

Select Board Minutes

4/26/2022

Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

Select Board Present: Keri Thompson, Chair
Corey D. Evans
Diane Kennedy
Jean Healey Dippold
Jack Creighton

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chairperson Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call Vote. All present.

Pledge-Recited.

Chairperson Thompson asked for a motion to go into Executive Session Exemption #2-to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. The Board will discuss the Town Manager’s Contract. Motion moved by Select Member Kennedy, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:37 pm.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:26 pm.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 3/8/2022, 4/5/2022, and 4/12/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Aye, Jean Healey Dippold-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Town Manager Contract Renewal-Chairperson Thompson stated the Board met in Executive Session and agreed on the terms of the Town Manager’s contract. They brought the Town Manager in at the end of the meeting, and he agreed with the terms. The final draft will be updated by town counsel and the Board will vote on it at the 5/10/2022 meeting after publicizing the contract.

Introduction of New Employees-Mr. Senior introduced Ryan Smith-Assistant to the Town Accountant, Cassandra Thayer-Assistant Town Planner, Dan Mulligan-Payroll and Benefits Coordinator, Kerry Waldron-Administrator of Revenue Collection and Justin Shrair-Communications & Community Engagement Specialist. Each employee gave an overview of their background.

Joint Meeting with School Facilities Committee-Vote Statement of Interest-Chair of the School Facilities Committee Jason Earls advised the Board that the School Facilities Committee voted to submit the Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The School Committee also voted unanimously to submit the SOI. They are asking the Select Board to vote tonight. **Motion by Select Member Evans having convened in an open meeting on April 26, 2022, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Cohasset Select Board of the Town of Cohasset, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 27, 2022, for the Cohasset Middle/High**

School located at 143 Pond Street, Cohasset, MA which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future including elimination of existing severe overcrowding, replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements, including deficiencies presented to this Board by the School Facilities Committee Assessment Report and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Town of Cohasset to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey D. Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Jean Healey Dippold-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Change of Premises Lenny's Hideaway-Outside Dining. Manager Stephanie Burke was present on behalf of Lenny's Hideaway and gave an overview of her application. Chairperson Thompson stated the Board received a memo from town counsel and there are no issues with the request. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the request of RBLB Inc., dba Lenny's Hideaway, 8 Stagecoach Way, Cohasset, MA to temporarily amend the description of its licensed premises to include the patio outside the entrance, as shown on the plan submitted, subject to approval of Inspectional Services, satisfactory completion of the Town's Guidelines for Temporary Extension of Premises: Outdoor Dining Area on Private Property/Parking Lots-Sidewalks-Parking Spaces and all legal requirements, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

South Shore Arts Festival-Director of South Shore Art Center Patrice Maye was present on behalf of SSAC and gave an overview of the event. Chief Quigley reviewed the application with the Board. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the event application for the 67th Annual South Shore Arts Festival which will be held between 6/16/2022-6/19/2022, including set up starting on 6/13/2022 and breakdown on 6/20/2022 on the common, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the one-day liquor license for Untold Brewing for the South Shore Arts Festival event on 6/17/2022 from 1-7 pm, 6/18/2022 from 1-7 pm, and 6/19/2022 from 12-5 pm, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Three Beach Minimum-John Donlon was present on behalf of the 3 Beach Minimum and reviewed the event. There are no changes from the last event. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the Three Beach Minimum event on September 24, 2022, from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Memorial Day Parade-Veteran's Services Officer Phil Mahoney was present and gave an overview of the events. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the Memorial Day Parade and Events on 5/30/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Board/Committee Appointments-Appointment of Election Workers-Mr. Senior advised the Board the Interim Town Clerk is in need of two additional Election Workers. **Motion by Select Member Evans to appoint Elizabeth Howley and Mary Joyce as Election Workers for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Article #14 Community Preservation Committee-Vote-Affordable Housing Trust-Mr. Senior advised the Board that CPC voted in favor of giving the Affordable Housing Trust \$500,000. He asked the Board to clarify their vote. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to recommend Article #14 to ATM for \$500,000 to the AHT, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Annual Town Meeting-Warrant Article Speakers-Chairperson Thompson shared a list of Warrant Articles that the Board will speak on at ATM. The Board had a discussion and agreed on the list as amended.

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 48hrs-Select Member Evans advised the Board he attended an MBTA Advisory Board meeting today and the MBTA has released a draft of their capital improvement plan. The MBTA Advisory Board noted that there were deficiencies in the plan including safety concerns. He asked that the Board consider writing a letter expressing concerns to be included with the MBTA Advisory Board's concerns. The deadline for submitting it is Friday, April 29th. **Motion by Select Member Evans to authorize the Town Manager to draft a letter on behalf of the Board with concerns and have the Chair sign it, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Motion by Select Member Creighton to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Keri Thompson, Chair