

Cohasset Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 18, 2023

Virtual Meeting-Zoom Video Call

7 pm

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, Section 20(b), following Governor Baker's declaration of a state of emergency in the Commonwealth arising from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Advisory Committee will meet virtually utilizing remote technology. All votes will be taken by a Roll-Call Vote.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rob Hillman at 7:05 pm. Present-Jeanne Astino, Present- Fran Collins, Present- Patrick Kennedy, Present- Ellen Maher, Present – Mary McGoldrick, Present - Meg Wheeler, Present – Rob Hillman

Mike Barclay joined at 7:10 pm

Absent: Mark Maggi

Guest: Town Manager Mr. Chris Senior

Chairman Hillman advised that pursuant to Town by-laws, the Advisory Committee must file a reorganization with the Town every January.

Mr. Hillman asked for nominations for Chair: Mr. Collins nominated Mr. Hillman and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Astino. Mr Hillman accepted the nomination and requested that Mrs. McGoldrick call the roll so as to avoid a conflict of interest in his own nomination. Roll Call: Aye-Jeanne Astino, Aye – Mike Barclay Aye- Fran Collins, Aye- Patrick Kennedy, Aye- Ellen Maher, Aye Mark McGoldrick, Aye -Meg Wheeler Aye – Rob Hillman

Mr. Hillman graciously accepted the gavel for Chair of Advisory. Discussion followed per Mr. Kennedy's prompting regarding succession planning.

Chairman Hillman opened the nomination process for Vice-Chair. Mr. Kennedy nominated Mrs. McGoldrick. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Collins. Mrs. McGoldrick accepted the nomination. Roll call vote was requested by Chairman Hillman; Aye-Jeanne Astino, Aye – Mike Barclay Aye- Fran Collins, Aye- Patrick Kennedy, Aye- Ellen Maher, Aye Mark McGoldrick, Aye - Meg Wheeler Aye – Rob Hillman

Chairman Hillman opened the nominations for Secretary. Mr. Kennedy nominated Mrs. Maher and Mr. Collins seconded the nomination. Mrs. Maher accepted the nomination. Roll call vote

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Mr. Senior briefly outlined preliminary warrant articles/issues

- The Zoning Bylaw Working Group is working towards having something in the warrant
- Capital Budget Committee is working on all requests and meeting with all departments
- The Field Study initiative may end up on the warrant somewhere
- The School Facilities Committee is presently discussing requesting \$2,000,000 for assessment & study of CMHS since Cohasset was not selected to participate in the MSBA program this year. It was noted in the letter from MSBA, that Cohasset was encouraged to apply again next year. Mr. Hillman commented that in this past application and SOI to MSBA neither Capital nor Advisory were consulted in the process

Chairman Hillman recommended we have a liaison to School Facilities Committee. This prompted discussion of liaison assignments.

Chairman Hillman recapped the committee's liaison assignments. All remained as the August 31, 2022 assignments with the following exceptions: Mr. Barclay dropped from CPC, Mr. Kennedy added, Mrs. Wheeler dropped from Planning Board/Zoning, Mr. Kennedy added. Mrs. Wheeler dropped from PEB. Added was a liaison position to the School Facilities Committee, Mrs. McGoldrick. Mr. Kennedy dropped from Water/Sewer and Mr. Collins was added.

Chairman Hillman furthered commented that if there are any Citizens Petitions, that he will personally invite the proponents to meet with Advisory.

Mr. Senior advised that his office will be sending a proposed FY 24 budget to the Select Board February 7. He commented that the warrant will need to go to press approximately April 4-5 or 6.

A discussion of upcoming meetings ensued. Chairman Hillman recommended that we meet February 1, 8, and 15 as well as each Wednesday in March. Discussion of review of School Budget occurred. It was recommended that the Advisory School Budget Subcommittee meet with the Schools first and then after preliminary discussions, meet as a whole if necessary. Mr. Kennedy inquired when the Governor's extension for remote meetings expires. Chairman Hillman advised he would inquire so that the Committee can resume in person meetings at some point.

Mr. Collins recapped the Alternate Energy Aggregation Program is coming to fruition. If you don't opt out as a resident, you are automatically enrolled.

Motion to approve December 7, 2022 minutes by Mr. Collins, seconded by Mrs. McGoldrick. Roll call Aye-Jeanne Astino, - Fran Collins, Aye- Patrick Kennedy, Aye- Ellen Maher, Aye – Rob Hillman. Abstained: Mike Barclay, Meg Wheeler, Mary McGoldrick

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm by Mr. Kennedy, seconded by Mr. Collins. Roll Call vote
Aye-Jeanne Astino, Aye – Mike Barclay Aye- Fran Collins, Aye- Patrick Kennedy, Aye- Ellen
Maher, Aye Mary McGoldrick, Aye -Meg Wheeler Aye – Rob Hillman