-Mr. Senior reviewed the planning calendar for Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2023 and Annual Town Elections for May 13, 2023. He reviewed the dates for budget meetings and deadlines.

Fields & Courts Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board Michelle Leary is meeting tomorrow with Activitas at 2 p.m. to discuss next steps. They are looking to review the original field study and implement all feedback during the fall, discuss potential of breaking ground on any projects in 2023/24, discuss supply chain and project timelines, prioritize needs, identify three dates in January and February for public forums and identify top three needs of the community and implement. Ms. Leary has a group of ten people to take part in the discussion after the public meetings.

MBTA Housing Regulations Update-Director of Planning Lauren Lind-Reviewed Real Life Examples of Missing Middle Housing, Interim Compliance Plan, Sites for Future Research, Interim Compliance-Proposed Timeline for Full Compliance. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve Action Plan as presented, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** The vote was unanimous.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board the Town has received three grants. A Recycling grant for \$6,000, An \$18,000 grant for a Kayak Launch in the Harbor and a \$50,000 grant for ADA assessments around Town. At the meeting in February, he will be introducing new staff to the Board and doing a ceremonial swearing in of Police Officers.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Evans stated AEC has some things ready for town counsel review including the Electric Buses. He asked that Mr. Senior make sure that counsel reviews. Also, there have been emails from concerned parents about the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The events over the last couple of weeks has proved that the current space isn't up to task. He asked that the Board discuss this at the next meeting and discuss possibly using ARPA funds to do a site feasibility study. He stated this should be done immediately. Select Member Dippold stated it has been a tough week for the community and all the work of the law enforcement personnel is very much appreciated. Right now, everyone needs to support each other. She also said she would like to work with the Veterans in Cohasset on more support on State protections that the Town can provide to them in the form of certain statues like the

Valor Statute. She would like to make Cohasset a Purple Heart Community. She would like to work with Veterans Service Officer Phil Mahoney to get something on the warrant for ATM. There are things the Board could work on to help the Veterans in town. Select Member Grady agreed with Select Member Dippold and offered to work with her and the Veterans. Chair Creighton stated it has been a trying time in the community. There has been a variety of tragedies over the past couple of weeks. Law Enforcement officials have handled difficult situations with professionalism. Prayers go out to those impacted.

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48 hours-Select Member Dippold stated the local clergy is looking to have a Vigil on the Town Common on Thursday. She stated it is not a town event however she asked if the Board would allow Mr. Senior to help with the logistics. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to direct the Town Manager to work with the religious leaders (without the police department) on the logistics for a vigil on the Town Common, seconded by Select Member Grady.** The Vote was unanimous.

Motion by Select Member Grady to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Dippold. The vote was unanimous (4-0).

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Creighton, Chair