

Minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting of April 7, 2015
Town Hall – Selectmen’s Meeting Room #1, Second Floor 7:00pm

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

Finance Committee: Chairman John Cotter, Andrew Cardarelli, Joseph Patten, Richard Buck, Mark Townsend, William Duggan

7:00 Meeting called to order

The Chairman led the audience in Pledge of Allegiance.

Marrone read aloud the Community Prayer.

The Chairman reviewed the Agenda.

Hewins – does not feel enough notice was given regarding discussion regarding MGL 150E Section 1. **Dunham** – request was made during Open Meeting on April 2nd during Selectmen Comment Period. Copy of law was distributed at that time, this should not come as a surprise and is a valid item for the agenda. **Clarke** – normally need to advertise vote so those with a vested interest can attend for discussions. **Dunham** – not opposed to postponing vote, but would like to move ahead with update on discussions with School Committee and Superintendent, Liz Sorrell.

Public Hearing:

Carver Convenience, Inc. dba Quikeez Convenience request for Change of Manager

Matthew Porter spoke on behalf of Lilaben Chinubhai Patel regarding request for Transfer of Liquor License due to pending P&S and change of ownership. Purchase is contingent on Liquor License. **Clarke** – approval would be contingent on taxes and permit fees being paid up to date. **Marrone** – agenda does not specify change of ownership. **Milanoski** – ABCC designates by manager of license, not property owner.

Motion to approve by Marrone. Dunham 2nd. Approved 5-0-0

7:12 John Cotter, Chairman of Finance Committee called meeting to order

Cotter appreciates the opportunity to hear and participate in discussions, but Finance Committee members will not vote tonight. Votes will be taken at their meeting scheduled for Thursday evening.

Discussion & Vote on Draft Warrant Articles

Article 1: Motion to approve by Clarke. Dunham 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Details reviewed by TA

Article 2: Motion to approve by Marrone. Clarke 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Details reviewed by TA, noted correction to proposed motion.

Article 3: Motion to approve by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. **Approved 3-2-0**
(Clarke/Hewins opposed)

Monies needed to cover deficit in Snow and Ice Budget. Surplus of \$200,000.00 from School Healthcare and Retirement can be used to offset. **Hewins** - referred to opinion from DOR – although legal, it is not recommended. **Dunham** - has different interpretation of letter from DOR. Town and School should not have separate budgets. We are not taking money from School Department, they will not be allowed to use funds for any other line item and it will come back to the Town in the end. **LaMay, Town Accountant** - has taken into consideration the remaining expenses and reviewed previous two years. Averaged monthly payments and multiplied by 2. **Marrone** - winter weather was unprecedented. The likelihood of school needing excess monies is slim. One more reason Town and School should be one. **Clarke** - school has different interpretation. Governor has appealed for emergency funds which may negate the need. Concerned about taking money with ¼ school year remaining. **Dunham** – there is no guarantee of reimbursement from state; how much or how long. We need to use Fiscal Funds to take care of Fiscal expenses. **Marrone** – it is irresponsible to put the Town in a deficit when we are trying to build up our credibility for a new school. **Clarke** – what about a Stabilization Fund transfer. Taking money is not the definition of cooperation. **Ward** – School Committee is very upset that this issue was not presented to them before being presented to the residents. **Milanowski** – there have been emails to the School requesting a contribution to the Snow Budget of at least \$75,000.00, that amount has changed. **Clarke** – can we use Free Cash now. **Milanowski** – that would not be in the Town's best interest. We need to meet our Financial Policies and improve our rating. Free Cash would be a last resort. We need to close out year and get audits done for Bonding. **Hewins** – do not see large effect, try to fund with Free Cash and Stabilization Fund. **Marrone** – irresponsible to touch Free Cash. Town Accountant has done the numbers. Transferring these funds will not burden the school. We can work on communication, but we need a solution. **Milanowski** - requested vote to transfer other necessary funds from Town Budget during Board of Selectmen meeting immediately preceding Town Meeting

Article 4: Motion to approve by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**
Details reviewed by TA

Article 5: Motion to approve by Marrone. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**
Details reviewed by Jack Hunter, Town Planner.

Article 6 -Part A: Motion to approve Appendix A & B by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**
Excluded Appendix C from vote

6 -Part B: Motion to approve by Dunham. Clarke 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

6 -Part C: Motion to approve by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

6 -Part D: Motion to approve by Dunham. Clarke 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 7: Motion to approve as amended by Dunham. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Marrone - is opposed to ordering new text books and technology for the Common Core curriculum which is a pilot program, not wise to invest in a program with so much opposition.

