

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
January 17, 2017 - 7:00pm

In Attendance: Chairman Ronald Clarke, Vice-Chairman Alan Dunham, Sarah Hewins, Helen Marrone, Dave Robertson, Town Administrator Milanoski (TA) & Elaine Weston

The Carver Fire Department Color Guard and members of the Fire Department entered.

Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Rev. Robert Merritt read the community prayer.

Fire Department Pinning Ceremony: Chief Weston announced the position of Assistant Deputy Chief was appointed to Jesse Boyle. Boyle has been a member of the Carver Fire Department for 14 years. This position was to fill the vacancy from 2008. The hiring process included a comprehensive exam, writing a fire grant which was reviewed by outside Fire Chiefs, as well as an assessment center. The pinning was done by his family and swearing in by the Town Clerk Lynn Doyle. The Board of Selectmen all congratulated Boyle on his appointment and thanked him for serving the Town.

Citizen Participation: Stephen Gray: Spoke as a member of Governance Committee which made several recommendations that were adopted at Town Meeting. He spoke about the Rt. 44/58 intersection- more specifically the land on the corner of Plymouth St/Rt. 58 with the blighted structure as being a public safety issue. The Building Commissioner has sent letters to the real estate development company that owns the property and no response has been received. He is requesting Town Counsel be contacted for follow up.

Appointment of New Officer to the Police Department: Chief Duphily present. He reviewed the hiring process taken from the three finalists. Matthew Rayner was previously in charge of detectives in the Everett Police Department from assault and child abuse cases. He was also a member of the Air Force for years. Motion by Marrone to approve the appointment of Rayner, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0.

Town Administrator Update:

Fire Station Update: Chief Weston present for update: Company 1 moved into the new Building on Sunday, January 15. He would like the Community Preservation Committee to come in to see the display cases that are in the lobby. The 9-1-1 will move into the new building in February. All administrative items such as burn permits are still being processed out of the old building until February. The training center will be open for use in February. A new recruit class will be starting soon. Ten recruits are expected for the next training class. TA stated that Bill Harriman has been a large asset in helping with the process and will be helping with the School Building process.

Update on FY 18 budget scheduling of Department Heads – The Board would be amenable to doing the budget meetings over several meetings instead of on a Saturday.

Update on warrant for 2017 ATM: TA reviewed the items that will be on the warrant. Petition articles – there are 5 submitted – he is suggesting that a report be submitted from regional funds that outline how Carver has benefitted from these and how the funds are used.

Update on New Elementary School: In process of releasing 2nd payment. All sub-contractors are doing a good job on the site and there are currently no major issues. A Time lapse camera is in the process of being installed and is expected to be operational by the end of the month.

Urban Renewal Plan: Next steps will be to start the permitting process with the state and a meeting will be set up in February to meet with the State.

Public Hearing for Mass Highway: Rochester Rd. Bridge – will be held on Jan 24 at 7pm. The Town needs to secure the Right of Way if necessary.

New street lights in center of Town: The lights are 90 watt led bulbs. The cost to buy bulbs is \$2,000 and \$1,000 to install if want to change. TA is asking Board members to meet with public safety officials. Hewins and Robertson will come back with a recommendation at the next meeting.

Health Care: Gateway is anticipating an 11% increase in healthcare costs. Marrone questioned other group funds – Mayflower Group had an 18% increase last year – which was using their trust fund to subsidize the rates and now the trust fund is getting low, members have left the group (Hingham, Scituate, Rockland and Abington). Gateway is constantly looking at other groups, but feels the Town is still doing better than the larger groups). Last year our increase was 8%.

Joint meeting with School Committee: TA & Superintendent are working on submitting a grant for a Community Compact Grant.

Board of Selectmen Update

Robertson: None

Hewins: None

Marrone: None

Dunham: Happy to see Fire Station 1 moved into the new building

Clarke: Feels the meeting with the School Committee was productive. Would like to invite Sen. Pacheco and Rep. Gifford to the next meeting for updates.

TA commended the Finance Director and School Business Manager for working together to make a budget that is responsible for the taxpayers of the Town.

Appointment on Comcast Cable Comm., Inc. license expiration on 10/13/19: Clarke is in the process of contacting members from the sub-committee from 2005 and is looking for anyone in the community interested to apply. He would also like to welcome any competitors.

Sale of Surplus Property Policy: Anytime the Town gets rid of property, the Board needs to vote on it. The Policy will allow anything will allow supplies with a value with less than \$10,000 be handled by the Chief Procurement Officer. Motion to approve policy by Dunham, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0.

Limitation on Drones: There is currently no law to deal with the operation of drones, but there are restrictions listed on the link. This link is available on the 1/17/17 agenda which is posted on the Carver Website, Board of Selectmen page under Agendas. Clarke would like to have legal counsel begin to look into this and give us a written update. TA suggested having the Police Chief come to the next meeting to speak to the issue from a law enforcement standpoint. Robertson suggested the Plymouth Municipal Airport may have information on this. Mass Municipal Association may also have information on this issue.

Schedule meeting with Housing Authority on Carver Housing Authority Audit Report Number 2016-1285-3H: Carver Housing Authority is an independent elected body and not under the Board of Selectmen. They directly report to the Department of Housing and Community Development. There are 5 members, 4 are elected and one is appointed by the Governor. The State Auditor recently did an audit and there are findings and recommendations from the auditor. TA suggested giving them the opportunity to present their findings from the Audit at a Board of Selectmen meeting. They have a part-time Director and part-time Maintenance staff. They do not report to the Town. The Town does not pay for any maintenance or upkeep of the housing.

Approval of Minutes of 1/3/17: Motion to approve minutes by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 3-0-2 (Robertson & Marrone abstain)

Request for parking at Sampson's Pond for the following dates: 5/20/17 Rod Jockey's; 5/27/17 & 5/28/17 Nebassin; 6/17/17 & 9/10/17 Eastside Sport. Motion to approve requests by Dunham, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0

Request for Road Race by Max Performance 6/10/17: Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Marrone. Vote 5-0.

Next meetings: 2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21

Citizen Participation: Julie Perkins – Carver Coalition & Jen Dowding – Carver Cares. Plymouth adding a question to their ballot to opt out of “pot shops”. They are questioning if Carver is doing that.

Move to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with unions (Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, PEC/IAC-Health Care, Police) and for non-union negotiations and with all non-union personnel not under contract, and strategy for litigation, and for purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and not to reconvene in open session by Marrone at 8:35pm, second by Roberson. Roll Call: Affirmative: Robertson, Hewins, Marrone, Dunham, Clarke.