

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
February 28, 2017 - 6:30pm

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

Chair led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Robertson read the community prayer.

Miss U. S. Agriculture Massachusetts: Harley-Anne Hamilton

The Board of Selectmen presented the Miss U.S. Agriculture of Massachusetts achievement award to Harley-Anne Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton is the 1st to be named Miss U.S. Agriculture of Massachusetts.

Marrone & Dunham commended and thanked Ms. Hamilton for all her accomplishments and efforts for the benefit of the Town.

Finance Committee Chairman John Cotter was in attendance-no quorum and no votes will be taken.

School Department Budget Review:

Scott Knief, Superintendent and Brad Brothers, Chief Financial Officer reviewed and discussed the FY18 Carver Public Schools Budget.

FY18 Budget School Committee worked with a 4 Phase Timeline which consisted of a basic overview of rough level service budget in comparison to town approved forecast; finalizing the level service budget and to begin to discuss possible reductions and the final phase was the voting and approving the budget to meet the town approved forecast.

The FY18 Shortfall is \$1,247,868. The reductions impacted are made up of Administration by 7.7%, Custodian's by 7.1%, Paraprofessional's by 13% and Teachers by 6.8%. As part the shortfall it includes retirement & vacancies that are not going to be filled. In addition stipends are being cut & fees are being added. Also, three grants the Federal Government the Town received in the past are not being reinstated, bringing a significant decrease for this year's number.

Dunham commended Knief & Brothers along with the school committee for all their efforts working on meeting the town forecasted FY18 budget.

Town Administrator Update

TA reviewed and discussed the 2017 Annual Town Election Warrant.

Review on Town Budget final numbers for Town Meeting

Motion to approve the 2017 Annual Town Budget by Marrone, second by Dunham
VOTE: 5-0

Review and vote on warrant articles for ATM 2017

Article 1 – ANNUAL TOWN REPORT

Motion to approve Article 1 by Marrone, second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

Article 2 – FIRE STATION BUILDING

Motion to approve Article 2 by Marrone, second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

Article 3 – UPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS YEARS

Motion to approve Article 3 by Robertson, second by Marrone

Vote: 5-0

Article 4 – FY17 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Motion to approve Article 4 by Marrone, second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

Motion to move Common Victuallers License to be heard earlier at the meeting by Dunham, Second by Marrone

Vote: 5-0

Common Victualler License: For Goodness Cakes

Motion to approve the license for For Goodness Cakes by Marrone, second by Hewins

Vote: 5-0

Article 5 – FY17 ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM FREE CASH

Motion to approve Article 5 by Dunham, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Article 6 – FY18 OPERATING FUNDS

Part C #'s for NCWD is \$330,882 & Cranberry Village is \$56,684

Motion to approve Article 6 part A as written by Marrone, second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

NOTE: Hewins supports all parts of the Article with the exception of the organizational chart.

Article 8 – COMMUNITY CPC - TABLED

Article 9a – REVOLVING FUNDS BYLAW

Motion to approve Article 9a by Marrone, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Article 9b – REVOLVING FUND SPENDING LIMITS

Motion to approve Article 9b by Marrone, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Article 9d – UNPAID MUNICIPAL CHARGES

Motion to approve Article 9d by Marrone, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Article 10 – ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL LAWS

Motion to approve Article 10 by Dunham, second by Marrone

Vote: 5-0

Article 12 – ZONING SPONSORED BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Dunham made the request to wait until Chief of Police/Counsel is available to vote on 12A & B

Motion to approve Article 12C by Dunham, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Board of Selectmen Update:

Robertson passed on high commendations he's received regarding the new Fire Station.

Dunham reminded everyone of the Fire Station Open House as scheduled in April.

Marrone encouraged people to sign up to become a member of the School Committee Board. The deadline is March 2nd at 5:00pm deadline.

Clarke reminded the Board that evaluations are coming due.

Ratify contract Dispatcher contract

Dunham moved to ratify Dispatcher contract, Marrone 2nd

Vote: 5-0

Vote to approve new Police & Fire Chief's 5 year contract effective July 1, 2017

Motion by Marrone to approve making the vote to include both the reappointment and the 5 year contracts for Police & Fire Chief, Second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

Motion to approve the reappointment & contracts for Police & Fire Chief's 5 year contract by Marrone, Second by Dunham

Vote: 5-0

Cranberry Village Water Rates, maintain same rate as two years ago.

Noel Bearce, Treasurer of Cranberry Village updated the board how by repairing large leaks they have been able to see a water cost reduction. They will continue to make repairs as required. He also noted to keep in mind that the population of the park has increased which could lead to additional water costs in the future.

Motion to approve Cranberry Village Water Rates back to the rate they were two years ago by Marrone, second by Dunham

VOTE: 5-0

Minutes/Licenses/Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chairman 48 hours in advance of meeting:

NONE

Minutes of 2/1/17 Motion to approve the minutes of 2/1/17 made by Dunham, second by Robertson

Vote: 5-0

Next Meeting Minutes: 3/21, 3/30 (joint meeting School Committee and BOS), 4/4, 4/11(Town Meeting), 4/13, 5/2, 6/6, 8/1, 9/5, 10/3, 11/7, 12/5.

Green Community Forum March 15th Town Hall 7pm is posted on the website

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with the DPW Union and to reconvene in open session only for purposes of adjournment at 9:20 pm by Dunham, second by Marrone.

Roll Call: Affirmative: Clarke, Dunham, Hewins, Marrone, Robertson