

Select Board Minutes

April 6, 2021

Tuesday, April 6, 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.

Chairperson Kennedy asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for Exemption #6- To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. The Board will discuss Crocker Lane and Rice Lot. Motion moved by Select Member Schubert, seconded 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 6:34 p.m. The Board came out of Executive Session and into Open Session at 7:09 p.m.

Public Comment-Shawn Galvin-143 Fort Hill Street, Hingham MA asked if the Senior Class of 2021 Sendoff event will be on an upcoming agenda for discussion. Chairperson Kennedy stated public safety needed more information from the applicant and it will be on a future agenda.

Cohasset Conservation Trust-Acceptance of Gift-Director of Cohasset Conservation Trust Katie Holden-29 Norfolk Road reviewed their request for a memorial bench for Rich Silvia in Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary. Richard Silvia passed away last March and was instrumental in protecting this land. They have raised the funds needed for the bench and plaque. His daughter will be constructing the bench with the help of Scouts. The Board had a brief discussion. Motion by Select Member Creighton to accept the gift of a memorial bench honoring Richard Silvia in the Barnes Wildlife Sanctuary, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Planning for June Diversity Events-Select Member Thompson stated she has been working with School Committee Member Ashley Colleary on one of the Board's goals of community health. They reviewed with the Board a number of events they are working on in June such as Loving Day, Pride Month and Juneteenth. They encouraged anyone interested in getting involved to reach out to them; there are already many community members involved including many students. They discussed a survey that was sent out to high school and middle school students. The Board had a brief discussion.

License/Permit/Events-Red Lion Inn-Extension of Hours for Specific Events-General Manager Guillaume Issaverdens reviewed with the Board the Red Lion Inn's request for extended hours for the

following dates: 9/5/2021, 10/31/2021, 12/5/2021, and 12/31/2021. They are asking for an extra hour for these special events. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to approve the request for extension of hours for the Red Lion Inn, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote: Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Joint Meeting with Advisory Committee-The Advisory Committee called their meeting to order at 7:50 p.m. **Article #14-Community Preservation Committee**-Chairman Russ Bonetti was having audio issues. Select Member Schubert, as liaison to CPC, reviewed the applications for projects being recommend by CPC for funding. There are a total of 13 projects totaling approximately \$2 million. The Select Board and Advisory Committee had the opportunity to ask questions. Chairman Bonetti joined the meeting and gave a quick review of the account balances.

Article #9-Capital Improvements Budget-Chairman of Capital Budget Sam Wakeman reviewed the 25 requests totaling approximately \$5 million. The Select Board and Advisory Committee had the opportunity to ask questions.

The Advisory Committee left the Select Board meeting at 8:47 p.m. to discuss the articles on another platform.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior advised the Board the Alternative Energy Committee is in the process of planning an Electric Car Parade on Sunday, April 25th at noon. They are working on the details and will keep the Board informed. They are also planning to have a Tree Planting on the Town Common potentially on April 30th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Senior stated Facilities Director Mark Kelly is retiring this week after 34 years with the Town. The employees had a food truck lunch outside last week to celebrate. Mr. Kelly and Bob Egan will be back in November when they will be recognized at the annual Employee Recognition event. The Fire and Police departments have recently been awarded grants.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Creighton referred to the discussion earlier about the June Events. He does not see people in town consumed by hate. He stated the Board should recognize the fundamental decency of Cohasset citizens. Select Member Evans stated he is excited for the many projects coming up in the Town including Diversity, Alternative Energy, Economic Task Force and Safe Harbor. There are many things going on and coming to fruition over the next six months. He thanked everyone who has worked hard to make it happen. Select Member Schubert stated the vaccines are getting produced in larger volumes. There are currently about 40% of people that have received vaccines. By the summertime things will be a lot better and easier. Select Member Thompson stated this week was the anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King. After tonight's discussion, she was reminded of his quote "The arc of the moral universe is long but is bends towards justice". Chairperson Kennedy affirmed the many great things happening thanks to the good work of many people in town and our staff. Much has been accomplished.

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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Diane Kennedy, Chair

Documents

Cohasset Conservation Trust Request
Red Lion Inn-Extension of Hours request
Draft Warrant