

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of March 11, 2014
Town Hall – Meeting Room #1 7:00pm

Present: Chairman Michael O'Donnell, Selectmen Sarah Hewins Helen Marrone, Richard Ward, Administrator Michael Milanoski and Elaine Weston

Meeting called to order 6:35

Hewins motioned to move to Executive Session. Marrone 2nd. 4-0-0

Return from Executive Session. Open meeting called to order at 7:00

The Chair led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the announcements.

7:00 Carver Gas & Convenience hearing continued (tabled from 12/17/2013)

Eslah Ahmed appeared before the Selectmen to request a Class II license. Chairman O'Donnell noted ZBA restrictions under 'DECISION' section on page 2: Case No. 14-963. Franey read aloud the ZBA section marked 'FINDINGS' on page 2.

Motion to approve by Ward. Hewins 2nd. 5-0-0

Town Administrator Update:

Disposal of trees in town

Milanoski invited Sarah Hewins, as Conservation Agent, to speak and promote the Firewood Program to residents. This will be the 3rd year of the program. Bids are being accepted for removal of dead trees at Savery Avenue (street side). This is a program for residents only, no commercial entities. Trees will be tagged and there will be an informational packet available by April 15th. Fees will go to the General Fund.

Edaville Update

Milanoski invited Jack Hunter, Director of Planning, to update residents on existing issues between Edaville USA and abutting neighbors. He stated, it is a very difficult situation, but there is regular communication between Edaville, himself and the (4) designated neighboring representatives. Residents want to be provided with goals and time lines. Edaville is currently re-doing its master plan.

Entero Solar Project notice of default

1.2 megawatt plan approved December 2011 has not moved forward, Milanoski requested Town Counsel prepare a Notice of Default, stating the town needs to protect its ability to redistribute, if necessary. Entero and property owner, Michael Paduch, have both been advised that the town wants the flexibility to look into other options. Milanoski requested Selectmen approval to release Notice of Default.

Motion to approve by Marrone. Ward 2nd. 5-0-0

Financial Update on Revenue and Fixed cost FY15

Healthcare – draft reviewed by Finance Committee Chair (John Cotter), School Business Manager (Pat Meagher) and Milanoski. A request was made for a review of alternative options for cost sharing, which would go into effect for 2016. Milanoski noted that the

decision Carver made in 2004 to break from Plymouth County Healthcare saved the town millions. Plymouth County has now formed the Mayflower Group which has been very successful. The Town needs to look forward to the next (10) years.

Revenue Breakdown - \$500,000 levy growth; \$70,000 R.E. growth; \$60,000 state aid; \$0 in local receipts. Milanoski recommended the Board review permit and user fees, stating that there is a level of service expected by the taxpayers and it's necessary to have fees for those requesting additional services to relieve the burden.

NCWD needs review; \$174,000 Plymouth City Retirement; \$200,000 Healthcare; \$83,000 OCVT. Prepared budgets show need for \$600,000 new money for Town and \$900,000 new money for school. The Towns priority is funding Police issues. Department Heads are aware of the budget structure deficit. The Town has (3) options to meet needs: layoffs, reduction of hours, and reorganizing departments. Milanoski has hired a consultant to review a consolidation of school/town Building Superintendents into one community wide department. He is hoping to submit, with Finance Committee, a balanced budget with a conceptual re-organization plan for April.

Inspection Rates

Motion to table by Franey. Ward 2nd. 5-0-0

Committee Appointments

-Milanoski noted that appointments for Fire Station Building Committee and School Building Committee are almost complete. He is intent on ensuring both are well balanced committees, due to the political nature of the community.

-(5) members have been appointed to the Governance Committee: Richard Ward (Selectmen), John Cotter (FinCom), Jack Angley (Capital Outlay), Stephen Gray (C) and James Grimes (C).

This will be a two phase process. First step is to create Articles for Town Meeting, vetting changes. Second step will be to review Town By-laws, currently many existing by-laws conflict with each other. Milanoski suggested all items should be reviewed regularly every 5-10 years.

-(5) members have been appointed to OPEB: Paula Nute (Treasurer), Joe Patton (FinCom), Bruce Keiser (C), Steve Pratt (C) and Paul Johnson (C). OPEB is a \$47 million liability in Carver, this committee will hopefully meet next week and soon offer recommendations on how to handle this liability.

