

**Tuesday, January 12, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting – 143TV and Zoom**

Select Board: Diane Kennedy, Chair
Keri Thompson
Paul Schubert
Jack Creighton
Corey Evans

Others Participating: Christopher Senior, Town Manager

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.

Chairperson Kennedy 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 position or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will discuss a school litigation matter. Motion moved by Select Member Schubert and seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. and came back into Open Session at 7:00 pm.

Chairperson Kennedy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and stated the Board will be returning to Executive Session after Open Session to finish business. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Present, Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.

Public Comment-Shaun Galvin-143 Fort Hill Street, Hingham asked if the Cohasset Road Race by the Sea be taking place this year. Chairperson Kennedy stated they have not received an application and Mr. Senior stated he believes they are postponing it. They may do a virtual race.

Community Update-Director of Public Health Pam Fahey reviewed the cases of COVID to date this month. She reviewed the proposed phases for the distribution of the vaccine according to priority. She advised everyone that the state is controlling the distribution and all information can be found on their website www.mass.gov. Chief Silvia reminded everyone to continue to social distance, wear a mask and do not travel.

Ratification of Legal Agreements-The Board postponed the discussion and agreed to have a separate meeting at another time. **Motion by Select Member Evans to postpone the Ratification of Legal Agreements to a date unknown, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye. Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Chairperson Kennedy asked if the Board is willing to meet on Monday, January 25th to discuss legal agreements. The Board agreed to meet on 1/25/2021 at 7 p.m.

Update on Open Meeting Law Training/Formalize Process for Select Board Minutes-Attorney Paul DeRensis reviewed the Open Meeting Law training that was recently held and reviewed effective meeting minutes. After some discussion, the Board ask Mr. Senior to investigate the cost of have hiring someone to take minutes for various boards/committees. They also discussed drafting a policy on the retention of recordings and asked Mr. Senior to get information on the cost of storage for recordings.

Designation of Shellfish Constable-Special Municipal Employee-Motion by Select Member Creighton to designate the position of the Shellfish Constable as a Special Municipal Employee, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Cory Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Committee Vacancy Update-Chairperson Kennedy stated the Town has had a couple of resignations on Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals & the Sewer Commission. The Select Board and Sewer Commission will need to make a joint appointment to fill the position until the Annual Election. The Con Com and ZBA usually have the associate member move to full member and look for a new associate. They also need to fill one seat on the Advisory Committee, need nine members for the School Facilities Committee and a member for the Citizens Advisory Committee for the Weir River Water Company. She encouraged anyone interested to send in an application. Select Member Evans will work on streamlining the board/committee application.

Committee Appointment-Select Board liaison for RFQ for 808 Jerusalem Road-Procurement & Contract Manager Michelle Leary stated the RFP went out in December and they extended the deadline to January 21st. Select Member Schubert stated he was interested in representing the Board. **Motion by Select Member Thompson to appoint Select Member Schubert as the Select Board liaison for the RFQ for 808 Jerusalem Road, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

2022 Capital Budget-Proposals-Michelle Leary stated they have started the initial Capital Budget request process. They asked everyone to give their 5 top priorities. She reviewed all the requests which at this point total \$5.4 million. She discussed what projects could potentially be bonded, public/private funding and CPC.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior stated Brian Joyce and others have met and been working on the Sewer Decision Matrix with GDH. They are compiling the input into a draft form for a deliverable. They will be hosting another meeting 1/27/2021 that will bring a larger group back to review what has been compiled from each meeting and discuss the final format of the matrix. This should be completed by the second week in February. Mr. Senior stated he had a Zoom call today with some folks from MassWorks Grants for a debriefing on how the Town can reapply and potentially get funding in the future. It was a great session. Senator O'Connor, Brian Joyce, Michelle Leary, Jason Federico, and Lauren Lind attended. They recognized everything that Cohasset has done in the past few years with the Harbor Plan, Open Space & Recreation Plan, and the Master Plan. There are some real opportunities for partnering with the State. Town Hall is now officially closed to the public again due to the spike in COVID cases. They are still able to serve everyone. There is a delay with the company that manufactures the dog tags for the Town. Residents can submit their application but, the tags are delayed.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Creighton stated on February 1st the Board will finally discuss the long-awaited opening of the Youth Center. Select Member Evans reminded everyone that may be interested in running for a town board that they should file paperwork with the Town Clerk by the beginning of March. Chairperson Kennedy asked Mr. Senior to send a memo out about the Annual Elections with deadlines and available positions. Select Member Schubert thanked the Town for what has been a difficult year with the pandemic and asked that everyone continue to be vigilant for the next few months. Select Member Thompson stated there are concerns about the government at all levels.

The country is functioning right now because of local government. She encouraged everyone to thank a town employee or first responder if you see them. She also encouraged everyone to get involved in local government. Chairperson Kennedy clarified the Board will be meeting on February 9th to discuss the Youth Center. She stated that the Cohasset Police put a video on their website about coyotes in the area and how to deal with them.

Approval of Minutes-Motion by Select Member Thompson to approve the minutes of 11/10/2020, 11/17/2020, 12/10/2020 and 12/15/2020, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Nay, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Chairperson Kennedy asked for a motion to go into Executive Session **Executive Session-Exemption #2** To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with non-union personnel. The Board will discuss the Finance Director contract. **Exemption #3**-To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will discuss Police Union contracts. The Board will adjourn after. Motion moved by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:15 p.m.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:31 p.m.

Motion by Select Member Creighton to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy, Chair

Documents
Legal Agreements info
Minutes