

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of February 17, 2015
Town Hall – Selectmen's Meeting Room #1, Second Floor 7:00pm

Present: Chairman Richard Ward , Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski (TA) & Elaine Weston.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Ronald Clarke

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The Chair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and led the audience in community prayer and reviewed the agenda.

South Shore Community Action Council (SSCAC) Update: Frank Casey reviewed the programs and services offered by SSCAC. \$603,000 came to Carver families as a result of the services offered. He also stated that many restaurants donate food to their program such as Blunt Foods, Panera, Olive Garden and the Carver Farmer's Market. Council on Aging is working on getting the 5013c status. TA questioned if the Town could get a waiver for that status since it was run by the town by town personnel. Casey stated that he was not sure, he knows there are many restrictions by the USDA & he would be glad to help if needed.

Town Administrator Update:

Blizzard 2015 Update: Support staff has been brought in to clear intersections and roadways. The Town is running in a deficit for the snow budget for the fiscal year. Right now we are at approximately \$415,000 expended. The DPW are doing everything they can to control expenses at the same time as keeping the roads cleared. The Selectmen thanked the Department of Public Works for their hard work during these storms.

Fire Station Building Committee Update: The committee is meeting this Friday. They have reviewed the 60% plans and after Friday, the Committee will have a good handle on how to move forward with the project. The original price did not include construction inflation which has been running at approximately 6%. There may be potential issues to make sure the building is adequately sized to handle the future operations of Carver. Dunham questioned when we will have a true cost estimate based on finalized plans. TA stated he plans on having that information at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Executive Session: Motion by Hewins to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with all non-union personnel not under contract that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session and to reconvene into open session. Second by Dunham. Roll Call: Affirmative- Dunham, Hewins, Ward, & Marrone.

Vice-Chair Clarke Arrived

Return into open session at 8:35pm

Update on Executive Session: No Cost of Living increases will be available to the town, however, there do not foresee any layoffs for the next fiscal year. TA stated that the step increases will be funded.

FY 16 Budget Forecast: Town Budget funding info. will be available later this week. Old Colony Voc. Tech. School has 95 students from Carver which is 20% of their budget. This will increase the town budget and TA would like to see volunteer representatives attend their meetings. Clarke thanked the TA and the Town Accountant for working hard on the budget and feels the town will come out better financially. The town will be borrowing approximately \$40 million for a new school as well as many other maintenance needs for town infrastructure. TA feels all of this will pay off for the town in the long term.

Town Department Budgets The next available date to meet with departments will be 2/28. Hewins and Marrone are not available. Ward suggested reviewing the budgets in the evening and starting the meetings earlier. TA will present a balanced Town budget. March 14 at 8:30 am works for all and TA will invite Finance Committee, School Committee and Capital Outlay Committee to attend if they are available.

Public Comment Period: None

Board of Selectmen Comment Period:

Hewins: Thanked the DPW for their hard work during the storms. The YPAC is having two sign up days. The opening day has been postponed from Feb. 28. Friends of Carver Animals is accepting donations at the Council on Aging Food Pantry. Taste of Carver 2- Will be held Fri March 6 from 6pm-10pm. Playground equipment arrived and will go up in the spring.

Dunham: Thanked Frank Casey for coming to the meeting. Would like to see the town committees come together agreeing on the budget so that we can move forward with building a new school.

Clarke: Addressed complaints on social networking websites regarding DPW plowing, he reiterated that due to wells in town we use a different mixture of salt on the road and it takes time to work in the roads and feels the DPW has done a great job and does not like to see them unfairly criticized. The cable studio is open and is called CHAT (Carver-Halifax Access Television). Open House will be held in the spring. There will be a big campaign to get members. VHS tapes can be converted to DVD's.

Marrone: Board of Selectmen in Wareham is collecting local officials to discuss numbers from the various towns on how we can battle issues such as pension liabilities and unfunded mandates. Attended a meeting with Wareham, Rochester & Middleboro and decided to have another meeting & Middleboro will draft a letter to the state legislators to see what they can do to help. Organizing a common core forum on Friday April 10, 7pm, which initiated with no child left behind and feels there are concerns that need to be addressed. It will be held at the

Sportsmen's Club. She would like this to be a balanced discussion and invites teachers, parents, seniors, etc. and all interested parties.

Ward: Thanked all the Emergency Personnel and private contractors that did good work and unbelievable hours in treacherous conditions. The Selectmen have been trying to coordinate a meeting with the School Committee to discuss where we can help each other with the budget and future budgets. Attended a meeting on Chapter 70 formulas with the Superintendent. Taste of Carver 2 to benefit Zach Kane to be held on Friday March 6 at the MHS.

School Building Committee Update: Next meeting to be held 2/24. The project manager and architects will be there with several urgent items to discuss.

Town Administrator Performance Evaluation : Chair would like the evaluation done over the next week & submit it to himself and Hewins , it will be compiled during the following week and presented at the next meeting. Motion by Clarke to approve this process, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0.

Minutes/Licenses

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve Jan. 20, Jan. 22 & Feb. 3, 2015 by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve South Shore Race Management use of public roads 7/11/15 by Clarke, Second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Motion to approve One Day Special License for Carver Sportsmen's Club 3/14/15 by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Request to use Town Property: Motion to approve use of Shurtleff Park 5/16/15 conditional upon receipt of Certificate of Insurance and appropriate licenses are required by the Town by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.

Public Comment Period: None.

Motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. by Clarke , second by Dunham. Vote 5-0.