

Select Board Minutes

March 7, 2023

Town of Cohasset

Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

41 Highland Ave – Town Hall Auditorium

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

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Roll Call Vote; All present.**

Pledge-Recited.

Topics not reasonably anticipate within 48 hours – Chair Creighton stated that the State Attorney General has requested an additional 90 days to review Navigational By-law documents sent to them by the town. Select Member Evans recommended that the Board post this request on the next agenda so he can review the request. Select Members Dippold, Grady and Kennedy felt comfortable voting to allow the 90-day extension. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to allow the Attorney General a 90-day extension to review Nav By-Law documents, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, Select Member Kennedy – aye, Select Member Grady-aye, Select Member Dippold-aye, Chair Creighton-aye, Select Member Evans-nay.**

Public Comment – Glenn Pratt, 482 King Street, spoke on behalf of the Veteran Members Committee. Mr. Pratt requested a placeholder article for Town Meeting so they can propose a location in town for a fitting memorial for Chief Michael T. Ernst, the first Cohasset serviceman to die in the line of duty in the last 54 years. Chair Creighton asked for a moment of silence for Chief Ernst.

One-day Liquor License-Carriage House Nursery School -Aces for Outdoor Spaces Fundraiser – Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the one-day liquor license for Carriage House Nursery School, Aces for Outdoor Spaces Fundraiser on Friday April 28, 2023 from 6:30p.m.–10:00p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

CYBSA Opening Day Parade-Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the annual Opening Day Parade on April 29, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

MS Walk- Latrice Smith was present and gave an overview of the event. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the annual MS Walk on May 6, 2023 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

One-Day Liquor License and One-Day Entertainment License – South Shore Eco Fest 2023- Marisa

Manley was present and gave an overview of the event. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve Matthew Elder/Untold Brewery a one-day Wine and Malt Beverages license on May 20, 2023, rain date May 21, 2023, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye. Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve South Shore EcoFest one-day entertainment license on May 20, 2023, rain date May 21, 2023 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Cohasset Farmers Market – Season Approval – Chief Quigley presented an overview for Michele Hubley. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the seasonal entertainment license for the Cohasset Farmers Market every Thursday from June 8th to October 5th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

One-Day Liquor License-South Shore Art Center Festival Preview Party – Patrice Maye attended and gave an overview of the preview party – **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the one-day liquor license for the SSAC preview party located at 119 Ripley Road, on June 10th from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Three-Day Liquor Licenses and Three-Day Entertainment Licenses – 68th Annual South Shore Arts Festival – Patrice Maye attended and gave an overview of the three-day festival. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the three-day liquor license for the SSA Festival on June 16th 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 17th 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and June 18th 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye. Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the three-day entertainment license for the SSA Festival on June 16th 1 p.m. to 8 p.m., June 17th 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and June 18th 12 p.m. to 5 p.m., with a set-up date of June 13th at 9 a.m. and a breakdown date of June 19th at 5 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

One-Day Liquor License and One-Day Entertainment License – Cohasset Historical Society – Annual Clambake- Glenn Pratt was present and gave an overview of the event. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the one-day wine and malt license for Saturday September 9th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye. Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the one-day entertainment license for Saturday September 9th from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a setup time of September 9th at 2 p.m. and a break down time of 8 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Sidewalk Committee-Final Interviews- Julie Rollins, Recreation Commissioner, of 12 Hugh Strain Road provided the board with a brief overview of her qualifications. There were no other applicants present. **Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Frank Cicchetti, Bob Mulhall and Julie Rollins as the final three members of the Sidewalk Committee, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Eagle Scout Project- Haley Cody, 29 Norfolk Road, presented the proposed improvements to be completed by Eagle Scout Troop 48. The proposal included repainting two dugouts and a storage shed at Milliken Field. Ms. Cody explained the estimated costs and that the baseball team, school, and taxpayers would benefit from the project. She asked permission to pursue the project. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the Eagle Scout Project to repaint the dugouts and shed, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

