

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of October 7, 2014
Town Hall – Meeting Room #1 7:00pm

Present: Chairman Richard Ward, Vice-Chairman Ronald Clarke, Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski (TA) & Michele Doll

The Chair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Marrone recited community prayer

The Chair made announcements and reviewed meeting agenda.

Public Comment Period:

Robert Belbin, Gate Street, requested being added to upcoming agenda to receive Selectmen's guidance regarding the installation of gate purchased to complete Chris Belbin's Eagle Scout project on Wade Street. **Belbin** thanked the Board for issuing One Day License for Pampered Chef Fundraising event at the Carver Sportsman's Club on October 16th, public invited to attend. Belbin also requested additional discussions regarding a complaint which was lodged with the TA against an appointed official, as he was not satisfied with response received. **Ward** - asked if complaint was submitted in writing. **Belbin** confirmed that it was. **Milanoski** - advised Board that complaint was investigated and action taken.

Fire Station Update:

Chief Craig Weston and Deputy Chief Eric Germaine offered a presentation with update on status of department and Fire Station project. Weston thanked the Selectmen and the residents for their ongoing support. Germaine advised open application period ended on October 1st. Fifteen in town residents scheduled to take exam on Oct 22nd. Exams will be scored off site. Interviews to begin in November, offers to be issued in December and training will begin in January or February. Currently all on-call firefighters live in the Town.

State Fire Marshal Stephen Coan was invited forward by TA to acknowledge the accomplishments of Weston and Germaine, and present each with a Massachusetts Fire Chief Credentialing Certificate. Certification was voted on and approved on September 16th. Coan commended the commitment and sacrifice of the Carver Firefighting team.

Weston reviewed the Fire Station Project milestones: OPM Daedalus contracted – under budget; Designer/Architect Kaestle Boos contracted – under budget; digging for perc and geological testing on Friday; Consultant Mitchell Associates hired to analyze conceptual designs; (3) internal committees have been formed to assist in internal design, technology and training facility needs. Weston reviewed the lot layout. **Clarke** – asked if considerations made for installation of traffic street lighting. **Weston** – advised option was dismissed due to the fact that the Town has an on-call team and a traffic light would impede the member's arrival to the station therefore slowing response time. Considerations are being reviewed for an access from West Street. Plans include a medi-vac landing zone. **Dunham** – is impressed with the progress. **Weston** – anticipates digging to start in April or May.

Food Drive Initiative:

Peter Allegrini, South Meadow Road, presented COA Director Carole Julius with a check in the amount of \$2,275.00 for the Carver Food Pantry. Allegrini discussed the 'Hunger Does Not Wait for the Holidays' food drive. Brought attention to the many local businesses which have made cash and product donations: Ocean Spray, Sysco, Majic Air, Ellis Pool, Rebuildex, Edaville USA, B&E Heating & Cooling, Emerald Landscape, Norfolk Power, Bob's Pro Shop and Signs by Design. Local Residents who donated: Cindy Cunha and Jack & Ann Allegrini. Julius noted a 'real upswing' in donations from the community. **Marrone** – commended Allegrini on his hard work. **Allegrini** – responded that the program is being fueled by the people. Magic Air is sponsoring a drawing for a pair of tickets to a NE Patriots game. Anyone who drops off a donation at 36 North Main Street is invited to go inside and enter. Drawing to be held on November 8th. Julius – offered a reminder that the Food Pantry is not just for Seniors, it is for any family in need. Food Pantry is open Tues-Weds-Thurs from 9:00-11:00am. Donations can also be dropped off at the Library or Mutual Bank. Allegrini – offered (donation) signs to be provided to any business offering to accept donations.

Business Development Commission:

Chairman William Sinclair and Paul Duchaney of Freeze Frame Productions, Great Meadow Drive, presented promotional video urging and supporting business owners to consider Carver for their business location. **Marrone** – where will the video be accessible for viewing? **Sinclair** – state websites, local CCAT, town website and wherever we can get it out. **Ward** – excellent presentation.

