

Select Board Minutes

June 20, 2023

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 20, 2023
41 Highland Avenue

Select Board Members Present: Jean Healey Dippold, Chair
Jack Creighton
Ellen Maher
Absent Chris Plecs, Paul Grady
Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

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

Pledge-Recited.

Chair Dippold asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation of the public body and the chair so declares and Exemption #6 to consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate. The motion was moved by Select Member Creighton, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:02 p.m.
The Board came out of Executive Session and into Open Session at 7:15 p.m.

Public Comment-None.

Boy Scout Commendation-Chair Dippold introduced Scout Paul Chapman. She read aloud a Commendation for his recent emergency first aid skills used during an incident at the RTF while he was volunteering. Select Member Creighton thanked Mr. Chapman and congratulated him on a job well done. Select Member Maher thanked Mr. Chapman personally. The person he aided was her husband. Chair Dippold thanked Mr. Chapman, as a mother of a younger scout, for setting a great example. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the Commendation for Paul Chapman as read, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

New Employee Introduction-Mr. Senior introduced new employees to the Board and gave a background of their experience. He introduced Alice Bellefontaine-Payroll & Benefits Specialist, Jake Ellis-Assistant Facilities Director, Jacqueline Mullahy-Assistant Assessor and Patty Smith-Services Assistant at Elder Affairs. The Board welcomed the new employees.

License/Permit/Events-July 2nd Fireworks Event Permit-Chief Quigley and resident Craig MacLellan were present. Mr. MacLellan advised the Board they have raised enough funds to pay for the fireworks. He thanked all the residents that donated. Chief Quigley advised the Board they have been meeting on a regular basis. They have a security plan and traffic plan. They will be advertising road closures. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the Fireworks on July 2, 2023, as presented, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Filming Request-Dark Echoes Paranormal Series-Town Hall-Matt Ryan from Dark Echo Productions advised the Board they are in the middle of production for a Paranormal Series for Amazon Prime. The series is set in New England as there is a rich and affluent history of famous Paranormal Hotspots and would like to use the Town Hall. They will work on any date that works for the town. They usually film between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Maher to approve the filming at a time and date determined by the Town Manager, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Extension of Covid Outdoor Service-Lenny's Hideaway-Owner Derek Burke advised the Board they are looking to extend their outdoor service under the Covid Extension until 4/2024 as they have over the last few years. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the Extension of Outdoor Services under Covid regulations, seconded by Select Member Maher.** Chief Quigley advised the Board that the applicant put a "tiki bar shed" on the property without permission or a permit. Mr. Burke advised the Board that the shed has been removed. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to amend his motion to include subject to building department approval, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote on amended motion; All aye.** Chair Dippold asked for a roll call vote on the original motion. **Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

2023-2024 Select Board Goals-Discussion-Chair Dippold advised the Board that they will not be voting on the goals tonight. She would prefer to vote at the next meeting when the full board is present. She asked if the Board had any edits or comments. Select Member Maher asked if they could add a goal of having Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting scheduled. This will help hold everyone accountable for a smooth warrant process. The Board agreed that Select Member will send language for a 4th goal to Chair Dippold for the next meeting.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board that Elder Affairs has received a grant for a new handicapped accessible van. They had been waiting for this for a long time. He thanked the staff and the Elder Affairs Board for working on this. Mr. Senior advised the Board that he was notified late this afternoon that there is a piping plover nest near Sandy Beach between Nichols Road and Atlantic Avenue. They will be meeting tomorrow with the State to see exactly what that means. He just wanted the Board to be aware and he will update everyone as soon as possible.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Creighton stated he has heard from residents around Howard Gleason Road along Atlantic Avenue down to the Sailing Club that traffic is going fast and creating a dangerous situation. They are looking to put speed bumps in the area. He reminded everyone to please slow down in the area. Select Member Maher gave a shout out to the High School Boys Lacrosse team. They are going to the State Championship this weekend. She reminded everyone that school is out, camps will be starting and there are lots of kids on bikes and out walking. She asked everyone to slow down. She is looking forward to the fireworks on July 2nd. It should be a great event. Chair Dippold thanked everyone in the community for raising money for the fireworks. The entire community will be able to enjoy the great event.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the minutes of 6/6/2023 and 6/13/2023, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.