

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of July 15, 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) & Elaine Weston

The Chair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance, Clarke read a prayer and the Chair and read the announcements and reviewed agenda. Ch. Ward notified the public of a fundraiser for Dan Grimes who is undergoing cancer treatment.

Public Comment Period: Dawn Padovani stated there is a drug awareness forum this Thursday from 6-8 at the Library. Robert Belbin requested to be on the next agenda to petition to change meeting minutes.

School Budget Update – FY 2015

School Committee Ch. Barry Struski opened the School Committee meeting and introduced the new Asst. Superintendent Peter Gray. Peter gave a brief overview of the school budget using a handout of a Power Point presentation highlighting how they came to a level budget including revenues, cost centers and contractual obligations. Ch. Struski reviewed the administrative and teaching positions eliminated since 2004, totaling \$5,043,140. 18% of student population has been reduced in the last 10 years and the teaching staff has been reduced by 26%. He reviewed the success of the Carver School system including scholarships, MCAS scores and National Merit recognitions. Superintendent Sorrell reviewed the remaining presentation of the budget including school choice which brings in revenue, increased class size in all grades except K & 1, reduction of 1 full-time tech support, reduction of part-time out-of-district coordinator and reduction of hours of Kindergarten Paraprofessionals. She reviewed the facts impacting special education budgets as well as an overview of the budget categories of special needs which include Administrative, Home/Hospital Instruction, Summer Services, Contracted Services, Equipment and Supplies, Evaluations and Out of District Placements. Sorrell reviewed the impacts that the reductions will have on the school and education of students. She reviewed Mandates that are either partially funded or completely unfunded.

Clarke questioned the revenue coming in from the state vs. the town. The intent several years ago was to bring funds into towns with a weak industrial base and now the state has dropped 12% from what they used to give us. He agrees with Sorrell that the formula is broken and would like to invite a state representative to a future meeting. If a student is expelled, the school is required to provide tutoring. Every student is entitled to an education whether they behave or not. Clarke would like to identify towns that are in a similar situation and appeal to the state.

Dunham agrees that he would like to get together with other towns and appeal together to address the formula.

Marrone suggested putting on the next agenda to form a committee to ensure it is followed thru. Marrone questioned if dollar amounts are associated with DESE Initiatives and mandates. Sorrell explained that there are average costs and she will look them up.

Clark stated the budget process will move forward differently this fiscal year to hold town meeting before elections and questioned how this would effect the school budgeting. Sorrell stated she feels it would not be a problem moving it forward.

Struski recognized the School Committee for their efforts and time committed to working on the budget process.

Approval of MSBA Feasibility Study for the Carver Elementary School

TA stated there will be amendments to the agreement in the reimbursement portion due to the fact that we have been thru this before and will reimburse anything that is new and different from the original schematic design. Motion by Hewins to recommend the agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the document to be amended, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0-0.

Finance Committee Reserve Fund Transfers

Finance Committee approved the items on their agenda at their meeting held earlier this evening.

Town Administrator Comment Period:

Authorization to send certification of ATM Dept. of Public Works and Treasurer-Collector

Special Act. Motion by Clarke to approve authorization to send cerification to the State of Annual Town Meeting articles of the Public Works and Treasurer-Collector, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0-0.

Acceptance of Deed in Lieu of Foreclosure: Motion to table to the next agenda for review of TOPS committee by Dunham, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0-0.

Appointment of DPW Superintendent TA spoke on behalf of John Woods, Acting DPW Superintendent in terms of his accomplishments since being named Acting Superintendent. He is looking for approval from the Board to appoint Woods as the DPW Superintendent and enter into a contract with him. In terms of consolidation of the DPW and Buildings and Grounds, TA would like to provide a mentor for him. Joe Piantedosi agreed to provide those services for a 6-month period, the cost is not to exceed \$3,000.

Dunham questioned if Woods would have a problem having a mentor and Woods replied he is open to that and thinks it would be very helpful. He also questioned if the TA is helping Woods get certifications in fields that would help further his career. TA responded that he is making resources available for him to forward his training and position. Hewins asked how Woods would feel about the Board making an appointment tonight and he replied he would appreciate that. Clarke asked TA how things would change when the new structure is approved by the State. TA replied that Woods would be responsible for the grounds and public works and would remain a contractual position under the new provisions. The intent would be a 3-year contract and to follow the wage scale that is already in place. Marrone questioned if there were other

candidates that sought interest in this position and asked Woods to give his history. Woods stated that he started as a laborer, machine operator, spent 3 years as a foreman and one year as Interim Superintendent. TA did not have any interest from the public, although the job was not advertised, he feels rewarding from within when you have a qualified candidate is the best thing for the Town.

Motion by Dunham to waive the 15-day veto period to authorize the TA to appoint Woods and enter into a contract with him and to hire the Contractor within the terms stated, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0-0.

