

Select Board Minutes

January 26, 2021

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 @ 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Present, Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.

Pledge-Recited.

Community Update-Vaccine Clinic Planning-Chief Silvia stated the Town created a COVID Vaccine Task Force and has been working the last few weeks on a plan to distribute the vaccine. They are ready to go and can go as many days as needed to distribute the vaccine however, they need to get the vaccine from the State. Health Director Pam Fahey stated the Town has set up a pre-registration form on the Town website for all phases of the vaccine. She reviewed the process. They were disappointed to hear from the State today that the Town may only be receiving 100 vaccines per week. They were prepared to handle up to 600 a week. The State wants to emphasize the bigger mass vaccine sites such as Foxboro Stadium. This is not a good option for the older folks in Town. The Town will still have clinics every week but, they may be smaller than they would have like. Mr. Senior added he has reached out to Senator O'Connor's office and Representative Meschino's office to help.

Cemetery Plot Repurchase-Woodside Cemetery-Chairperson Kennedy stated resident Lois Hughes is requesting the Town buy back two cemetery plots at Woodside Cemetery. The buy back amount of \$500 per plot was approved by Town Meeting. The Board is being asked if they would consider buying back at a higher price. The buy back amount of \$500 cannot be changed without approval from Town Meeting. The Board does not have the authorization to offer a different price. **Motion by Select Member Thompson to buy back two plots in Woodside Cemetery Section B, Lot 129 NE for a total of \$1000, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Committee Appointments and Updates-Conservation Commission Full Member Appointment-Chairperson Kennedy stated she has been notified by Chairman Eisenhower they have received a resignation from one of their full members and the associate members are not interested moving up to a full position. The Board will discuss at a future meeting. **ZBA Full Member Appointment**-Chairman of ZBA Woody Chittick stated they have received a resignation from one of their full members Peter Goedecke. David McMorris has been an associate member for 11 years and is interested in moving into the full member position. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to appoint Dave McMorris to the ZBA to fill an unexpired term until June 30, 2021, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**
PEB Committee-Chairperson Kennedy stated the Board neglected to reappoint the PEB Committee members back in June. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to appoint Paul Carlson, Donna Collins, Tim**

Davis, Katie Dugan, and Mark Maggi to the PEB Committee until June 30, 2021, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Licenses/Permits/Events-Public Hearing-Red Lion Inn-New Annual on Premises All Alcohol Innholder license and Innholder Common Victualler for The Red Lion Inn Operating, LLC d/b/a The Red Lion- Chairperson Kennedy read aloud the public hearing notice. General Manager Guillaume Isaaverdens and Alex Marconi LLC Manager were present. They discussed the changes in the current conditions they are requesting. Alex Dippold and Jean Healey Dippold 93 South Main Street discussed their concerns with the proposed changes. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to approve the Innholder Common Victualler license for The Red Lion Inn Operating, LLC d/b/a The Red Lion Inn through December 31, 2021.** The Board had a lengthy discussion of the option of continuing the hearing to another date for the Board to look at the proposed changes. Attorney Lampke stated the Board could do that or approve the license with the current conditions and have the applicant apply for an amendment to the license requesting changes to the proposed conditions. Mr. Marconi stated they would prefer to have the license approved and come back for consideration of changing conditions of the license. Chairperson Kennedy stated Select Member Schubert has a motion to be seconded. **The motion was seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion by Select Member Schubert to approve Marika Edlund as the manager and approve the All Alcohol on Premises Innholder license subject to the existing conditions through December 31, 2021, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion by Select Member Schubert to approve the entertainment license for The Red Lion Operating, LLC d/b/a The Red Lion Inn through December 31, 2021 with the existing conditions from 2000, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

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

Fiscal Update-FY21 Budget through 12/31/2020-Finance Director Don Piatt reviewed the FY21 Budget with the Board. He stated property tax collections remain strong, general operating expenses remain in-line with the budget, water revenue continues to be strong and sewer connection fees have soared. They will continue to watch COVID Cares funds through 2021 and watch for reimbursements from FEMA. He stated construction related revenues continue to come in steadily. The State of Massachusetts is facing continued budgetary uncertainty for FY22.

Town wide Speed Limits-Chief Quigley stated the Board has been talking about speed limits since 2018. They have two choices; to make all roads one speed (25 or 30 mph) except for Route 3A and Route 228 or leave the speed limits the same until individuals petition certain roads. Chief Quigley stated he would not recommend road by road speed limits as it creates visual pollution. Scituate currently posts the speed limit at every entrance of Town and it has worked well. He would not recommend doing street by street petitions. In the past they have discussed calming measures such as a traffic island at the end of Highland Avenue onto North Main Street. Elizabeth Dunne-21 Beach Street stated the Town has talked about speed limits but has done nothing. Certain roads need certain limits and there needs to be signs posted. She does not care about visual noise. This is for safety. There are no "parking signs" all around

the Common. After some discussion, the Board agreed to put on an upcoming agenda to vote on a uniform proposed speed limit.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior reviewed the 2021 Cohasset Election Calendar and the positions available. All information is available on the Town website. Real Estate Taxes are due February 1st. There is a drop box out front of Town Hall. All payments left there must be in the box before 3 p.m. on Monday-Thursday and by noon on Friday to get credited on that day. Residents can also pay online.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Evans reminded everyone to consider running for a board/committee in the upcoming elections. The Town need volunteers on these boards/committees. He asked that anyone with any questions should email him. Select Member Schubert stated the Town does need volunteers and encouraged everyone to get involved. He also reminded everyone that they are coming on the other side of the 2nd wave of COVID, but people need to continue to social distance, wear a mask and stay home when sick to prevent the spreading. This has been very difficult but hopefully another couple of months and things will be better.

Minutes-**Motion by Select Member Schubert to approve the minutes of 9/21/2021 and 1/12/2021, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Nay, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy

Documents

Red Lion Inn Application
FY21 Budget Update
2021 Election Calendar
Minutes 9/21/2020, 1/12/2021