-Collins Center Report. Completion of final draft by Superintendant, MSBA and Milanoski.

-Milanoski met with Representative Susan Williams-Gifford and shared his concerns regarding: (1) ongoing heroin epidemic; (2) unfunded mandates; (3) Route 58 project - inclusion of Purchase Street intersection

Set date for Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting

Motion to hold Annual Town Meeting & Special Town Meeting on June 2, 2014, with carryover date of June 3, 2014 by Ward. Franey 2nd. 5-0-0

Chapter 61A First Right of Refusal – 85 Center Street

Town Planner, Jack Hunter, recommends that town does not act on First Right of Refusal.

Parcel is land-locked with zoning variances; no tree cutting, no structures. Parcel will serve as additional acreage only.

Motion to release First Right of Refusal by Franey. Ward 2nd. 5-0-0

Marrone:

Referred to a recent newspaper article regarding Whitman Hanson dismissing Kopelman & Paige, as town Counsel. We need to invite K&P to comment. Milanoski suggested reaching out for a written response, as a newspaper article is not always the most factual document. Follow-up with verbal discussion at open meeting, if necessary. Final step would be to decide if the town would like to move forward and look into finding new representation. Milanoski to reach out to K&P for written response to be reviewed by board.

Ward:

Need to continue our efforts with educating students and community regarding drug epidemic.

Hewins:

Announced Stretch Code Work Shop to be held at Halifax Town Hall on March 20th at 7:00pm

Franey:

No comments

O'Donnell:

CCAT Annual Debate for Selectman candidates Thursday March 27th at 7:00pm, will air live.

Milanoski:

Mobilize the Community event on March 25th will conflict with next scheduled BoS meeting.

Ward is attending as a discussion group leader. Marrone suggested meeting date of April 1st.

Motion by Ward to approve meeting date of April 1st. Franey 2nd.

Warrant Articles for Town Meeting were due today.

Minutes/Licenses

Approval Minutes of February 11, 2014

Motion by Ward to approve minutes. Marrone 2nd. 5-0-0

Approval Minutes of February 25, 2014

Motion by Marrone to approve minutes. Ward 2nd. Hewins recused herself. 4-0-1

Request for Appointment to Historical Commission: Savery Moore

Mr. Moore spoke of his families historical connections to Carver.

Motion to appoint Savery Moore to Historical Commission by Franey. Hewins 2nd. 5-0-0

Request for use of Shurleff Park: Church of the Vine 4/13/14, rain date 4/19/14 2:00-4:00pm Easter Eggstravaganza

Motion to approve by Franey. Marrone 2nd. 5-0-0

Application for Common Victualler's License: Larches Inn

Rain Phillips to re-open her Bed and Breakfast.

Motion to approve by Franey. Marrone 2nd. 5-0-0

Borrego Solar Project Mitigation Discussion

Milanoski working with Town Planner, Borego and residents. Project has been approved by Building Department. ZBA has agreed to a settlement. Project is moving forward, subject to appeal. Residents are looking for additional screening and more buffering to isolate cells. If project is not appealed and allowed to expand density in phase II, Borego may be willing to consider donating 50% of profits to school programs on an annual basis, in a show of good faith.

Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of the meeting

Milanoski distributed – Highlights of BoS Facilitation Meeting to members

Public Comment Period

-Rod Forrester of 13 Lincoln Circle, Cranberry Village inquired on status regarding well. Development lost water for 7 hours, as it took 4 hours for response and company was not prepared due to plowing and debris from storm. Milanoski advised Facilities Consultant, Gerry Farquharson, has moved forward to obtain bids for a new generator. The Town will be looking in to modifications to the contract. And he has requested DPW clears the roads during storms, to avoid future problems. He also reminded the audience, that in order to save money, the Town had to contract out the work versus hiring a Full-time employee. Mr. Forrester mentioned concerns that the Town voted to replace the generator during the last Town Meeting and if it had been done in a more timely manner, the water problem would have been prevented.

-Alan Dunham of 11 Rickard Street, invited the audience to attend March Music Madness at CMHS presented by the Music Department on March 26th from 7-9:00pm. Also, inquired about the status of the School Building Committee appointments. Milanoski advised they are ahead of schedule and should be finalized by Friday.