

# Select Board Minutes

April 13, 2021

Tuesday, April 13, 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 6:00 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-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 receive an update on going Collective Bargaining, including DPW, Facilities & Fire. **Select Member Schubert moved the motion, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri-Thompson-Aye.**

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:03 p.m.  
The Board came out of Executive Session at 6:20 p.m.

**Public Comments**-None.

**Events/Permits-Earth Day-Update**-Chairman of Open Space & Recreation Peter Pescatore reminded the Board that Sustainability & STEM virtual Earth Day summit is from April 22 at 10 a.m. through April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Earth Day Town Wide Cleanup is on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. He announced that 9<sup>th</sup> grader Ava DeSalvo was the winner of the logo contest. Mr. Senior announced that the Town will celebrate Arbor Day on April 30, 2021. Select Member Evans read aloud the Proclamation in Honor of Arbor Day. **Motion by Select Member Thompson to accept the Proclamation in Honor of Arbor Day, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Special Use of Town Common during pandemic**-Discussion of process for consideration of requests- Select Member Evans discussed a temporary process for outdoor events. The goal is to allow businesses to operate in a safe manner. The Board discussed location of events on the Town Common, limiting events to Cohasset businesses, and determining certain days to limit events to. The Board had a lengthy discussion.

**South Shore Vo Tech Presentation**-Superintendent/Director Tom Hickey reviewed the proposed budget for FY22. There is currently no debt. They are proposing exploring a 6-year phase of capital projects including expanding the space. He reviewed the proposed projects and the cost to the Town of Cohasset. The Board discussed the budget and asked questions. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to recommend Article #19 Debt Authorization for the South Shore Regional Vocational School District**

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

The Advisory Committee and School Committee called their meeting to order at 7:13 p.m.

**FY22 School Budget**-Superintendent Patrick Sullivan, Director of Finance & Operations Sue Owen and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Leslie Scollins were present on behalf of the schools. They reviewed their budget priorities, their FY22 Requested Budget (with an increase of 3.45%) and future budget concerns. The Select Board and Advisory Committee had the opportunity to ask questions and have a discussion.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Review/Vote to Recommend Articles to ATM-Planning Board Articles** Director of Planning Lauren Lind reviewed the Planning Board Articles #21-24 & Article #28. Katie Dugan gave a presentation on behalf of the Zoning Bylaw Working Group on Articles #25, 26 and 27.

**Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #20 Floodplain & Watershed Protection District Amendment, Article #21 Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations Overlay District Amendment, Article #22 Zoning Map Update-Whitney Spur Rail Trail Reclassification, Article #23 Fast-Food Restaurant Definition Amendment, Article #24 Special Permits in the Village Business District Amendment, Article #25 Use Variances Amendment, Article #26 Land Alteration Amendment, Article #27 Sunset the Senior Multifamily Residential Overlay District and Article #28 Board of Public Health Zoning Bylaw Amendment to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Article #14 Community Preservation Committee-Motion by Select Member Thompson to recommend Article #14 Community Preservation Committee for Open Space/Recreation Sub-Account for \$68,100, Historical Sub-Account for \$68,100, Affordable Housing Sub-Account for \$68,100 and Administrative Sub-Account for \$34,050 to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Mr. Senior advised the Board there is another project that needs to be added to the list. It is a reallocation of \$200,000 to the Cohasset Housing Authority for upgrades to the units. The Board had already discussed the other projects except for the \$50,000 for the Second Congregation Preservation of the Façade.

The Board had a lengthy discussion about the projects. Chairman Russ Bonetti answered questions about the Second Congregation Preservation project. **Motion by Select Member Evans to recommend Article #14 Community Preservation Committee for all Projects except the Second Congregation Preservation project to Annual Town Meeting, 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 Evans to recommend Article #14 Community Preservation Committee Second Congregation Preservation project to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Nay, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Article #9 Capital Improvements Budget-Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #9 Capital Improvements Budget Projects (except the Enterprise Projects) to Annual Town Meeting,**

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

**Article #7 Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2021-Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #7 Supplemental Appropriation for Fiscal 2021 to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Article #11 Allocation of Funds for One Time Cost-Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #11 Allocation of Funds for One Time Cost to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

**Article #16 Town Hall Renovation**-The Select Board will vote on this article at the 4/27/2021 meeting.

**Article #3 Water Rate Restructuring-Motion by Select Member Evans to recommend Article #3 Water Rate Restructuring to Annual Town Meeting, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.** Jack Creighton abstained from the vote.

**Article #4 Sewer Rate Restructuring**-The Select Board will vote on this article at the 4/27/2021 meeting.

**Electric Vehicle Event**-Brian Bennett was present on behalf of the Alternative Energy Committee and discussed the Electric Vehicle Ribbon Cutting virtual event on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 p.m.

**Select Board Comments**-Select Member Evans thanked his colleagues for the discussion about the Second Congregation project tonight. He stated that next week April 24<sup>th</sup> is National Drug Take Back Day. Select Member Thompson stated it is not too late to pull papers for the upcoming elections. The deadline to pull papers is tomorrow and they need to be returned by Friday. Chairperson Kennedy stated that this Thursday at 7 p.m. there is an Elm Street Corridor Public engagement session. She encouraged everyone to participate. There is a group of residents in Town that are working on a One Table Cohasset Cookbook. They are looking for people to submit recipes. They hope to publish a book for the holidays.

**Motion by Select Member Thompson to approve the minutes of 4/6/2021, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.** Jack Creighton abstained from the vote until such time that the Town has proper electronic records of the meeting minutes.

**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 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy, Chair

**Documents**

Earth Day Info

Arbor Day Proclamation

Draft Common Use

South Shore Vo Tech Presentation

FY22 School Budget

Draft ATM Warrant

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