

Select Board Minutes

March 29, 2022

Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

Select Board Present: Corey Evans-Vice Chairperson
Diane Kennedy
Jean Healey Dippold
Jack Creighton

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Vice Chairperson Evans called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and asked for a Roll Call Vote. All present.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comment-Kellie Lynch-Balance Studio-Flags for sale proceeds to Global Empowerment -Ukraine on town common.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 3/22/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Nay

RFQ Update-American Legion-Procurement/Contracts Manager Michelle Leary stated the RFQ has been advertised. The lease is for 25 years. Has been working with Joe Hamilton of the American Legion to capture what the Legion needs. Advised for 30 days? Jean is there parking spots.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Red Lion Inn-Extension of Hours-Vice Chairperson Evans stated the RLI has previously applied and was granted this extension.

MBTA Zoning Letter-Approval to Sign-Planning/Zoning Director Lauren Lind reviewed the updated letter which includes comments/concerns from Select Board Members. Katie Dugan-100 Black Road Road

Motion by Select Member Dippold, seconded Select Member Kennedy to adopt and sign all aye

FY22 Budget Update-Finance Director Don Piatt stated the Overall the General Fund, Sewer Fund and Water Funds are in good shape. General Fund: Revenues – 77.7% of budget collected through 2/28/2022. Local Receipts are at 92.2% of budget collected. This is primarily due to better than expected results to date in Motor Vehicle Excise (91.9%), Meals/Rooms Tax (99.7%) and Licenses &

Permits (98.5%). Year over year, local receipts are up approximately \$484,000 or 18.1% and are driven by the revenue sources noted above. Motor Vehicle Excise, Meals/Rooms Tax and Licenses & Permits revenue collections are up compared to the prior year by approximately \$181,000 (14.7%), \$59,000 (62%) and \$231,000 (59.8%), respectively. Expenditures – 62.9% of budget expended through 2/28/2022. Due to weather conditions this winter the snow and ice budget reports year-to-date expenditures of \$152,000 which is approximately \$25,000 over budget. Through today 3/24/2022, the budget deficit is at almost \$178,000. There have been no draws against the advisory committee reserve fund to date which has a balance of \$243,547 remaining. This reserve fund balance can help the Town cover the deficit as we start to close out the year in June. No other significant issues noted within the departmental budgets. Sewer Fund: Revenues – 74.0% of budget collected through 2/28/2022. Usage and connection fees were at 68.4% and 257.8% received, respectively. Sewer fund revenue was down 10.9% compared to the prior year. The decrease is primarily due to the Sewer Commission no longer billing for grinder pump maintenance since the release of ownership last year and the timing of a sewer betterment payoff of \$42,236 during the first two months of Fiscal Year 2021. Expenditures – 76.7% of budget expended through 2/28/2022. General expenses are at 60.5% of budget. Water Fund: Revenues – 77.9% of budget collected through 2/28/2022. Usage and connection fees were at 76.1% and 375.5% received, respectively. Expenditures – 71.6% of budget expended through 2/28/2022. General expenses are at 52.2% of budget.

ARPA Funding-Paul Pratt Memorial Library Roof-Vote to Approve-Chris Senior advised the Board that CPC is scheduling a meeting on Monday and will discuss this proposal. If they are unable to fund or fully fund it will come back to the Board.

Scituate Sewer Connection-Update and Vote on Framework-motion jean to enter into agreement
seconded diane. Roll call vote all aye

Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review and Vote Articles-Article #15-Transfer of Land to the Affordable Housing Trust-motion to recommend to ATM by diane, seconded by Creighton all aye

Article #18-Expansion of Sewer District to Include Cook Estate-Motion to recommend Article #18 to ATM by diane, jean all aye

Article #19-Remote Participation for Town Meetings-motion to recommend article to atm by jean, diane all aye

Town Manger Update-Chris warrant coming along smoothly. There was a proposal to put an article on the warrant regarding proclamations. Usually Article #1. Chris will draft up an article and bring back to board.

Select Board Comments-jack -nice to see town moving forward and cleaning up the harbor. sB is addressing this. Good that we are finally at spring time and live in this beautiful town. Work together cooperatively.

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Diane – stickers are available now. This thurs and next thurs senior day in person stickers per chris. Otherwise they are done online or drop off. No in person.

Jean-form online is 2021 have that updated.

Diane cannot make meeting Thursday she will watch meeting and tomorrow advisory. Coh road race Sunday.

Jean-road race Sunday you can still sign up . future agenda continue to have parking constraints in the village. Great new restaurants. Sooner than later to accommodate restaurants. And traffic issues on sohier street. Norfolk reg deeds meeting.

Corey – Thursday 3 things on agenda. Advisory will be listing to cb and cpc tomorrow. Just school budget.

Motion to adjourn diane, jack all aye

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