

Select Board Minutes

September 13, 2022

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
Via Zoom

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

Others Present: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chairman Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Pledge-Recited.

Chair Creighton asked for a motion to go into Executive Session Exemption #6-To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and the Chair so declares. The Board will receive an update on a new potential property acquisition. Motion moved by Select Member Evans, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:10 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:32 p.m.

Public Comment-None.

Town Hall Building Committee-RFP for temporary Town Hall-Assistant Town Manager Michelle Leary advised the Board they need to initiate an RFP for a temporary workspace for town hall employees. They will first have to work out how much space is needed and if it will be short-term or long-term. The issue with the elevator being out of service has moved this to the forefront. As of today, the elevator company said they could possibly start setting up the site in 3 weeks however they will have a big work area with equipment and scaffolding and it will affect town hall operations. They may need to hold off on the elevator work until they issue the RFP. The Board had a brief discussion and asked Mrs. Leary to draft the RFP and bring it back to the Board.

Select Board FY23 Goals-Long-Term Financial Planning-Update-Select Member Dippold stated the committee met last night and discussed getting some information on large, anticipated expenses for projects from the Sewer Commission for the next 5-10 years. School Committee Member Craig McLellan gave an update on the school facilities project what the timeline/process looks like. Chairman of Advisory Rob Hillman and Chairman of Capital Budget Brian Host are gathering information on the Town's debt load. Once the new Finance Director is on board they can dig deeper. They haven't scheduled the next meeting, but it would probably be in October. Select Member Kennedy asked if the Board could get an updated from the School Facilities Committee. **Appointments-Motion by Select Member Dippold to appoint William McGowan and Chris Plecs to the Cohasset Financial Planning Committee until December 31, 2023, as well as any other member previously appointed, seconded by Select Member Grady.** Select Member Evans asked if Chris Plecs was being appointed as a Citizen at Large or as a

Representative from the Planning Board. He stated if he is being appointed as a Citizen at Large they should expand the search to include those who have worked on this effort previously. Motion by Select Member Evans to make appointments separately. Motion was not seconded. **Roll Call Vote; Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Grady-Aye, Jean Healey Dippold-Aye, Jack Creighton-Aye. Corey Evans abstained from the vote.**

Zoning Bylaw Committee-Update-Planning Director Lauren Lind stated the committee met yesterday and agreed to a schedule for the remainder of the year. They will meet two times a month and have one public forum per month. The intent is to highlight known zoning opportunities & challenges, educate the public, and listen and gather input. The in-person forums will be on three Mondays throughout the fall with a focus on specific theme & related zoning matters. They will include a third-party moderator to facilitate the Q & A. The three forum topics will be Cohasset Harbor & Village, Housing, and Climate & Resiliency. Communication Specialist Justin Shrair gave an overview of proposed public outreach which includes social media, lawn signs, interviews with WATD, Cohasset Anchor, and Patriot Ledger.

Eagle Scout Project-Troop 28 Eagle Scout Aydin Tiryaki presented his proposed Solar-Powered Phone Charging Station. The station will be mounted on a bench at the Cohasset Library parking lot near the basketball court and another at Milliken Field. The Board discussed the project. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the Eagle Scout Project for Solar-Powered Phone Charging Stations as presented, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Coyote Report-Police Chief Quigley and Animal Control Officer Josh Kimball were present and reported that there were 4 Coyote encounters since August 20th. Most were with dogs that were off leash. They discussed ways for people and their pets to stay safe. The Board had a brief discussion.

Red Lion Inn-Extension of Hours-The Select Board will postpone this agenda item until a representative from RLI is available to attend a meeting.

CPC Appointment-Historical Representative-Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Merle Brown to CPC as Historical Representative for an unexpired term until June 30, 2023, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

Select Board FY24 Budget Message-Mr. Senior stated he sent a sample budget message to the Chair and Vice Chair. After some discussion Chair Creighton asked Select Members Dippold and Kennedy to work on a draft and bring it back to the Board.

Open Special Town Meeting Warrant-Mr. Senior advised the Board there is a group of residents on King Street that are working on a Citizen's Petition and have not had a chance to meet with town counsel yet. After discussing the Board decided to hold off on opening the STM Warrant until the next meeting on September 20th and the deadline for Citizen's Petitions will be extended until September 27th.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 8/23/2022 & 8/30/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board that the Sohier Street paving project is complete, the work on Pond Street should be wrapping up and the repaving will take place in the spring. National

Grid did some night work last week on North Main Street. They did not have permission to do night work and it will not happen again. This work should be finished in a couple of weeks. The Beechwood Water Main project contract is being finalized, the work should start over the next couple of weeks and the repaving of that will also be next spring. The repairs to the Parker Ave boat ramp will begin on November 1st and should be done by the spring.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Kennedy stated the emergency call box was installed at Black Rock Beach and thanked everyone that was involved in making it happen. Select Member Evans asked if the Board can get an update from the School Facilities Committee at an upcoming meeting. The end of summer is Sunday and J.J.'s ice cream is closing. Select Member Dippold reminded everyone that Saturday is the Cohasset Virtual Cleanup which is sponsored by the Open Space & Recreation Committee. Select Member Grady gave a shoutout to Jay Bertovich for a recent cleanup. He asked if the Town requires businesses owner to clean up their area or if they could come up with a way to get volunteers. Chair Creighton stated all the work boards and committees do is a source of great pride for Cohasset.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Creighton, Chair

Documents

Zoning Bylaw Schedule
Eagle Scout Project
Red Lion Inn Schedule
Minutes