

Select Board Minutes

May 9, 2023

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 2023
Town Hall Auditorium

Select Board Members Present: Jean Healey Dippold, Vice Chair
Paul Grady
Corey Evans
Diane Kennedy

Not Present: Jack Creighton, Chair

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Vice Chair Dippold called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Public Comment-Vice Chair Dippold thanked Diane Kennedy and Corey Evans for their service. State Representative Joan Meschino thanked Diane Kennedy and Corey Evans for their service to the Town. She gave a citation from her and Senator O'Connor to Diane Kennedy for her 12 consecutive years on the Cohasset Select Board.

Appointment of Police Detail for Annual Town Election-May 13, 2023-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve a police detail on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. for the Annual Town Elections, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Purple Heart Community Proclamation-Vice Chair Dippold read aloud the proclamation. Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the Purple Heart Community Proclamation, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Annual Entertainment License-Applicant Thu Nguyen was present. They are looking for an annual entertainment license for live music and karaoke. Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the entertainment license for Nguyen's Kitchen for live music and Karaoke from 7-11:30 p.m., seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

One Day Liquor License-Untold Brewery-Holly Hill- Applicant Mike Dyer was present and reviewed his application. Motion by Select Member Evans to approve one-day liquor licenses for Untold Brewery @ Holly Hill Farm on May 27th and June 17th from 12-6 p.m., seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Common Victualler-Quench Juicery, LLC-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the Common Victualler license for Quench Juicery, LLC at 103 Ripley Road, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Transient Vendor License-PAP Inc. d/b/a Del's Lemonade & Kristin Donahue d/b/a Nona's Homemade Ice Cream-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve Del's Lemonade and Nona's Homemade Ice Cream for a transient vendor license, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Customer Relationship Management-Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Justin Shrair reviewed Cohasset Connects CRM which is now available. Mr. Senior added that the system will be beneficial in tracking how many calls they receive, potholes filled, downed trees etc.

Naming of the Square-U.S. Navy Chief Special Warfare Operator Michael Ernst-Applicant Glenn Pratt was present. He stated he is working on behalf of several groups in town that have been working for many years on memorials. They are looking to name the island at Sohier St. and Fair Oaks Lane after Michael T. Ernst. He met with his family and sent notices to the neighborhood. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the Naming of the Square as presented, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

MBTA Advisory Board Update-Select Member Evans stated when he became the Select Board Representative the MBTA was trying to cut ferry service. His first project was to help with Save the Ferry. They are currently working on control over the loud polluting trains. He advised the Board he is willing to continue to be the Representative if the Board would like. He stated the Board should stay committed to the work and stay involved.

Beechwood Playground Update-Michelle Leary stated the Board agreed that they would continue to move forward with playgrounds after the town meeting and go to Special Town Meeting in the fall. They started looking at new ideas for the Beechwood playground and making it ADA acceptable with rubber flooring. Residents Ronnie McMorris and Sarah Crossen have brought forward some ideas. They received two estimates for the structure and installation of a new playground which would cost \$220,000. They would still have to add fencing and balusters for safety. They can go to CPC for potential funding and see what the appetite is. Ms. Leary stated the Town approved \$250K in 2018 for CPC funding for all playgrounds. About \$78k was spent and \$171k was returned to CPC in 2019. Facilities will be working over the next week, bringing in wood chips and making the playground safer in the meantime. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

Temporary Police Space-135 King Street-Vote to Use ARPA Funds-Ms. Leary advised the Board she toured the space with Chief Quigley, and it would be a great overflow space for the police detectives. It would not be accessed to the public. They do not need to go out to bid. The price is \$2500 monthly plus gas and electricity. They are requesting to use ARPA funds. She recommended a 6-month lease. After 6 months they can decide if it works and if they need more space. Mr. Senior advised the Board that he is looking for \$75,000 in ARPA funds. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve \$75,000 in ARPA funds for 135 King Street, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior stated ATM has happened and the Election is Saturday. He stated the Board is scheduled to meet on May 23rd. He asked if they are interested in meeting on May 16th to reorganize. Vice Chair Dippold stated Rep. Meschino is available to meet on May 16th. She will reach out to Senator O'Connor and see if he is available. Mr. Senior thanked Diane Kennedy for her service and support over the last 9 ½ years. She was on the Board that hired him.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Evans stated his entire time on the Board has been with Diane Kennedy. He thanked Diane and a countless list of others on boards and committees as well as town staff that had given him time and support. Select Member Kennedy stated she needs a break; however, she plans to join another town board or committee. She thanked Chris Senior and his staff for their friendship over the years. She thanked everyone for their support. The town has come a long way. Vice Chair Dippold thanked Diane Kennedy and Corey Evans again. She stated the Board will be making appointments in June

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so that anyone that is interested should apply. Select Member Grady thanked Diane Kennedy and Corey Evans. He stated the Board has done some great work. The new board will continue to work on things.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 6/22/2021, seconded by Chair Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the minutes of 3/21/2023, 3/28/2023, 4/4/2023, 4/11/2023, 4/25/2023 and 5/1/2023, seconded by Select Member Grady.** Roll Call Vote, All aye.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Healey Dippold, Vice Chair