

Select Board Minutes

July 12, 2022

Town of Cohasset
Select Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2022
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom

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

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chair 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 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 litigation of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will receive an update on the Fire Contract Negotiation Process. Motion moved by Select Member Grady, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:35 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session and back into open session at 7:25 p.m.

Public Comments-None.

FY22 Year End Transfers-Joint meeting with the Advisory Committee. Chair of Advisory Rob Hillman advised Chair Creighton his members are not available to meet tonight due to the delay of the meeting. Finance Director Don Piatt reviewed the year-end transfers with the Board. The total proposed transfers are \$734,000. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the FY22 Year End Transfers totaling \$734,000 as presented, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Treats Pond-Easements-Director of Public Works Brian Joyce advised the Board after decades of trying to resolve this drainage issue they have finally come to a resolution and the Board needs to approve the easements. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the easement for 79 Atlantic Ave.-Sullivan, 87 Atlantic Ave.-Greaney, 91 Atlantic Ave.-Dewey, 95 Atlantic Ave.-Sceery, and Atlantic Ave.-Parcel F4 31 021C-Park, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Infrastructure and Long-term financial planning-Select Member Dippold recommended that the Board convene a small group consisting of Chair and Vice Chair of Advisory, Capital, School Committee, and Select Board to see what their idea of long-term financial planning looks like to them and any resources that would be needed. She discussed a financial model like Hingham. The Board discussed possibly having a consultant due to staff limitations. They may also look back at what has already been done and have a joint meeting with Advisory as well as the representative of the schools. They agreed they should start with a small group. Brian Host-29 Heather Drive and Chair of Capital added that they may want to consider hearing from the Long-Range Planning Group and see where they left off. Mike Dick-27 Parker

Avenue offered to help as a facilitator for the group since he did this professionally. **Motion by Select Member Evans to direct Chris Senior to convene a group consisting of Chair and Vice Chair of Select Board, Advisory, Capital, School Committee and Chair of Sewer and Water to meet with a goal of trying to put some structure, process, recommendations, and next steps, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Town Hall-Select Member Dippold recapped what the Committee presented to the Board on Thursday. The project's potential cost will be between \$19,000,000-\$20,000,000. The real question is what the actual cost will be after the Construction Manager At risk process, which may take some time. The Board had a brief discussion.

Fields & Courts-Select Member Dippold stated the consultant Activitas produced an updated plan for the parking at Deer Hill and Osgood Schools however, there is no cost yet. The Board asked Mr. Senior to set up a couple of meetings. One with the Select Board Chair and Vice Chair, Mr. Senior, Michelle Leary, Ted Carroll, and Chair and Vice Chair of Recreation Commission.

Roads & Sidewalks-Director of DPW Brian Joyce advised the Board that they are expecting the report from the consultant on the condition assessment of all the public roads in town on Friday. Once they get that report they will compare with the existing paving schedule and make some informed decisions on what to move forward with. After some discussion about sidewalks the Board agreed to have Select Member Evans start working on a draft charge for a Sidewalk Committee. **Elm Street**-Chair Creighton stated there is \$550,000 earmarked as the Forward Bill at the State House for Elm Street. Select Member Dippold suggested Michelle Leary work with Mike Sardina from Elm Street Working Group on the cost of the project. **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to ask the Town Manager and staff including Lauren Lind to draft a letter to Representative Meschino about the important infrastructure projects in Cohasset relative to the Forward Act, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Communications Update-Website Presentation-Library Director Meaghan James and Communications & Community Engagement Specialist Justin Shrair gave an overview of the updated website. They continue to working on making a more functional and comprehensive website with a Customer Relationship Management (CRM)platform. They discussed some of the decisions they made and why. The goal is to have the updated website live sometime in September. They welcome feedback form the Board.

Remote Voting at Town Meeting-Chair Creighton advised the Board he will reach out to Tom Baker for an update and report back to the Board.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Cohasset Historical Society-**One-Day Entertainment**-**Motion by Select Member Grady to approve the one-day entertainment license for the Cohasset Historical Clambake on 9/10/2022, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Change of Manger-Split Rock Social-Applicant Erin Herman and proposed manager Wesley Baltzer were present. Mr. Baltzer gave an overview of his experience. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the Change of Manager for Split Rock Social to Wesley Baltzer, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Safe Harbor-International Overdose Awareness Day-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the application for Safe Harbor International Overdose Awareness Day on the Town Common on Wednesday, August 31st, seconded by Select Member Grady. Roll Call Vote; All aye.

Zoning Bylaw Working Group Update-Chair Creighton stated they are updating the charge of the Zoning Bylaw Committee. The Board reviewed the proposed revisions. **Motion by Select Member Dippold to approve the proposed revised charge for the Zoning Bylaw Committee, seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint Tom Callahan, Jack Creighton, Clark Brewer, and Cassie Malatesta to the Zoning Bylaw Committee for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** The Board discussed the \$75,000 that is set aside for Zoning Consultants that should be used for KP Law.

Board/Committee Interviews/Appointments- Zoning Bylaw Committee Charge-Election Workers- **Motion by Select Member Evans to appoint Abigail Alves, Joseph Astino, James Carroll, Agnes McCann, Jody Doyle, Bernadette Faulkner, F. Roy Fitzsimmons, Kelly T. Grech, Richard Harries, III, Debra Krupczak, Rebekah S. Matthey, Virginia Najmi, Ruth E. Nedrow, Susan Ryan, Pearl F. Smith, Lauren Walsh, Kenneth R. Warner, Kate Krumsiek, Cathy Forest, Paula McDonald, Sheila Marchetti, Peter V. Vitello, and Jacqueline Vitello as Election Workers for a two-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold.** **Board of Registrars-****Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint David Farrag and Terese D'Urso to Board of Registrars for a three-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Fence Viewer-****Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint Glenn Pratt and Annette Sawchuk as Fence Viewer for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Historical Commission-****Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint Jackie Dormitzer and Megan Elder for a three-year term, and Jill Crafts for a one-year term (to fill unexpired term), seconded by Select Member Kennedy. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Town Hall Building Committee-****Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint Mark Cameron, Carolyn Coffey, Philip A. Lehr, Gerhard W. Lubitz, Tucker Meehan, Wayne Sawchuk, and Josiah Stevenson to Town Hall Building Committee for a one-year term, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.** **Zoning Board of Appeals-****Motion by Select Member Kennedy to appoint Charlie Higginson as a Full Member, Michael Dickey as Associate Member and Matthew Watkins as Associate Member for three-year terms, seconded by Select Member Dippold. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Discussion of Electronic Minutes-The Board had a brief discussion and agreed that Select Members Evans and Kennedy will look into and discuss with town counsel.

Approval of Minutes-**Motion by Select Member Kennedy to approve the minutes of 5/10/2022, 5/24/2022, 6/6/2022 and 6/7/2022, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; All aye.**

Town Manager Update-Due to the lateness of the hour Chris Senior passed on an update.

Select Board Comments-Chair Creighton stated although it was a long meeting tonight there was a great quality of discussion, and the Board is making good progress. Select Member Evans stated AEC put out the RFP for an Electric Bus and they will be awarding it soon. A huge thank you to all of town staff and members of AEC that worked hard on this. Select Member Dippold thanked all the firefighters that helped with the fire in Hingham this week and is grateful no one was hurt.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Creighton, Chair

Documents

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Safe Harbor Event Application

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