

**Cohasset Select Board Meeting  
Tuesday August 2, 2022  
91 Sohier Street-Willcutt Commons  
Hybrid Meeting – 143TV and Zoom**

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

**Others Participating:** Christopher Senior, Town Manager  
Carolyn Murray, KP Law  
Hon. Judith C. Cutler (Ret.), KP Law

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Pledge-Recited.

**Joint Meeting with the Zoning Bylaw Committee**- Zoning Bylaw Chair Tom Callahan expressed his desire for a full board of seven members they currently only have five. Chair Callahan discussed the history of the committee and what has been happening over the past 2 years during Covid. He described where they were in the process of writing the bylaws. He stated that the previous assumption was the committee would be done by the Spring of 2023. The committee has been researching and comparing other town bylaws and are ready to, in partnership with the legal team, re-write the bylaws. The Select Board discussed the importance of public outreach to inform the constituents on their recommendations and what will be brought to Town Meeting. Select Member Evans expressed the importance of gaining the public’s trust and that the Select Board was only there as advisory to the committee, Town Meeting would make all the decisions. He stressed that if they didn’t gain their trust this time, it could take years to get this done. Vice-Chair Dippold and Select Board Kennedy expressed the need to show the public that the Select Board supports the decisions being brought forth to Town Meeting. Town Planner Lauren Lind stated that she needed clarification on “Next Steps and Logistics”. Carolyn Murray of KP Law discussed her thoughts on the role of counsel in this process and introduced Hon. Judge Cutler. Hon. Judge Cutler recommended a 4-phase approach, audit, diagnostic’s, drafting and Town Meeting that was described in the KP Scope of Work proposal. Chairman Callahan reaffirmed that much of the work has already been completed and he didn’t want to reinvent the wheel. Judge Cutler said that they will typically not jump into a situation where the committee has already made decisions. She recommended that Counsel complete all four phases of their proposal. Vice-Chair Dippold recommended topic specific public forums throughout the fall and that they work with Town Manager Christopher Senior and Communication Specialist Justin Shrair to come up with plans that would keep the public updated on all Bylaw recommendations and changes so that there is public buy in. She recommended that they continue the conversation on how to communicate each topic with the public. Zoning Bylaw Committee member, Tom Callahan and Town Planner Lauren Lind will come up with a list of topics for Town Manager Chris Senior. It was decided that they would skip fall Town Meeting so that KP Law could work concurrently with the Bylaw Committee to prepare for Spring Town Meeting. Town Manager Chris Senior will put together an action plan for a public outreach schedule in conjunction with the list of topics by the end of August. **Motion by Vice-Chair Dippold to approve KP Law Scope of Work, completing all four phases**

## Select Board Minutes

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with a budgetary check in after phase 2, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.  
Zoning Bylaw Committee. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Motion by Select Member Evans to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Creighton, Chair