

# Select Board Minutes

March 16, 2021

Tuesday, March 16, 2021  
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; Jack Creighton-Present, Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.

Chairman Kennedy 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 litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will discuss ongoing Collective Bargaining and Treats Pond drainage. Motion moved by Select Member Schubert, seconded by Select Member Evans. 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 6:37 p.m.

The Board came out of Executive Session and back into Open Session at 7:23 p.m.

**Community Update**-Director of Health Pam Fahey stated the state is still focusing on the mass vaccination sites instead of local communities. The DPH is publishing vaccines in each community. Tomorrow the DPH will release their plan of when everyone will be eligible for vaccines. Select Member Schubert added that the production of the vaccine is ramping up.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Review/Vote to place Articles on the Warrant**-Mr. Senior recommended the Board consider voting to put some annual housekeeping articles on the ATM Warrant. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to place Article #1 Annual Town Report, Article #2 Report of Committees, Article #10 Departmental Revolving Funds-Annual Spending Limits, Article #12 Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability and Article #13 Additional Real Estate Exemptions-Annual Renewal on the Warrant for ATM, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Present, Diane Kennedy-Present, Paul Schubert-Present, Keri Thompson-Present.**

**Review of requests for funding for outdoor recreation activities/fields**-Procurement/Project Manager Michelle Leary reviewed Recreation properties and Capital & CPC Requests for FY22. They are potentially asking for \$22K for Sohler Street Complex, \$70K for Beechwood Basketball courts, \$113K for Miliken field shed, \$20K for Tennis Court study and \$1M for Alumni Field. The Cohasset Youth Baseball Softball Association has future needs. At the Barnes Complex, the score boards need to be replaced for \$25K, ADA accessibility for \$100K, field improvements for \$25K annually and batting cages for \$25K. At the Beechwood Ball Field, there is maintenance costs for the next 4 years totaling \$48K and at Deer Hill, there is a softball field for \$19K. Most of these requests will be asking for CPC funding. Mark Chase President of CYBSA discussed permission to request CPC Funds and the details for ADA compliance work at Barnes Complex, Restoration of Deer Hill softball field and field improvements at Barnes Complex. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

**Harbor Requests**-Michelle Leary reviewed projects that are seeking CPC Funds in the harbor. The Parker Ave Ramp project which would start in the fall, the Government Island conveyor system project is moving forward. They received a Seaport Economic Grant for an engineering and feasibility study. The Harbormaster has been working with the South Shore Vo Tech for a cost estimate for a new harbormaster's office and they are looking to replace a cement dock at the town landing.

**Proposed installation of Lights on Barnes Field Complex-Presentation by CYBSA**-Darin Souza was present on behalf of CYBSA with a presentation for the proposal of lights at the Barnes Field Complex. He discussed the history of CYBSA, the number of kids in the program today, the lack of field space and the need for lights. They are not asking for any money from the Town, the funding is secured. Mike Berry of Musco Lighting gave an overview of the type of lighting technology that will be used and reviewed the brightness study. The Board took questions and comments from the public. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the concerns of the neighbors regarding lights, parking, and pedestrians. The Board agreed that tonight's discussion is not the end, but more conversation is needed with the stakeholders to continue the conversation and come to a compromise.

**Committee Appointments-Weir River Water System Committee**-Applicant Stephen Girardi was present and give an overview of his experience and why he is interested in being on the committee. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to appoint Stephen Girardi to the Weir River Water System Committee, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Review and Approval of Charge for the Harbor Governance Working Group**-**Motion by Select Member Thompson to approve the charge for the Harbor Governance Working Group, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Town Manager Update**-Mr. Senior reminded everyone that the Cohasset Community Services is hosting a virtual event with Dr. Temple Grandin on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required. Information is available on the town website.

**Select Board Comments**-Select Member Creighton stated it was obvious by the conversation tonight that the Town needs more playing fields and there needs to be a plan for the future. He would like to be involved in the planning. Select Member Evans stated there has been great progress with the vaccines. He is looking forward to a good summer. Select Member Schubert advised residents to be careful in the early mornings as there are coyotes chasing deer. Select Member Thompson wished everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day. She was inspired by the town involvement tonight. She asked anyone interested in helping with the planning of the June Diversity events email her. Chairperson Kennedy stated even though the events planned for Cohasset 250<sup>th</sup> did not work out, they sent out a booklet to every household which was spectacular.

**Approval of Minutes**-**Motion by Select Member Schubert to approve the minutes of 3/9/2021, 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 Schubert to adjourn, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy, Chair

**Documents**

Investment Update

Draft ATM Warrant

Recreation Field Requests

CYSBA Light Presentation

Committee Application S. Girardi

Harbor Governance Working Group Charge

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