

Town of Cohasset  
Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday, July 26, 2022  
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

**Select Board Present:** Jack Creighton, Chair  
Jean Healey Dippold, Vice Chair  
Corey D. Evans  
Diane Kennedy  
Paul Grady

**Others Present:** Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Jean Healey Dippold-present, Diane Kennedy-present, Corey Evans-present, Paul Grady-present, Jack Creighton-present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-None

Licenses/Permits/Events-McCourt Foundation-Tour de South Shore-Chief Quigley advised the Board they met with the applicant, and everything is the same as last year. Each department has signed off and insurance has been provided. Applicant Joe Castellaneta advised the Board the route has not changed. They are requesting the Board consider waiving the event fee as they are a non-profit.

**Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the Tour de South Shore on September 25, 2022, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Motion by Select Member Kennedy to waive the event fee for the Tour de South Shore, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

St. Stephen’s Picnic-Chief Quigley stated the application is complete and signed off by all departments. This is an annual event. They are requesting the event fee be waived. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the St. Stephen’s Picnic on September 11, 2022, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Motion by Select Member Grady to waive the event fee for St. Stephen’s Picnic, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Local Official Bond-Town Clerk-Mr. Senior advised the Board they need to vote to set the amount of \$30,000 for a bond for the new town clerk Elisabeth Legge. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to authorize and set the amount of bond for the Town Clerk for \$30,000, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Investment Report 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter-Treasurer Collector Paula Linhares advised the Board that the Town’s investment returns are all negative for the quarter but remain positive for longer time periods. Investments are running close to their benchmarks. All investments are compliant with the Investment Policy Statement (IPS). Expendable Trusts investments are down 1.8% – 2.9% for the quarter & Calendar Y-T-D, up 2.7 – 4.4% for 1 year, up 4.3% - 6.3% for 3 years, up 3.3% - 5.2% for 5 years and up 3.6% - 4.5% since inception. Permanent Trust funds are down 3.0% for the quarter & Calendar

Y-T-D, up 5.8% for the year, up 8.4% for 3 years, up 7.3% for 5 years and up 7.2% since inception in September 2014.

Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) funds are down 2.4% - 6.6% for the quarter & Calendar Y-T-D, up 0.8% - 12.3% for the year, up 9.0% - 12.8% for 3 years, up 7.6% - 10.7% for 5 years and up 6.1% - 8.8% since inception in 2014. As of March 31, 2022, the Town has funds deposited or invested with nine (9) financial institutions. Vanguard is for Cohasset Library Trust funds exclusively. Hingham Savings is for Cohasset Library Trust and Town of Cohasset funds. Investment earnings (minus Cohasset Library Trust) for the quarter ending March 31, 2022, was a loss of \$595,000.95. **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter**- The Town's investment returns are all negative for the quarter and Calendar YTD but remain positive for longer time periods. In general, the expendable and permanent trusts are beating benchmarks in the short term and running a little behind in the long term. OPEB investments are running below their benchmarks in the short term and remain above their benchmarks in the long term. All investments are compliant with the Investment Policy Statement (IPS). Expendable Trusts investments are down 2.2% – 1.9% for the quarter, down 4.8% – 3.9% for Calendar Y-T-D, down 0.9% - up 0.6% for 1 year, up 3.0% - 4.9% for 3 years, up 2.7% -4.6% for 5 years and up 3.2% - 4.4% since inception. Permanent Trust funds are down 7.3% for the quarter, down 10.1% for Calendar Y-T-D, down 5.9% for the year, up 4.9% for 3 years, up 5.3% for 5 years and up 5.9% since inception in September 2014. Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) funds are down 11.3% - 8.6% for the quarter, down 17.2% - 10.8% for Calendar Y-T-D, down 15.3% - 3.8% for the year, up 3.5% - 8.3% for 3 years, up 4.5% - 8.0% for 5 years and up 4.3% - 7.4% since inception in 2014. As of June 30, 2022, the Town has funds deposited or invested with nine (9) financial institutions. Vanguard is for Cohasset Library Trust funds exclusively. Hingham Savings is for Cohasset Library Trust and Town of Cohasset funds. Investment earnings (minus Cohasset Library Trust) for the quarter ending June 30, 2022, was a loss of \$798,867.95. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

