

Select Board Minutes

April 27, 2021

Tuesday, April 27, 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. and asked for a Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye.

Chairperson Kennedy asked for a motion to go into Executive Session Exemption #3 to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares. The Board will discuss Treats Pond easements. Motion moved by Select Member Schubert, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

The Board went into Executive Session at 6:33 p.m.
The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:15 p.m.

Public Comments-None.

Alternative Location for Election @ Willcutt Commons- Motion by Select Member Schubert to designate the Cohasset Senior Center/Willcutt Commons at 91 Sohier Street, Cohasset as the alternative voting location for all elections through December 31, 2022, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Corey Evans was not present for vote.

Red Lion Inn Temporary Extension of Premises/COVID-General Manager of the RLI Guillaume Issaverdes gave an overview of their request. They are looking to have outdoor dining on the existing outdoor dining areas of the RLI from April 28th through November 1st (currently the area is allowed for use from May 15th-September 15th). They are also asking to expand the outdoor dining options to its guests and the residents of Cohasset allowing the 2nd floor interior facing deck be allowed to serve food and alcohol from the hours of 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily from April 28th through November 1st. This area is located within the interior of the property and is 200-300 ft from the closest two homes of neighbors with multiple buffers separating them including a 6 ft wooden privacy fence, trees, plantings, retaining walls and about 15 ft of grade change. The Board discussed the proposal. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to permit the extension request of the Red Lion Inn as proposed and delineated for outdoor dining from April 28th to November 1st, seconded by Select Member Evans. 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 outdoor dining as delineated from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. from April 28th through November 1st, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant-Vote to recommend articles-Article #4-Sewer Rate Restructuring- Chairman Bill McGowan called the Sewer Commission meeting to order.

Chairman McGowan discussed the Sewer Plan operating costs, the cost of living and electricity rates, previous sewer rate increases, comparison of sewer rates with other towns, and Capital contribution. The Select Board had a lengthy discussion. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #4 Sewer Rate Restructuring to ATM, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Article #5 Operating Budget-Mr. Senior reviewed the FY22 Proposed Budget. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #5 Operating Budget to ATM, 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 #9 Capital Improvements Budget-Enterprise Funds-**Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #9 Capital Improvements Budget-Enterprise Funds to ATM for the Lily Pond Chlorine Conversion and Lily Pond SCADA update without contingency and the Granular Activated Carbon Treatment System with the contingency that Article #3 Water Rate Restructuring is approved, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Article #16 Town Hall Renovation-Phil Lehr, Mark Cameron and Carolyn Coffey were present on behalf of the Town Hall Building Committee. They reviewed the proposed project. They are focusing on getting the information out to the public. The board had a lengthy discussion. **Motion by Select Member Creighton that the Select Board affirms its commitment to fund this project within the annual operating levy recognizing the need to fund other capital projects for all departments of the Town, 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 recommend Article #16 Town Hall Renovation to ATM, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Article #18-Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw-Member Steve Gaumer explained the Article and stated it is necessary wordsmithing necessary in the bylaw so that it works with MA General Bylaws. The Board had a brief discussion. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #18 Affordable Housing Trust Bylaw to ATM, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Article #17 Lease of Property at Water Department for Solar-Mr. Senior explain the article and stated there is currently no active solicitation. There was one company interested but it did not work out. However, the Alternative Energy Committee would like the opportunity to move forward if anyone is interested. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to recommend Article #17 Lease of Property at Water Department for Solar to ATM, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Article #15 Treats Pond-Mr. Senior stated there has been a team of people working on fixing this problem for a long time. There is an alternative plan that would allow for a drainage solution. There are efforts in progress to get everything to ATM for additional funding and easements. The pipe would be relocated further out in the water. Town Counsel DeRensis has created the language for this article. **Motion by Select Member Creighton to recommend Article #15 Treats Pond to ATM, seconded by Select Member Schubert. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Final Warrant Review-Vote-**Motion by Select Member Schubert to close and sign the warrant for Annual Town Meeting on May 24, 2021 and approve the posting and publication of it, seconded by Select Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Ratify Union Contracts-Vote-Mr. Senior advised the Board there are three one-year union contracts for their ratification. **Motion by Select Member Schubert to accept and ratify the contracts for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1395 Unit B, Public Works, as presented, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion by Select Member Schubert to accept and ratify the contracts for AFSCME Council 93, Local 1395 Unit A, Facilities, as presented, seconded by Select Member Creighton. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye. Motion by Select Member Schubert to accept and ratify the contracts for SEIU Local 888 Cohasset Library Association as presented, seconded by Select Member Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.**

Temporary Use of Common Program-Chairperson Kennedy stated the Board will discuss this topic at the next meeting.

American Recovery Plan Funds/County Role-Mr. Senior reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act Funds. He has contacted by other towns with concern the way funds are being distributed. The funds should be passed directly to the city/town for they are best equipped to provide necessary fiscal oversight. Mr. Senior has drafted a resolution for the Board to review and discuss at an upcoming meeting. The Board had a brief discussion.

Town Manager Update-Mr. Senior stated the last day to register to vote for Annual Town Meeting or Annual Town Elections is May 4th by 8 p.m. The 4th Quarter taxes are due on May 3rd. Payments can be made online, in person or in the box out front of town hall.

Select Board Comments-Select Member Creighton stated he had a wonderful meeting this morning with the lobstermen, Chief Quigley, and Detective Lieutenant Lopes to discuss issues with people parking in the loading zone. There is not a lot of signage and there has been a lot of dissatisfaction with the lobstermen. They plan to clearly designate with signage and striping where there should be no parking. He also got clarification on the police patrolling the harbor by boat. They do have a boat and will use it to patrol if necessary, but they do not patrol on a regular basis. Select Member Evans stated May 1st starts the beginning of the 25-mph town wide speed limit. The signs are up around town. Select Member Schubert stated the State is working on a municipal building committee and funding committee to help towns with funding with large municipal projects. It is currently in the House and Senate level. Cohasset has the highest level of vaccinations in the state. There are still cases out there. It has gotten much better.

We need to be careful with large groups of people that have not been vaccinated. Select Member Thompson thanked everyone that showed up to clean on Earth Day Saturday and Sunday for the Alternative Energy ceremony for electric vehicle charging stations.

Minutes-Motion by Select Member Evans to approve the minutes of 3/30/2021 and 4/13/2021, 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 Evans. Roll Call Vote; Jack Creighton-Aye, Corey Evans-Aye, Diane Kennedy-Aye, Paul Schubert-Aye, Keri Thompson-Aye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy, Chair

Documents

Red Lion Inn-Application

Draft Warrant

Union Contracts

Minutes 3/30/2021, 4/13/2021