

**Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 18, 2022
91 Sohier Street-Willcutt Commons**

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

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-None.

Warrant for 2022 State Election-November 8, 2022-**Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve and sign the Warrant for the 2022 State Election on November 8, 2022, seconded by Select Member Kennedy.** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Approval of Police Detail for the Election-**Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the police detail for the November 8, 2022, Election, seconded by Select Member Dippold.**
The vote was unanimous (5-0).

MBTA Advisory Committee-**Motion by Select Member Grady to appoint Corey Evans to the MBTA Advisory Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** Vote was unanimous (5-0).

Long-Range Finance Committee-**Motion by Select Member Dippold to appoint Diane Kennedy to the Long-Range Finance Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Grady.** Vote was unanimous (5-0).

Select Board FY23 Goals-Fields & Courts-Review of Updated Proposal-Ms. Leary advised the Board the field study included looking at every field and town owned parcel as well as other options for additional field space. They looked at Deer Hill and Osgood but they both have challenges. They also looked into two privately owned parcels but due to the overall price tag it was not considered advantageous. The best fit for the Town would be Milliken Field. Milliken Field offers the most to the community at the lowest cost. The expansion of Milliken would include adding three (3) additional tennis courts totaling eight (8), adding four (4) pickle balls courts, a rectangular field, adding sixty-five parking spots, a lacrosse/sports wall, improved drainage, hydration station, restrooms, concessions, bike racks, trash and recycling receptacles, flagpole, and concrete walkways. This price would be \$6-7 million. This would be the first phase of the project. They would have the option of a second phase which would include installing turf on the (3) rectangular and baseball fields. This price would be \$4-\$4.75 million. The library playground needs \$11,000 in repairs and the Beechwood playground needs \$30,000 in repairs or \$120,000-\$180,000 for a redesign. The recommendation would be to vote for a feasibility study and

construction docs, have a public forum, meet with Recreation & Open Space & Recreation Committees, Capital, CPC, Advisory and Select Board. They would then ask at Special Town Meeting for \$322,500. The Board had a lengthy discussion. They discussed meeting with key stakeholders.

Roads & Sidewalks-Paving Schedule/Funding-Director of DPW Brian Joyce reviewed the roads to be paved next year. He is waiting on a meeting with MASS Dot to discuss improvements on Route 3A from the T Station to Stop & Shop Plaza including pedestrian and bicycles improvements. The sidewalk study is underway. The report should be ready mid-November. He discussed money from National Grid which will be used on Beechwood and Pond Street. The board discussed the different types of curbing for sidewalks. They discussed Margin Street and resiliency and whether it should be paved and not completely raised and rebuilt. Mr. Joyce stated the road needs to be paved. To raise and rebuild the street is a much longer and expensive project. Select Member Dippold stated the Town needs to start discussion a resiliency plan and funding.

Resiliency Coordinator-Vote to Approve position and allocate funding-Mr. Senior stated the job description is ready. He has not reviewed the edits but, it should be fine. The position is a one-year contract at \$60,000 a year. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to reallocate \$60,000 from ARPA funds including repurposing \$25,000 (from sustainability) for the Resiliency Coordinator to work on grants and resiliency initiatives for a one-year contract, seconded by Select Member Grady.** The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Special Town Meeting Articles-Review and Place Articles on Warrant

Motion by Select Member Evans to place Article #1-Amendments to Fiscal 2023 Operating Budget on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Kennedy to place Article #2-Unpaid Bills from the Previous Fiscal Year on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Evans to place Article #3-Stabilization Funds on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Evans to place Article #4-Allocation of Funds for One-Time Costs on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Evans to place Article #5-Capital Improvements Projects on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Kennedy to place Article #6-Community Preservation Committee on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Evans to place Article #7-Creation of Revolving Fund for Public Health Programs on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Grady. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Grady to place Article #8-Transfer of funds received from the National Opioid Settlement on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Kennedy.
The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Grady to place Article #9-Authorization for the Select Board to Adopt Shellfish Regulations on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Grady to place Article #10-Easement from First Parish Church to Access Town Clock on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Evans. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Dippold to place Article #12-Public Safety Communications Tower on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Grady to place Article #13-Removal of Cohasset Police Department from Civil Service on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Dippold. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Motion by Select Member Kennedy to place Article #14-Contract Extensions for Cell Antennas at the Water Department on the Warrant for STM, seconded by Select Member Dippold. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior stated the Advisory Committee will be meeting tomorrow and reviewing the Warrant, Capital Budget and CPC will meet next week and review articles. The warrant is going to print on November 1st. He asked the Board if they would consider meeting at the library next week. It is a smaller room, and they could use the Owl System which may work out better. The Board agreed.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Dippold stated the Select Board should consider adopting some or all of the proposed Navigational Bylaw. She thinks the Board should have a discussion. The Zoning Bylaw forum last night was great. She thanked everyone that attended and planned it. Select Member Kennedy also thanked everyone that participated in last night's forum. Tom Callahan did a great job. Select Member Evans thanked everyone that showed up and help make the forum happen. He suggested the Board think about how to communicate to people what to expect at the meeting so that they have a better understanding and come prepared with their questions. Chair Creighton stated the Select Board should take credit for last night's successful forum. The Board made the decision to use its own counsel instead of paying for additional attorneys.

Topics not reasonably anticipated within 24hrs

Chair Creighton stated the public meeting scheduled for Citizen's Petitions for Thursday does not make sense right now. The meeting should be canceled. **Motion by Select Member Evans to cancel the Citizen's Petition public forum on Thursday, 10/20/2022, seconded Select Member Kennedy.** Select Member Dippold stated the Board will have some type of discussion on the petitions. The Select Board should decide if they want to sponsor a warrant article. Select Member Evans stated the two topics on the public forum agenda will be rescheduled. The vote was unanimous (5-0).

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Creighton, Chair

Documents

Warrant for 2022 Election

Field & Court

Draft STM Warrant