**Select Board FY23 Goals-Long Term Financial Planning**-Select Member Dippold stated at the last meeting they agreed to get the Chair and Vice Chair from Select Board, Advisory, Schools, Water, Sewer together and have a meeting to discuss Long Term Finance. That meeting will take place on Monday. Mike Dick has offered to facilitate the meeting. She has been working with Mr. Dick to come up with some ideas to discuss at the meeting to allow the group to move forward. **Fields & Courts**-Update-Select Member Dippold advised the Board they had a preliminary discussion with the Chair and Vice Chair of Recreation Commission. They had a good discussion, and the Recreation Commission will come back sometime in September with their feedback. **Roads & Sidewalks**-Chair Creighton stated there is a comprehensive study on roads and sidewalks on the town website. Select Member Evans asked the Board to review the draft charge for sidewalks that he wrote and send him any feedback. Select Member Dippold stated that they should have information about the cost of adding the sidewalks into the study by August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Board/Committee-Interviews & Appointments- Zoning Bylaw Committee**-**Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint David Farrag to the Zoning Bylaw Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Harbor Committee**-**Motion by Select Member Evans to**

appoint Sean Kenealy to the Harbor Committee as the Sailing Club Rep for a three-year term, and Eric Crews to the Harbor Committee as the Yacht Club Rep for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

Norfolk County Advisory Board-Motion by Select Member Dippold to appoint Diane Kennedy to the Norfolk County Advisory Board for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Metropolitan Area Planning Council-Motion by Select Member Dippold to appoint Lauren Lind as Representative and Corey Evans as Alternate Member to MAPC for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. South Shore Recycling Committee-Motion by Select Member Evans to appoint Merle Brown to the SSRC for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Alternative Energy Committee-Motion by Select Member Evans to re-appoint Tanya Bodell and Patricia Gooding and appoint Chris Oddleifson to Alternative Energy Committee for three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Affordable Housing Steering Committee-Motion by Select Member Dippold to re-appoint Beth Tarpey as CEA Rep, Paul Kierce as Full Member, Mary Hynes as Full Member and Susan Sardina as Housing Authority Rep for three-year terms, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Cohasset Common Historic District-Motion by Select Member Evans to appoint John Coffey to the Cohasset Common Historic District Commission as a District Resident for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Cohasset Cultural Council-Motion by Select Member Grady to re-appoint Kelly Basile (2<sup>nd</sup> term) and appoint John Jackson and Caitlin Reen to the Cohasset Cultural Council for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Conservation Commission-Motion by Select Member Dippold to re-appoint Will Ashton and Chris McIntyre as Full Member to the Conservation Commission for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Elder Affairs Board-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to re-appoint Richard Hynes and Elaine Coyne to Elder Affairs Board for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Cohasset Housing Authority-Motion by Select Member Dippold to re-appoint Virginia Najmi as Tenant Rep to the Cohasset Housing Authority, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Open Space & Recreation Committee-Motion by Select Member Evans to re-appoint Adam Norman as Citizen at Large, and John McMahon as Recreation Rep to the Open Space & Recreation Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Community Preservation Committee-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to re-appoint Maryann Wetherald to CPC as OSRC Rep for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye. Motion by Select Member Dippold to appoint Corey Evans as Select Board Rep to CPC for a two-year term, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

Veterans Waterfront Park-Veterans-Glenn Pratt reviewed his proposal to complete the walls at the Veterans Park by adding a new memorial wall with the names of nearly 325 men from Cohasset that served during the Revolution and the War of 1812. They are looking for the Select Board to approve the idea and allow them to move forward with plans and cost. **Motion by Select Member Grady to move ahead with the design phase for the Memorial as presented, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** Roll Call Vote; All aye.

Alternative Energy Committee-Update-Electric Charging Stations-Chair of AEC Tanya Bodell advised the Board that the AEC voted in favor to recommend fees that the Town should charge for EV Charging Stations to recover costs and disincentivize hoarding. **Third Party Solar Site**-Chair of AEC Tonya Bodell

stated the time is now for the Town to move forward with solar energy array. The details should be discussed in executive session. They like to know if the Town is interested in moving forward and seeking opportunities. **Residential Solar**-Chair of AEC Tonya Bodell stated the Energy Sage is offering information and education on their website for any resident that is interested. Chair Creighton expressed concern with the Town promoting Energy Sage as a third-party vendor. The Board asked that town counsel review.

**Electronic Minutes**-Chair Creighton stated there is no new information yet.

**Town Manager Update**-Mr. Senior advised everyone that the milling construction of Sohier Street is ongoing with the goal of wrapping up before school starts. There are police details onsite. There is information on the town website.

**Select Board Comments**-Select Member Dippold reminded everyone that there will be a Select Board meeting on Tuesday with the one topic of Zoning. Select Member Evans reminded everyone that the State Primary is coming up and the vote by mail applications went out last week for Early Voting which starts August 27<sup>th</sup>. Select Member Kennedy asked for a list of openings for boards/committees for next week. She asked if the events that are happening in town can be uploaded to the town website calendar. She also would like the Board to discuss when/if they will be going to in-person meetings or hybrid. Chair Creighton reminded everyone to pay attention to Zoning and tune in to the meeting on Tuesday.

**Motion by Select Member Grady to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Creighton, Chair

**Documents**

- Tour de South Shore Application
- St. Stephen's Application
- Bond-Town Clerk
- Investment Report
- Board/Committee Applications
- Veteran's Park Proposal
- AEC Projects