

**Town of Cohasset
Select Board FY24 Goals Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2023
91 Sohier Street-Willcutt Commons**

Select Board Members Present: Jean Healey Dippold, Chair

Paul Grady
Ellen Maher
Jack Creighton
Chris Plecs

Others Participating:

Christopher Senior, Town Manager
Michelle Leary, Assistant Town Manager
Jennifer Mullen, Finance Director

Chair Healey Dippold called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-None.

Capital Fund Transfers - ATM Michelle Leary explained the reason for the requested Transfer of Capital Funds. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the transfer of funds from ATM 2021 Article 9 project #3 DHS Air Handler of \$175,460 to project #10, Track Replacement, project #18 Salt Shed of \$40,000 to project #13 20-year Road Replacement and ATM 2022 Article 8, transfer funds from project #7 Annual Road Paving \$40,000 to project #6 4 WD 3yd Caterpillar Loader, seconded by Select Member Grady.** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

State Representative Joan Meschino and Senator Patrick O'Connor - Update- Representative Meschino and Senator O'Connor provided updates on the Commonwealth's FY24 Budget, Transportation, Roads and Sidewalks, MSBA, the Municipal Facilities Act and the Remote Voting status. They ended the update by stating that they both hold office hours and are always available for help.

FY24 Goals Meeting – Chair Healey Dippold gave a quick review of the Board's FY23 Goals. She asked each member what they would like to accomplish in FY24. The board discussed several topics including making a final decision on the Regional Sewer conversation, zoning reform, alternative sources of revenue for the town, Capital Budget and Long-Term Financing, and Community Engagement. Finance Director Mullen described a draft document she presented to Mr. Senior detailing finance options for future Select Board projects.

The Board agreed on the final three goals.

Goal 1: Capital & Financial Planning

- For Fall Town Meeting, pursue the following, including financing, relating to:
 - A roads and sidewalk plan, including deciding upon regional sewer;
 - A full scope fields and recreation project (tennis courts, Beechwood playground, Deer Hill field, and lacrosse wall);
 - A repair schedule, and initial repairs, as well opportunities relating to our Town Hall, police, and fire station; and

- A repair schedule, and initial repairs, for our schools as well as a feasibility study for our Middle/High School with certain guardrails.
- Pursue the above options in tandem with financial planning process as follows:
 - Finalize the above proposals in consultation from the respective committees (School Facilities, School Committee, Roads and Sidewalks, CPC, etc.), and the Select Board by the end of August;
 - Consult with the Advisory and Capital Budget Committee in late August/early September;
 - Hold public forums and engage in public outreach in September and October; and
 - Hold a Fall Town Meeting and election in mid-November.

Goal 2: Zoning Bylaw Reforms

- Continue to pursue zoning bylaw reform and prioritize such reforms, including the timing of such reforms to be brought before Fall or Annual Town Meeting
- Support the study of a new or enlarged historic district(s)

Goal 3: Community Engagement

- Support community events, including a Town parade and consider other events such as a Winter Carnival, Fourth of July Fireworks, a Town Hall Haunted House, or other options.
- The Select Board will also disseminate a monthly report on our activities.

Motion by Select Member Creighton to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Healey Dippold, Chair