School Facilities Committee-Update – Craig MacClellan, Jason Earls, Dr. Patrick Sullivan and Lance Dial were in attendance. Mr. MacClellan presented the "Feasibility Study for Renovation or Replacement of Cohasset Middle High School" slideshow on behalf of the School Facilities Committee. Mr. MacClellan explained that they are requesting a Town Hall warrant article seeking approval of \$1.5M for a feasibility study. The study would determine long-term solutions for the middle high school. Mr. Earls described the current priority list of repairs for all Cohasset schools. Mr. MacClellan described different funding solutions and that the feasibility study can happen on a parallel path to the MSBA study. He stated that an additional option would be that the town could approve a Special Purpose Stabilization Fund to fund the study as well as repair maintenance needs. Lance Dial stressed that everyone should really focus on the \$1.5M feasibility study because that would provide options to make the best decision moving forward. Select Member Evans suggested that the Select Board invite the committee back to discuss the request with more time allotted. Select Member Dippold requested that they table the discussion for now and that Tracey Connors or Mr. Senior could compile a list of the questions from the Board to give to the School Facilities Committee so they can be prepared to answer the Board's questions at the next meeting. Select Member Kennedy suggested that the next meeting focus on just the feasibility study request. Mr. MacClellan said in closing, that the committee is just requesting that the issue be put in front of the community at Town Meeting so that the citizens can decide if they want to allocate money to make an informed decision.

Updated Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan- Chairman Glenn Pratt, 482 King Street, Director of Emergency Management presented the updated Emergency Plan. Mr. Pratt stated that after 9-11, Homeland Security required every town create a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and update it every 5 years. Mr. Pratt explained that they have been working on this update for 1 ½ years. He stated that nine department heads have signed off on their responsibilities as far as mitigation, planning, response, and recovery. Mr. Pratt requested that the Select Board approve the plan and sign off on it. He will submit it back through the emergency channels. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to authorize, accept and sign the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, seconded by Select Member Grady, Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Annual Town Meeting-Article Review/Vote – Attorney Carolyn Murray, KP Law, attended via zoom. Tom Callahan, 35 Hillside Drive, requested that the Board vote to refer the amended zoning bylaw articles summarized by Judge Cutler, KP Law, to the planning board for public hearing. He stated that there are six articles to be voted on at this Town Meeting but in order to get them on the warrant, they need to be presented in a public hearing. He also stated that most of the changes for this town meeting were housekeeping changes. Mr. Callahan described some of the changes proposed. Cohasset resident, Mike Sardina, 100 Pond Street, questioned the proposed changes to building heights. Select Member Kennedy explained that these concerns can be addressed at the Planning Board public hearing and changes can be made at that point. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to refer articles 1,3,6,8,12 & 2 to the Planning Board for public hearing, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Select Member Evans asked Mr. Callahan to explain the Single Lot exemption. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Town Manager Update – Mr. Senior explained that both Advisory and Capital are meeting regularly, and everything is on target. CPC is on target; the warrant is progressing smoothly and is also on target.

Approval of Minutes – Select Member Evans stated that only the three members that were on the board on 12/1/2020 and 2/16/2021 can motion and vote on approval. **Motion by Select Member Evans**

to approve 12/1/2020 and 2/16/2021 Select Board minutes, seconded by Select Member Kennedy, Roll Call Vote, Corey Evans-aye, Diane Kennedy-aye, Jack Creighton-aye. Motion by Select Member Evans to approve 2/7/2023 minutes, seconded by Select Member Dippold, Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Select Board Comments- Select Member Evans gave a shoutout to the mini golf fundraiser that was held by the Cohasset Library. He stated that it was an awesome event and gave residents the opportunity to see the beautiful library. Select Member Kennedy Congratulated Town Manager Senior on the adoption of his new puppy, Cadhla. Select Member Dippold suggested that next week the town adopt a proclamation to become a “Purple Heart” Community. Chair Creighton thanked all the boards and committees for their countless hours they have working on behalf of the town.

Motion by Select Member Grady to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Creighton, Chair