

Select Board Minutes

June 7, 2022

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

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

Absent: Diane Kennedy

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair Creighton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and asked for a Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Present, Jean Healey Dippold-Present, Paul Grady-Present, Jack Creighton-Present.

Pledge-Recited.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Cohasset Triathlon-Update-Chief Quigley gave the board an update on the road closures and public safety staff. Event Organizer Bill Burnett gave an overview of the event. The event starts at 7:45 a.m. and usually ends by 10:45 a.m. They are requested that the Transfer Station be closed until 11 a.m. the day of the race (June 26th).

Cohasset Farmers Market-Entertainment License-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the entertainment license for the Cohasset Farmer's Market 2022 season, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

South Shore Habitat for Humanity, Inc.-808 Jerusalem Road-Director of Project Development Noreen Browne was present and requested that the Select Board waive any application fees or permits fees including water and sewer. Chair Creighton advised Ms. Browne that water and sewer fees are not under the Select Board purview. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to waive the application and permit fees required for the construction of homes at 808 Jerusalem Road as requested by South Shore Habitat for Humanity's application, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

FY23 Select Board Goals-Overview-Chair Creighton stated the Select Board met last night for a very productive, cooperative goals meeting. Select Member Dippold stated she took notes, and she will review the goals she came up with and asked if anyone had changes, they could incorporate them. **Goal #1:** Continue communication and engagement efforts, including through 1) an updated, more functional, and comprehensive website that also has a CRM system to address resident inquires, and 2) specific communications campaigns for the Select Board's below priorities. **Goal #2:** Continue work on zoning reform and provide legal, technical, and communication resources to bring forth proposed bylaws for the 2023 ATM. **Goal #3:** Secure funding for certain infrastructure projects this fall while simultaneously working on long-term financial and capital planning through a group appointed by the Select Board. The Board had a brief discussion. Mr. Senior will talk with staff and create some actions items based on the goals with deadlines and come back to the Board for discussion and a vote on June 21st.

Parking Fines-Updates & Increase-Chief Quigley is requesting that the Board consider updating and increasing all fines for illegal parking in Cohasset except for handicapped and hydrant violations. Chief Quigley also asked the Board to review a memo he sent to the Board regarding a proposed new parking regulation to help with unregistered vehicles, uninspected vehicles, vehicles more than 40 feet and detached trailers. He is not asking for approval on this tonight. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the request for increasing all fines for illegal parking except for handicapped and hydrant violations as presented by the Chief, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** The Board asked the Chief to follow up with counsel to see what the maximum fine is allowed. The Chief agreed to look into.

Alternative Energy Committee-Electric Bus Proposal-Chairperson of AEC Tonya Bodell advised the Board the Town has two opportunities; Electric School Bus Demonstration Project which is a grant sponsored by MassCEC with Enel X. This would allow the town to lease or own one (1) electric school bus for 5 or 7 years. They are presenting final offers to the School Committee on 6/8/2022. If the SC decides to proceed it would go to the Select Board, Advisory and Capital Planning to answer any questions. They are hoping for a final decision before July 1st. The other opportunity is Simplifying Solar with Energy Sage which has federal incentives for solar ratchet down at the end of the year, Energy Sage offers information and education to residents to simplify the solar decision, including competitive price offers from multiple vendors. They also work with towns to customize a webpage to allow for education and competitive bids for solar projects.

Request of Use of ARPA Funds-Coastal Resilience Flood Modeling-Director of Planning & Zoning Lauren Lind stated they are requesting to use up to \$45,000 for Coastal Resilience Flood Modeling. They are looking to partner with Woods Hold Group. This modeling will serve as a foundational data for subsequent phasing of coastal resilience analysis that the Town will be applying for up to \$200,000 through a CZM Coastal Resilience grant for FY23. The assessment will include future flooding, development of resiliency strategies for critical wastewater infrastructure and regional coastal-inland flood resiliency strategies. The focus areas are James Brook watershed/Cohasset Cove. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve an amount not to exceed \$45,000 of ARPA Funds for Coastal Resilience Flood Modeling as requested, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Board/Committee-Openings-Outreach-Chair Creighton stated the Board received a list of openings for board/committee appointments. Each board/committee Chair has been notified by email about current openings. He asked that information be put on the town's website as well as social media. He asked Select Board members to encourage residents to apply to open positions.

FY23 Select Board Schedule of Meetings-The Board reviewed the proposed schedule. Mr. Creighton advised the Board if needed they can change some of the dates. Select Member Dippold added that they hope to put in updates on agendas so that board/committees have an idea of when they will be appearing. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to adopt the proposed FY23 Cohasset Select Board schedule of meetings understanding that they will have to set the Fall STM, ATM and Election at a later date, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

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Town Manager's Update-Renewal of Verizon Cable Contract-Discussion-Mr. Senior advised the Board that the Verizon's 5-year contract will be expiring in 2025 and they are looking to get another 5-year contract approved. They need to hire counsel to start the process. The Town has used Attorney William Solomon for the last contract and Cohasset 143TV has paid for it. The Board agreed that Mr. Senior should reach out to the attorney and bring a contract back to the Board for approval.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Grady thanked the people that elected him. He believes they have a good board that will keep moving the ball forward and get things done. Select Member Dippold stated the Board had a great goal meeting last night. The Board seems unified on their vision for Cohasset. She congratulated the Class of 2022 that graduated last weekend. Select Member Evans stated there was a great Safe Harbor event today. It was their fifth-year celebration. It is amazing how much great work they have gotten done. The basis of Safe Harbor is substance abuse, but it is much more than that. It is about overall mental health. Chair Creighton stated it is an honor to serve the Town as Chair. The Board is committed to working together to achieve their goals.

Motion by Select Member Dippold 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