

**Carver Select Board
Meeting Minutes
Town Hall- 108 Main Street
April 16, 2024 - 6:00pm**

In Attendance: Chair Mark Townsend, John Cotter, Sarah Hewins, Dan Ryan, Interim Town Administrator Elaine Weston and Shelby Roy

Absent: Vice-Chair Jim Hoffman

Chair led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the community prayer.

Citizens Participation:

Connie Shea – 148 Plymouth Street

Spoke in favor of the Zoning Bylaw article that is reflected on the agenda. He explained that the Planning Board did vote unanimously to bring to this article to Annual Town Meeting, but voted 2-3 not recommended. He explained the background of this article to the Board.

Discussion and possible vote for the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles:

Community Preservation Committee:

Townsend read the article.

Weston stated that this article was on a previous agenda and voted on, but has been revised to add the total to be more transparent.

Motion to place the amended article on the warrant by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Motion to recommend the amended article by Ryan, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

Town Planner, Thomas Bott was present for this and explained the background regarding the oil and asbestos issues in the basement of 11 Green Street.

Ryan asked if there are any unforeseen costs for this property.

Bott confirmed that there were none and that Habitat for Humanity who was awarded the bid is trying to get rid of the oil that is on site.

Codification of General Bylaws:

Townsend read informational summary.

Motion to place this article on the warrant by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Motion to recommend this article by Ryan, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

Codification of Zoning Bylaws:

Townsend read informational summary.

Motion to place this article on the warrant by Ryan, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

Motion to recommend this article by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Increase lot size and frontage:

Townsend read article.

Town Planner, Thomas Bott is present for this item.

Bott explained that the Planning Board did not recommend this article, but did vote to place this on the warrant.

This suggestion of increasing the frontage was in the previous 2001 Master Plan, but was not mentioned in the 2017 Master Plan.

Townsend stated that the Select Board usually does not vote to recommend Planning Board Articles.

Townsend reads Town Counsel's opinion: "The Select Board is only required to put an article on the warrant if it is the result of a citizen petition. Otherwise, it is the Select Board's warrant and they do not have to put on any other type of article."

Hewins explained that having been on the Master Plan Committee for 2001 & 2017 there were large lots that were not protecting open space. The only way to protect this is for it to be part of conservation.

Ryan asked why the Planning Board would vote to place it on the warrant, but not recommend.

Bott explained if it is put on the warrant then there could be a hearing to discuss.

Cotter asked how often the Master Plan is updated.

Bott stated that the Plan is updated about every 10 years.

Motion to have Thomas Bott ask the Planning Board to consider removing this article from the warrant by Hewins, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Town Administrator Update:

- The North Carver Water District meter pit is going out to bid by Middleborough on May 8 and the Town will have the amount of the contract by June 19.
- The Library and Town Hall roof replacement projects are out to bid.
- Painting will begin soon at the Library once it starts to get a little warmer. This will not interfere with the regular operations of the Library. This will be completed by June 1st.

Approval of Minutes:

April 2, 2024

Motion to approve as amended by Ryan, second by Hewins.

Vote 4-0

**Request to Use Town Property: Shurtleff Park for CAPT Pal Preschool, May 31, 2024
11:00am - 1:00pm**

Motion to approve by Cotter, second by Ryan.

Vote 4-0

Request for Old Home Day Road Race: Saturday, July 27, 2024 8:00am

Motion to approve by Hewins, second by Ryan.

Vote 4-0

Request for Old Home Day Car Show & Cruise: Main Street: 10:00am (parking at old Police/Fire Station)

Motion to approve by Ryan, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Select Board Announcements:

Ryan – None

Cotter – The Carver Cranberry Baseball League opening day is April 27th at 9am and the Carver Police Union is holding a raffle on April 21st at Honey Dew, 96 N. Main Street.

Hewins – Reminded residents to please vote at the upcoming Election on April 27th from 8am – 5pm at the Middle High School. Also, to not forget about Shane Gives Thanks food pantry.

Townsend - None

Next meeting: April 23, 2024

Motion to adjourn by Ryan at 6:46pm, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Exhibits: Community Preservation Committee article, Codification of General Bylaws article, Codification of Zoning Bylaws article, Increase lot size and frontage article, April 2, 2024 minutes, Shurtleff park application, Old Home Day Race and Show & Cruise request