Appointment of Police Officer/Introduction

Recommendation by Police Chief Duphily of Bryan Berriault as a lateral transfer for a new Police Officer for the Town. Town Meeting has authorized several positions to be hired for the Town, however this candidate is to fill a position that was made available due to the promotion of the Police Chief. The evaluation and technical review have been completed. Chief Duphily gave a brief history of Bryan's experience. TA is in support of Chief Duphily's recommendation. Dunham questioned Bryan on doing a lateral move. He responded that he feels he likes the direction Carver is moving in and is looking forward to the growth in the town. Hewins stated she appreciates his interest in serving Carver. Clarke stated Sgt. Sarmento did an in-depth report and is convinced that he is the right fit for the Town. Marrone feels confident that due diligence has been done. Motion by Hewins to approve the appointment of Bryan Berriault conditional on his paperwork going thru, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0-0.

TA reviewed some of the recommendations he will be making including issuing Chief Duphily a new 3-year contract. He feels Chief Duphily has earned the right to be Chief in Carver for three more years. Under his leadership, his department has increased training available to the staff, organized a substance abuse awareness forum and hosted "Coffee with the Chief" to have the public feel comfortable coming to him. He has made a significant amount of arrests as well as investigations leading to arrests. He is beginning his Master's Degree and managing his budget.

Clarke questioned if the intent is to make the appointment annual. TA responded that he generally would be looking at a three-year rolling contract, but feels at this point in time it would make a statement to the community that the Board is standing behind him.

Dunham questioned if under the new policies the review done by the TA is an issue, Duphily stated as long as the Board also evaluates the TA recommendation and can veto that. Motion by Dunham that the Board direct TA to conduct a review with the Police Chief and report the completed evaluation back at the August meeting to the Board for review and that will constitute this year's performance review with the Police Chief to satisfy the contract, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0-0.

IT Update

Conversion for Police Dept. for State compliance is underway.

Street Light Audit

An audit was done several years ago. Hewins stated that the lights were never shut off. Ward suggested putting together a committee to address this. Clarke suggested finding out what the

dollar savings would be, as shutting off lights may be counterproductive to the battle on drugs. Chief Duphily would like to see the lights maintained, which may or may not have an impact on crime.

Rt. 58 project 4 properties are left to be signed. A grant has not been secured for the street lighting at the intersection of Purchase Street. TA is looking to use Chapter 90 funds if the project cannot pick up that cost.

Ambulance Service Write-Off: Tom Walsh would like to move forward with a committee which was established in 2012. Motion by Hewins to have the EMS Director, Chairman of BOS and Vice Chairman meet on the Ambulance Service Write-Off Committee, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0-0.

Board of Selectemen Comment Period

Marrone: Commented on the great turnout and traffic flow during the air show at the Plymouth Airport.

Clarke: CCAT is in conversation with Halifax and Plympton to merge into a larger studio which is moving forward. He questioned the evaluation time period of the TA contract. Carver Lions are now meeting at the YPAC.

Hewins: YPAC is holding 2 upcoming programs: Science Week (next week). Chief Duphily has been encouraging YPAC efforts by having 3 police officers on their Board of Directors. Every Tuesday starting July 29 for 10-14 year olds YPAC will be holding "Jr. Police Explorers" thru September. This is a free program.

Dunham: Carver Old Home Day will be held Sat. July 26. August 5 is National Night Out at Carver high School which is a public safety night out beginning at 5pm.

Ward: SRPEDD: Bruce Maki is the Planning Board Rep. and Jack Hunter is the BOS rep. Governance Committee met and are working on a wide range of areas including town-wide IT program, healthcare, OPEB, and meeting with all Department Heads. The School Committee is studying the 4 potential sites for the new Elementary School. TA stated that the Fire Station Building Committee has also been moving forward quickly on the RFP process and an OPM has been hired.

Appointment of Election Workers and Board of Registrars

Motion by Hewins to appoint the Election Workers and Paul Frongillo as a member of the Board of Registrar's, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0-0

Request for use of Town Hall Parking Lot for Old Home Day Car Show

Motion by Clarke to approve the use of Town Hall Parking lot for the Old Home Day Car Show, second by Hewins . Vote 5-0-0.

Request for One Day Special License 7/26 – St. John’s Club.

Motion to approve by Clarke, second by Dunham. Vote 5-0-0.

Request for One Day Special License-Bartending Svc. Of NE 8/2

Motion by Clarke to approve, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0-0.

Request for One Day Special License – Bartending Svc. Of NE 8/16

Motion by Clarke to approve, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0-0.

Request for use of Shurtleff Park 8/9-Autism Awareness Fundraiser

Motion by Clarke to waive fee and approve, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0-0.

Request for use of Sampson’s Pond – Yoga Instruction

Motion to table by Dunham until the requestor can come before the Board, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0-0.

Motion to approve minutes: Motion to approve 6/24 minutes by Clarke 2nd by Dunham. Vote 5-0-0

Public Comment Period

Jim Philip: Invited the public to enter the Old Home Day Art Show by the Carver Cultural Council for all ages. Registration is Thursday July 24 at the Library. He will be posting a board for local artists to pay a small fee to post their advertisement.

Shawn Bowman (Cranberry Road) Concerned about street light issues and submitted a list of lights he feels are in need of repair.

Andrew Cardarelli recommended as a policy that money allocated should be tracked to the appropriate committees in town.

Motion to adjourn at 9:50pm by Dunham, second by Clarke. Vote 5-0-0.