OPEB Committee Update:

Hewins recused herself. OPEB Chairman Stephen Pratt, members Paula Nute and Bruce Kaiser presented informational power point. **Marrone** – information is very concerning. Asked about state involvement. **Pratt** – referenced HB59 which was submitted but never moved on. **Dunham** – we are limited without state mandate. **Pratt** – acknowledged some towns have made changes. OPEB is reviewing current plan and directions to look at with Finance Committee and TA. Carver is large land wise, but small in population. Where is money going? Need to look at compensations, benefits and salaries. **Clarke** – most towns will have similar shocking numbers. Good that we are becoming proactive. **Pratt** – Carver also currently has 88 employees which have waived health insurance, and could opt in at any time who are not being counted. **Milanowski** – distributed overview and reviewed (4) options currently being considered. Requested authorization from Selectmen to forward official request to Mayflower stating that they are exploring other options and moving forward. Motion to authorize TA to submit letter to Mayflower by Marrone. Dunham 2nd. Hewins recused herself. Vote 4-0-1

Town Administrator Comment Period

Budget Process

Milanowski distributed Proposed Budget Process for discussion purposes only.

Energy Efficiency Upgrades

Reviewing replacing lighting in Library and Town Hall will more energy efficient options.

RFP Snow Plowing

Contracts have been sent out. First time with change in procedure for Carver, discussions with regular providers has indicated some modifications need to be made to contract.

Playground

Intending to procure items and move ahead this week or next.

Planning, Environmental Health and Permitting Department

Building Inspector resigned. Panel currently interviewing applicants for replacement. Hope to have individual hired next week.

George Greenwood hired as new Plumbing/Gas Inspector. Alternate to be appointed as well.

Department administration moved and all records consolidated for better accessibility.

Gerry Farquharson and John Woods will be replacing carpets and painting.

Receiving positive feedback on changes.

Solar Air

Route 44 solar project. Per Town Planner, Jack Hunter, in June 2013 the Board signed a 'draft' of document, not the final. Phase 2 includes old language. Clerical and clarification errors causing finance issues. Property taxes are to be paid. **Clarke** – final draft is equal, if not better than signed document? **Milanowski** – correct.

Clarke motioned to authorize Chairman to sign revised power purchase agreement. Dunham 2nd. Vote 5-0-0

Board of Selectmen Comment Period

School Building Committee Update

OPM PMA Consultants appointed and approved by state. Advertisement out for Designer/Architect. OPM has put together an aggressive schedule.

CCAT

Clarke – contract being considered with Plympton, Halifax and Carver. Not re-organizing, but bringing other towns into our contract. Reviewing jointly tomorrow in Plympton. Looking at local real estate, established a December 31st deadline to be up and running. CCAT will be presenting a Creature Double Feature on October 31st. **Dunham** – when will contract be finalized? **Clarke** – could be as soon as next meeting.

Approval of State Election Warrant

Motion to approve State Election Warrant by Clarke. Dunham 2nd. Vote 5-0-0

Joint School Committee and BoS Committee Update

Per Dunham and Clarke, informal meet and greet meeting last night. Next meeting in (2) weeks

Marrone – welcomed Dunham back and wished him good health.

Hewins – Hewins offered more information on Bob Conway, who is memorialized by Grumpy's Cranberry Harvest 5K Run/Walk to take place on November 1st.

Dunham – glad to be back. Also, appreciated that Remote Participation was accepted prior to his hospital stay.

Ward – Congratulated Fire Department and also glad for Alan's return.

Minutes/Licenses

Motion to approve minutes:

Motion to approve September 9th minutes by Clarke. Hewins 2nd. Vote 5-0-0

Request for use of Sampson's Pond

Motion to approve use of Sampson's Pond by Cran Bog Hogs on November 2nd by Clarke. Marrone 2nd. Vote 5-0-0.

Next meeting:

Thursday, October 16th at 6:00pm in the AD Makepeace Room at School Administration Building 3 Carver Square Boulevard

Public Comment Period: None

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, Dispatchers, DPW, Police) and for non-union 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 in open session by Ward, Dunham 2nd.

Roll Call vote: Affirmative-Dunham, Hewins, Ward, Clarke & Marrone. Unanimous

Return to open session.

DPW Union Contract

Motion to approve DPW Union contract by Clarke. Marrone 2nd. Vote 5-0-0

Hewins stated she was not signing MOA portion of contract.

Motion to adjourn at 10:09pm by Clarke. Dunham 2nd. Vote 5-0-0.