

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
March 20, 2018 - 7:00pm

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

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

Citizen Participation:

Nancy Ryan: Voiced concerns on the proposed plan for the Council on Aging addition to the Library. There needs to be another bathroom as well as dedicated areas for activities.

Madeline Joyce: Concerned about the location of the proposed Council on Aging. Is happy with the new buildings in Town of the Police, Fire and athletics fields for the school, and would like the seniors to have their own building.

Dick Ward: Has concerns about the current Council on Aging building due to the lack of parking and difficulty to get into the building from the parking lot.

Cornelius Shea: Feels the Council on Aging project is being rushed and would like to see a stand-alone building.

Annual Town Meeting Warrant review and approval:

TA reviewed modifications & updates Town Counsel made to the warrant. No action was taken. Will be reviewed again at the April 3rd meeting.

Town Administrator Update:

Council On Aging Update on Addition: TA met with users of the facility and discussed that in the new center COA activities will need to be on the ground floor. The need for another bathroom will be studied. The current facility is in need of major repair and a new facility is needed. The public hearing scheduled for Wednesday 3/21 will be rescheduled.

Police Station Building: The next meeting will be Thursday, 3/22 at 8:00am. The Request for Proposal will be moved forward. The next step is to be moved forward with an architect. The sites will be discussed later in the conceptual process.

Carver Marion Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Update: The Town Administrators & Dave Robertson have met with Covanta, DEP, the head of Southeastern MA to help them through their analysis. The next meeting is on March 28. Many issues are still being grappled with including the spending of the funds. The three Town Administrators have been put in charge of this issue to consolidate the district, address future costs and are currently in talks of opening brush days for each town. The two facilities may be consolidated into one facility in late spring. They are also trying to prohibit commercial waste from being dumped and establish

an illegal dumping fee. They are looking for all three towns to have the same fee. Carver's fee is low due to the fact that we don't have tipping fees which will disappear.

Clarke asked if a forensic audit will be done. TA stated that an administrative review is being done and cannot discuss any issues in public session. Appropriate action is being taken to identify what is going on. The next meeting is Wednesday, March 28.

Robertson stated that consolidating two sites into one will be a process. Efficiency changes need to be changed and asks that the public has patience through this process.

Dunham thanked all three Town Administrators. He has grave concerns on how we got to this point and how to convey to the public on how to not get to this point again. Requested an executive session on April 3 to discuss. He feels this is inexcusable to the taxpayers.

Board of Selectmen Update:

Robertson: None

Hewins: Addressed anyone with concerns of the Council on Aging, that the article proposed will address all of those issues. In regards to the Police Station Building Committee-the site the playground is on is 13 acres and the playground takes up 2 acres. The well water radius is into the woods where the chopped gravel is for the walking path.

Clarke: In regards to the other building projects in town, there were no final plans when the money was approved at Town Meeting with the understanding of the end goal. Each project strongly encouraged public input. All the current projects are under the tax levy and no one's taxes are going up more than they normally would. Would like the Board to take a stand on the petition article that addresses the financial policies due to the fact that the auditor is telling us that we are a level beyond our peers financially and are able to build a police station, fire station, athletic field and council on aging without an increase in taxes.

Edaville's opening is now April 14.

Marrone: None

Dunham: Asked everyone to stay safe during the storm. The Selectmen have no more say on the final determination of the COA project than any other resident in town. It will be Town Meeting that has the final say on the project by voting at Town Meeting

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

Minutes of 3/12/18: Motion to approve by Clarke, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0

Next Meeting: 4/3 & 4/24-Annual Town Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 pm by Clark, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0.