

Select Board Minutes

September 20, 2022

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 20, 2022
Via Zoom

Select Board Members Present: Jack Creighton, Chair
Jean Healey Dippold
Corey D. Evans
Paul Grady
Select Members Absent: Diane Kennedy
Others Present: Michelle Leary, Assistant Town Manager

Chairman Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Present, Jean Healey Dippold-Present, Paul Grady-Present, Jack Creighton-Present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-None.

Select Board FY23 Goals-Roads & Sidewalks-Sidewalk Proposal-Director of DPW Brian Joyce reviewed the Sidewalk & Curb Ramp Inventory & Assessment from TEC. The proposal is for an on-the-ground inventory and assessment of pedestrian infrastructure to include all sidewalk and curb ramps adjacent to various municipally owned roadways for a cost of \$28,500. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

Motion by Select Member Evans to approve funding for sidewalk assessment by TEC for \$28,500., seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye. The Board agreed to have Select Members Evans and Dippold to come back to the Board with a proposal for a sidewalk subcommittee charge for approval and next steps. Mr. Joyce reviewed road paving schedule. He reported that they met their target of paving this year. There was a piece of Jerusalem Road that was paved, Sohier and Beach Street in entirety. Next year the short list includes Mill Lane, Smith Place, part of Cushing Road, Margin Street, Atlantic Avenue, Elm Street, and part of Beechwood Street.

Website-Update-Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Justin Shrair gave an overview of the redesigned website. The website is up and running however, they are still making changes and updates on a regular basis. He and Town Manager Senior met with a CRM and are hoping to make a decision on that over the next month or two. Library Director Meaghan James reviewed some of the updates to the website that allow for easier searching capability. Select Member Dippold suggested the Board have a longer discussion on the CRM funding and logistics.

Proposed Navigation Bylaw-Chair Creighton advised the Board that tonight they are not discussing the Navigation Bylaw. They are simply alerting the Select Board and community of some developments going on and to see if the Board is in favor of having a community wide discussion on the proposal. The proposal is to extend some type of legal jurisdiction over Scituate waters. The Harbor Committee and Harbor Governance Committee has discussed this proposal and they are recommending moving forward on this. **Motion by Select Member Evans to endorse the process and schedule a public meeting on the proposed Navigation Bylaw, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Proposed Local Initiative Project (502 N. Main St.)-Chairman of Affordable Housing Steering Committee Paul Kierce was present and advised the Board the AHSC supports this project. Select Member Dippold stated this development concept would require a Local Initiative Program application through DHCD in partnership with the Town and property owner as co-applicants. If the Town were to proceed as a co-applicant and the proposal were to pass DHCD's program eligibility review, the project would then proceed at the local level through the Zoning Board of Appeals with a comprehensive permit application. Owner of 502 N. Main Street Michael Ahern advised the Board they believe this project will benefit the Town of Cohasset, as it will grant 100% of the rental units to be considered toward the 10% affordable housing requirement. It will also be allocated into the proposed New Multifamily Zoning Requirements for the MBTA Communities. The Board will schedule a formal presentation with the proponent, Planning Director Lauren Lind, and the Affordable Housing Steering Committee.

Open Special Town Meeting Warrant-**Motion by Select Member Dippold to open the warrant for Special Town Meeting on December 12, 2022, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.** Select Member Dippold reminded everyone the deadline for the submittal of Citizen's Petitions is September 27th at the close of business.

Proposed Warrant Articles-Asst. Town Manager Leary reviewed the current draft of the Special Town Meeting Warrant. There are currently 16 articles. Select Member Evans asked that the article for PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Acceptance. Ms. Leary stated the deadline for Capital Requests is September 29th.

Hybrid or Remote Select Board Meetings-The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Dippold that the Select Board meetings for the foreseeable future are in person with a hybrid option, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the minutes of 9/13/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote, All aye.**

Select Board Comments-Select Member Evans stated the Department of Public Health has announced they are hosting three Flu Clinics in October. Select Member Dippold thanked everyone that participated in the Virtual Clean-Up on Saturday. Select Member Grady acknowledged the woman on Doane Street that cleaned up the weeds and the playground.

Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 hrs-Select Member Dippold stated the Town Clerk has requested a reduction of in-person early voting hours per The Votes Act of 2022. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Evans to adopt the schedule for In-Person Early Voting Hours as submitted by the Town Clerk, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Nay, Jean Healey Dippold-Nay, Paul Grady-Aye, Jack Creighton-Abstain.** Motion failed.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Creighton, Chair

Documents

TEC Sidewalk Proposal
Minutes 9/13/2022