Article 8: Motion to approve by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Details reviewed by TA

Skip Martin, Chairman of Recreation Committee and Mary Ross offered overview of requested Appropriations C&D regarding Forest Street Field. **Clarke** – cost of maintenance. **Martin** – discussion have been held with DPW Superintendent who has agreed to oversee maintenance. **Dunham** – would like estimated cost per square foot.

Article 9: Motion to approve by Clarke. Dunham 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 10: Motion to approve by Dunham. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Two year contract, then goes back to bid. Service levels should remain the same, but prices will be discounted. **Marrone** – not in favor of the opt out provision, would prefer to see an opt in. **Clarke** – this is a large group negotiation, an opportunity to help the citizens of Carver.

Article 11: Motion to approve by Marrone. Dunham 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 12: Motion to table by Clarke. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 13: Motion to approve by Dunham. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 14: Motion to approve by Clarke. Hewins 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Business District focused in Spring Street area. Details reviewed by Jack Hunter, Town Planner.

Article 15: Motion to take no action by Dunham. Clarke 2nd. **Approved 4-0-1**

Article 16: Motion to take no action by Clarke. Dunham 2nd. **Approved 5-0-0**

Article 17: Motion to approve by Marrone. Clarke 2nd. **Approved 3-0-2**

(Ward/Hewins recused)

TA noted correction in Sections 2 and 3, should read “on or before June 30, 2025”

9:36 5 Minute break

9:41 Meeting called back to order

Board of Selectmen Comment Period:

Dunham –new state law requiring headlights be turned on when wipers are in use. Subject to a \$5.00 fine and surcharge. Requests Chairman and Vice Chairman work with School Committee towards a joint meeting to perform cost analysis and investigate possible savings of possible joint Town and School

Hewins – Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, April 13th at 6:30pm in the CMHS Auditorium. Town Elections scheduled for April 25th in the CHS Gymnasium.

Clarke – CHAT planning an open house sometime in June. Town Meeting will be broadcast live.

Marrone – Common Core Workshop scheduled for Friday, April 10th at 7:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. Those who wish to attend should contact her for a formal reservation, as they do not want to exceed capacity and turn residents away. Speaker Sandra Stotsky will be

interviewed by Jeff Kuhner 680AM radio on air Wednesday morning. TA evaluation should be kept to general comments.

Ward – Wished recent Town Hall retiree Steven Fager good luck. Volunteer Fire Department Graduation is taking place this Saturday at 1:00pm. Monday's Town Meeting will start at 6:30pm.

Governance Committee extension of terms:

Motion by Dunham to table until after Town Meeting. Hewins 2nd. Approved 5-0-0

Discussion on MGL150E Section 1:

Dunham – current Union negotiations almost at conclusion. (2) Additional negotiations coming up in May. Law states TA can designate a representative to be part of the process. Should have knowledge and be able to answer public concerns. Spoke with Superintendent and she acknowledged this right. It's time we apply it. **Ward** – a Selectmen should attend next School Committee meeting and explain intentions before we act. **Marrone** – this is one way we can come together, improve communication.

Public Comment

Andrew Cardarelli - BoS should be represented on School Committee. It is the largest budget in Town, and needs to be reminded to stay in parity of the populus. A new school and good teachers don't mean anything, if you can't afford to live in the Town.

Request by Carver Music Boosters for use of Shurtleff Park on Saturday June 20th, Sunday July 19th and Saturday August 15th.

Motion to approve request for use of Shurtleff Park and waive fee by Dunham. Marrone 2nd. Approved 5-0-0.

Request by Norfolk County Bass Anglers to use Sampson's Pond on May 3rd.

Motion to approve by Dunham. Hewins 2nd. Approved 5-0-0

Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of March 30 by Marrone. Clarke 2nd. Approved 5-0-0

Town Administrator Evaluation

Dunham – Milanoski is meeting our goals and I have seen great progress

Hewins – agrees meeting goals for Budget and School Building, needs to work on improving his methods

Ward – puts in long hours and hard work, performance is better than average. Encourages him to work on communication.

Clarke – meeting and exceeding expectations. Moving in a positive direction. Specifically Fiscal Policies and Department Reorganization.

Marrone – most work has met or exceeded expectations. Impressed with financial solutions and improved department efficiencies.

10:21pm

Motion by Clarke to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, DPA, Dispatchers, PEC/IAC-Health Care, Police)

and for non-union negotiations and with all non-union personnel not under contract, and strategy for litigation, that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session and to reconvene in open session. Marrone 2nd.

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

10:36 Return to open session

Motion to adjourn at 10:37 by Hewins. Dunham 2nd. Unanimous