

**Town of Cohasset  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 27, 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

**Chair Healey Dippold called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.**

**Pledge**-Recited.

**Public Comment**-None.

**License/Permits/Events** – Cohasset Sailing Club Launch Party – The town received an application for a One Day Liquor License for Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the One Day Liquor License for Saturday, July 28, 2023, 6:00pm–11:00pm, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Cape Cod Bay Challenge – Applicant Mike Chase described the event and answered parking questions from the Board. **Motion by Select Member Maher to approve the Cape Cod Bay Challenge Event Permit, Saturday August 19, 2023, 7am-9am, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

**2023-2024 Select Board Goals**- **Motion by Select Member Creighton to adopt the four proposed Select Board Goals, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

**Roads and Sidewalks Update**– Sidewalk Committee - This agenda item was moved from 7:30pm to 7:15pm because the previous topic finished early. Jay Pimpare, Sidewalk Committee Chair, 713 Jerusalem Road, provided a PowerPoint presentation on completed and future sidewalk projects. He described the new One Stop Grant Project that the committee applied for. The grant would be used for the Elm St. Corridor and to make the sidewalks throughout the town ADA accessible. The board asked questions about how and when the grant money could be used. Director of Public Works, Brian Joyce explained that typically the grant money has to be used for the exact projects that were described in the grant application and that the town should hear back by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023. He also described the plan and cost of paving the roads in Cohasset. The Sidewalk Committee requested that the board recommend a seven-member Sidewalk Committee. Chair Pimpare explained the difficulty they were facing to get a quorum with an eight-member board and wanted the Select Board to re-charge the committee to be a seven-member committee. He stated that there are currently seven members and felt this number would be much easier to get a quorum. Chair Healey Dippold explained that DPW Director, Brian Joyce, as a Cohasset resident can vote as an associate member. **Motion by Select Member Grady to accept the new charge of a seven-member sidewalk committee, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.** Sidewalk Chair Pimpare then described the proposed Elm Street Corridor plan. He stated that the committee voted to recommend the plan to the Select Board. Mike Sardina, 100 Pond St. provided history of the project as well as a presentation to

view the committee's recommendations. He gave a detailed description of the proposal. Select Member Grady stressed his concern about parking along Cove Road but overall liked the proposal. Select Member Creighton concurred with Select Member Grady. The board was impressed with the plan and thanked everyone who worked on it. Chair Healy Dippold also had concerns regarding Cove St. parking and asked about the timing of the project. Public Works Director, Brian Joyce recommended waiting for the grant money and to have the project shovel ready in early 2024.

Sewer Commission Update – Chair Healey Dippold started by asking about paving South Main Street. Sewer Commission Chair, Bill McGowan explained that they would want to include a sleeve in the road for future sewer lines. Mr. McGowan explained that sewerage South Main would help clean the gulf and that they should sewer the roads before paving. He then switched topics to explain a more monumental issue, which is the Sewer Plant membranes. He explained that the membranes were failing. The committee is looking for remedies and is also looking at legal action as many of the membranes are only two years old. If they fail, there is no remedy. Cohasset can send 120K gallons max to Hull, but the Cohasset plant is permitted to process 450K gallons per day. There is nowhere else to divert the flow. Mr. Joyce explained that the IMA with Hull will expire in 2028 and we should start the conversation now for the next IMA. He stated that we will always need the ability to send flow to Hull. The board discussed next steps and the need to secure the ARPA funding specifically for sewer. Mr. McGowan will keep the board updated on options. Mr. Joyce described a graphic that reflects the sewer/septic map of the Town. Chair Healey Dippold asked Mr. McGowan to keep the board updated on the membrane's status and capacity options. As far as South Main Street, Mr. Joyce stated he was in favor of paving but after the utilities are installed. Select Member Grady asked about regionalizing the treatment plants. Mr. Joyce said it would be a decision at the Town Meeting and that Phase 1 has been completed. He said the discussions have been going on between Hull, Hingham and Cohasset for the past six years.

Zoning Bylaw Reforms – Chair Healey Dippold recommended that they move this topic to be discussed after the Board/Committees topic. **Motion by Select Member Grady to move the topic, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Boards/Committees – Community Preservation Committee - Chair Healey Dippold asked Town Manager Senior to confirm the terms of the three available seats. Mr. Senior confirmed that there are a one-year, two-year and three-year term open. Chair Healey Dippold stated that they already interviewed all the other applicants except for Mr. Fernando and Mr. Russ Bonetti. Mr. Bonetti described his interest in being on the committee and the board asked him questions. **Motion by Select Member Grady to nominate Darin Souza to the three-year term, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote. All-aye. Motion by Select Member Grady to nominate Jenn Dial to the two-year term, seconded by Select Member Plecs. Roll Call Vote. All-aye. Motion by Select Member Maher to nominate Mr. Tom Reardon to the one-year term, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Zoning Board of Appeals - **Motion by Select Member Grady to have Woody Chittick continue on as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Conservation Commission – **Motion by Select Member Creighton to appoint Mr. Fernando to an associate Con Comm position, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Sidewalk Committee – **Motion by Select Member Grady to make Public Works Director, Brian Joyce an associate member with voting privileges if there is not a quorum, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Fence Viewer - **Motion by Select Member Creighton to appoint Annette Sawchuck and Glenn Pratt as Fence Viewers, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Board of Registrars – **Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Michelle Antico to the Board of Registrars, seconded by Select Member Maher. Roll Call Vote. All-aye.**

Zoning Bylaw Working Group – Chair Healey Dippold wanted to clarify that Michael Dickey does want to apply before proceeding with a vote. She also described the need for the board to provide guidance to the working group. Select Member Plecs recommended moving the discussion it to another meeting allowing for more time. Executive Assistant, Tracey Connors will compile questions from the board for the working group.

**Town Manager Update** – Mr. Senior provided an update on the July 2<sup>nd</sup> Fireworks. He discussed transportation options to the beach and the timing of the fireworks. Select Member Maher questioned why there was no accommodation for a drop off location for people who cannot take the bus due to physical limitations.

**Select Board Comments** – Select Member Plecs asked for an update on the speed bumps by the yacht club. Town Manager Senior stated that Brian Joyce was working on it.

Select Member Grady had the same question as Select Member Plecs. He also mentioned that he thought the meeting was very productive.

Select Member Creighton stated that he thought it was very clear that this board was starting to see real progress and that they were working very hard to get things done.

Select Member Maher had no comment tonight.

Chair Healey Dippold gave a shout out to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls Lacrosse team for becoming State Champions. Great Job!

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Healey Dippold, Chair