

Select Board Minutes

June 21, 2022

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

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

Others Present: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair Jack Creighton called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Roll Call Vote; All present.

Chair Creighton asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will receive an update on the Bound Brook matter. Motion moved by Select Member Evans, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:34 p.m.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:09 p.m.

Pledge-Recited.

Public Comments-None.

Discussion of Select Board Meetings broadcast, and recording-Chair Creighton stated the Board had their Select Board Goals meeting and it was recorded and should have been posted on the website the next day. That did not happen, and he has spoken to the town manager and there were technical reasons this did not happen, and he was assured it wouldn't happen again. The recording is now available.

Town Website-Update-Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Justin Shrair stated the Town's Facebook page, and the Police Facebook page are now both verified, which gives the Town increased credibility. The town website is in the process of being refreshed and redesigned. It will be easier to use and navigate and integrate a CRM platform. They will be meeting on Thursday with Civics Plus and will come back to the Board at the next meeting with a much more detailed plan with deadlines. The Town also has an official news blog Cohassetmanews.com. The Board had a brief discussion and looks forward to the update on July 12th.

FY23 Select Board Goals-The Board discussed the goals. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the goals as presented in the packet with the additional bullet point of "to include a customer relations management system to address inbound resident inquiries" and to strike "through a group appointed by the Select Board" at the end of Goal #3. Motion seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Infrastructure Items-Discussion of Roads and Sidewalks-Director of Public Works-Brian Joyce advised the Board there is 37 miles of public roads and 13 miles of private roads in town with a goal to pave every 20 years, which is a reasonable lifespan for a road. That equals about 1 ½ to 2 miles of road a year which costs about \$600,000-\$800,000 due to the cost of increase materials. Sidewalks are roughly \$1 million a mile. These roads are prioritized on age, condition, and importance. There is also coordination with utility companies. He discussed road moratoriums on opening roads after they are completed. He reviewed the short list of paving. Chair of Capital Budget Brian Host ask for clarification on the cost per mile. He stated Capital was contributing \$300,000 annually assuming the \$600,000 was for two miles not one. Chair Creighton suggested Brian Joyce and Brian Host discuss this offline to come up with more concrete numbers. Mr. Joyce reminded the Board the road assessment should be finalized by the consultant in late July. **Elm Street**-The Board discussed what the next steps should be. They agreed Elm Street Working Group should meet again and come back to the Select Board with a recommendation including the priorities of the town. Tom Callahan 35 Hillside Drive and Chair of the Planning Board stated the idea of a redesign of the triangle was a decision of the Planning Board not the developer. It was a decision to help make that area more accessible and attractive. Cassie Malatesta-155 Sohier Street and member of MPIC and Zoning Bylaw added the groups felt as though some of their reports fell on deaf ears. They do need communication and support from Boards. **Field Study**-Select Member Dippold stated the Field Study has been available for weeks now on the town website. There was a working group meeting that everyone was invited to where Activitas presented different options. After hearing from stakeholders, they decided they should focus on the tennis and pickleball courts at Milliken, as well as looking at Deer Hill. Michelle Leary is working with Activitas to see if it is possible for another field at Deer Hill. **Town Hall**-Select Member Dippold stated they are waiting on an update from the Construction Manager at Risk. Her concern is that they may not have that information until August.

Long-term Capital Planning/Financing Committee-Select Member Kennedy stated they should invite Advisory and Capital Budget in for these discussions. Select Member Dippold stated the point of this agenda item is to figure out is this something that they should be discussing with Advisory, Capital and the schools. Chair Creighton will discuss with Chris Senior next steps. Brian Host-29 Heather Drive and Chair of Capital Budget added that it will be extremely difficult to move forward with this until they have a finance director in place.

Master Plan Implementation Committee-Select Member Dippold suggested the Board take this item up at a future meeting. She also suggested combining committees (MPIC, Zoning & Elm Street). The Board had a brief discussion and agreed to put the appointment on the next agenda.

Use of \$200,000 from the Special Education Reserve Fund-Mr. Senior advised the Board that the School Committee voted on June 8th to utilize \$200,000 from the SPED Stabilization Fund. This requires a vote of the Select Board as well. **Motion by Select Member Evans to allow the use of \$200,000 for the Special Education Reserve fund, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Proposed New Parking Regulation-Chief Quigley stated he is requesting the Board consider amending the Cohasset Parking Regulations to help with vehicles in the town lot by adding the following section to Article V: "Section 1 (a) No person shall park or store any vehicle in a town owned/controlled municipal parking lot, or area, that is: unregistered in violation of MGL c. 90 s. 9; Uninspected in violation of MGL c. 90 s. 20; In excess of 40-feet in overall length; or a detached trailer without permission from the Chief of Police, Town Manager, or their designee. The fine for violation of Article V Section 1 (a) is \$50 per day. After 5-days the vehicle may be towed and stored at the owner's expense. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the proposed new parking regulation by adding the following section to Article V: "Section 1 (a) No person shall park or store any vehicle in a town owned/controlled municipal parking lot, or area, that is: unregistered in violation of MGL c. 90 s. 9; Uninspected in violation of MGL c. 90 s.**

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Electric Bus RFP-Chair of AEC Tanya Bodell advised the Board of the benefits of electric school buses such as 5-10% savings per year compared to diesel, it is a 5-year lease not a long-term asset commitment, and reduced emissions to benefit student health and the environment. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the issuance of an RFP for an electric school bus demonstration project, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Cohasset Pride Proclamation-Select Member Dippold read aloud the Cohasset Pride Proclamation. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to accept the Cohasset Pride Proclamation, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Approval of Minutes-The Board agreed to table the vote on the minutes until the next meeting and discuss electronic minutes.

Town Manager Update-None.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Kennedy reminded the Board that the Harbor Committee is having a Resiliency Climate Forum tomorrow at 7 pm. Select Member Dippold congratulated the South Shore Arts Center on another successful Art's Festival and for the police that helped. Select Member Evans reminded everyone this Sunday is the Cohasset Triathlon. Chair Creighton state the Board should discuss electronic minutes.

Motion by Select Member Dippold, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote, All aye.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Creighton, Chair

Documents

Select Board Goals
Parking Fines Structure
Pride Proclamation
Road & Sidewalk Schedule
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Electric Bus Info