

Select Board Minutes

June 6, 2023

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
91 Sohier Street, Willcutt Commons

Select Board Members Present: Jean Healey Dippold, Chair
Paul Grady
Jack Creighton
Ellen Maher
Chris Plecs

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager
Amy Kwesell, KP Law

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

Chair Dippold asked for a motion to go into Executive Session Exemption #3-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation of the public body and the chair so declares. The Chair does declare. The Board will discuss the Navigation Bylaw. Executive Session Exemption #6-To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The Chair does declare. The Board will discuss a potential property acquisition. The motion was moved by Select Member Grady, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

The Board went into executive session at 6:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session and back into public session at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge-Recited

Public Comment-Michael Dick-27 Parker Avenue addressed the Board about some misconceptions about the Long-Range Financial Planning Committee. He spoke about the small working group that did a lot of good work many years ago. The Select Board then put together a committee and gave them a new charge. He asked the Board to consider (when charging the new committee) putting together a group of citizens to come up with projects and help the Town prioritize. Hopefully, all different groups can buy into it. The Chair thanked Mr. Dick for his suggestions.

Bond Anticipation Notes-(BANs) Authorization-Vote-Finance Director Jennifer Mullen advised the Board in June 2020 the Town authorized \$750,000 in borrowing for the Lily Pond Residual Expansion Project and in June 2021 the Town borrowed \$450,000. This year the Town is borrowing the remaining \$300,000 along with an additional \$300,000 for the GAC filtration Plant Project. **Motion by Select Member Maher to authorize the borrowing of \$300,000 along with an additional \$300,000 for the GAC filtration Plant Project, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

License/Permits/Events-Split Rock Social-Request to open on Tuesday, July 4, 2023-**Motion by Select Member Grady to approve Split Rock Social located at 12 Parkway to open on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, from 12-9 p.m., seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Transient Vendor License-Zack's Ice Cream-**Motion by Select Member Grady to approve a transient vendor license for Ahmad Alkhatabih d/b/a Zack's Ice Cream until September 4, 2023, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Cohasset Kids Triathlon-Chief Quigley stated the application is complete. They have held the kid's triathlon in the past. All departments have signed off and a plan is in place. Applicant Bill Burnett stated this event is a passion of his and thanked the town for considering it. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the Cohasset Kids Triathlon on Saturday, July 29, 2023, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Old Salt House-Temporary Use of Kitchen-Applicant Ted Lubitz was present and stated their attorney submitted a letter. Chair Dippold advised the Board Attorney Quilty is requesting that the Olde Salt House use a temporary outdoor kitchen trailer until renovations have been complete with the indoor kitchen. The kitchen has been inspected and approved by the Board of Public Health, Fire and Building departments. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the request of Atlantica Operating, LLC dba Olde Salt House to utilize a kitchen trailer on the premises while renovations of the regular kitchen are being undertaken, or until further vote of the Select Board, subject to necessary inspections, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

July 2nd Fireworks/Overtime Request-Craig MacLellan-8 Rustic Drive advised the Board that he and others in the community have been working since the fall to see if the Town can put together a firework display on July 2nd off Sandy Beach. There is \$25,000 credit the Town has with a firework company since the 250th Celebration did not happen due to Covid. He stated that police and fire had been involved with the planning. Some of the money is there and they have been doing public fundraising. He is confident they can raise the money. Chief Quigley stated they had a traffic plan from 2017 that they plan to use since it worked well. They would consider offsite parking potentially at music circus, town hall etc. **Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the police/fire overtime for the July 2, 2023, fireworks contingent on fundraising for the fireworks, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Cohasset Historical District-Chairman of Historical Commission Jackie Dormitzer was present to discuss the potential of having a new Cohasset Historical District or add on to the current Cohasset Common Historic District. The goal would be to preserve the historical aspects and architectural in the village area. The first step would be to appoint a study committee. The CCHDC could do that. The Board had a brief discussion. The Board thanked Ms. Dormitzer. Chair Dippold advised the Board to think about this and they can discuss further at their goals meeting next week.

Zoning Bylaws-Discussion with Zoning Bylaw Working Group-Next steps-Tom Callahan and David Farrag were present on behalf of the Zoning Bylaw Working Group (ZBWG). Mr. Callahan thanked the Board for their support with the six articles that were passed at Annual Town Meeting. He asked that the membership be changed to 7 members. He stated they need some policy direction input on Housing Choice zoning and Harbor zoning. They are looking to bring forward some articles to Special Town Meeting. Some they are considering would be Article 2-Definitions, Article 3-Districts, Article 4-Uses, Article 5-Area & Dimensional Regs, Article 7-Parking and Article 15-ADU's. They discussed potential articles for 2024 ATM. They discussed public outreach plans. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

School Facilities Committee Appointment-Motion by Select Member Creighton to appoint Jason Earls to the School Facilities Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Long Term Financial Planning Committee-Change to smaller working group directed by the Town Manager-Vote-Chair Dippold reviewed a proposed draft for Cohasset Financial Planning. The document identifies several infrastructure items in need of repair, replacement or investment including roads & sidewalks, fields & recreation, police & fire, town hall and school facilities. The document directs Chris Senior to work with the Chair of the Select Board, School, Capital Budget, and Advisory Committee. Select Member Maher suggested they consider having the Chair or someone designated by the Chair. The group would come back to the Board on August 1st with a 10-page draft report of their recommendations with a final report on August 31st. They will give monthly updates in July and August. In September and October Mr. Senior will work with the Board and other stakeholders to engage in public outreach. **Motion by Select Member Grady to direct Chris Senior to put together a smaller working group and move forward as detailed in the memo, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board that road work will begin tomorrow on Doane Street next to Beechwood Ballfield and Church Street to the Scituate border. No on-street parking will be allowed during the construction. A Code Red call will be sent out to residents. Work continues the Beechwood Water Main project. The Main line work will be completed by the end of this week. The contractor will be transitioning water services to each house. Members of the fire department attended Nero's law training last Tuesday night. This will allow K-9's to be treated if injured in the line of duty. Mr. Senior advised the Board they are working on a campaign to increase awareness about Board/Committee openings.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Grady thanked Chris Senior and Justin Shrair for their work on the website for the Sidewalk Committee. Select Member Creighton thanked Chair Dippold for her work on the draft long term financial planning group. Select Member Maher requested a copy of the FY23 Select Board Goals. She also suggested that the Board set the date for Special Town Meeting soon. Chair Dippold thanked Mike Sardina and members of the Sidewalk Committee for all their work. Mr. Sardina had donated a lot of his time.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the minutes of 5/9/2023, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Jean Dippold-Aye, Paul Grady-Aye.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Healey Dippold, Chair