

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Carver Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
February 5, 2019 - 7:00pm

In Attendance: Board of Selectmen – Chairman Alan Dunham, Vice Chairman Ronald Clarke, Dave Robertson, Mark Townsend, Town Administrator Michael Milanoski & Elaine Weston

Absent: Sarah Hewins

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

**Citizens Participation:** None

**Aaron Polanski – Old Colony Regional Voc. Tech.** along with Carver Student Amanda Hannon. He showed a video presentation. They try to keep the communities updated with Facebook posts. A few highlights are the early college programming through Bristol Community College. They would like to dispel the rumor that voc. school graduates don't go to college.

Their MCAS results show that they are higher than many of the Southeastern Mass. schools. Amanda Hannon is the recipient of the 2019 Outstanding Voc. Tech. Student of the year award and will be honored at Mechanics Hall in Worcester.

Aaron invited the Selectmen to come to the school for lunch & tour.

Amanda went to Old Colony to be an interior designer. She discovered that she enjoyed carpentry and furniture making. She would like have a home design business one day and feels Old Colony has given her the tools to do this. She is planning on attending UMASS Dartmouth in the fall.

The school is currently looking into doing facility updates.

**Donna Forand – Senior Bullying video and discussion** A video on senior bullying was shown. Bullying can happen regardless of age. Exclusion and gossiping is bullying. She is hoping that by being more caring, understanding and listening, kindness will prevail. This can start with each individual and is hopeful that this will resonate with everyone in town. The Council on Aging Board of Directors have seen the video. More programming has been added and attendance has gone down and they would like to have everyone encouraged to go to the Council on Aging and get past the negativity. There will be a night of hope and healing that will be held on March 15 at 6:30 at the Middle High School.

**Swearing-in of new Police Sergeant Bryan Berriault** Police Chief Marc Duphily gave a brief overview of Bryan's achievements. He has been with the Carver Department since 2014 and has been an Officer since 2005 and transferred here from Wareham. He has participated in the Youth Police Academy and is a member of the Police Station Advisory Committee. Berriault was sworn in by Town Clerk Doyle and had his badge pinned by his wife.

## **Appointments to the Cable Advisory Committee:**

**Al Winters, Jay John, Dan Ginnetty & Patrick Meagher**

Motion by Townsend to appoint all to the Cable Advisory Committee, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0.

## **Town Administrator Update:**

Finance Committee meetings scheduled to review budgets:

Jan 17: Public Safety- Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Services, Police & Fire

Alan Germain and Kate Bandzul gave an update on the Jan. 17 meeting. There is nowhere to cut expenses.

Feb. 7: Town Hall-Finance, Planning, Town Clerk, Council on Aging, Library, Recreation

Feb. 21: Outside Operations- Operations & Maintenance, Veterans

This should complete the budget process. They will not meet with the school since they will be coming before the Selectmen.

The public & Selectmen are welcome to attend. The recommendation of the Finance Committee will come back to the Board for vote. All meetings are being filmed.

They are also looking at other initiatives: They are working on a grant project for the non-profit agencies that request funding through the annual town warrant. They are looking to change that to an application process with a budget of \$25,000 to grant to agencies. This will give more oversight on what the money is going to be used for and creates accountability.

The Stretch Code several years ago had a large variance from State vs. stretch code requirements. Now the state building codes are more reasonable and there are grants available. The committee is still researching the pros and cons of this.

**Police Station and Recreation Complex update:** The Landscape architect is working with the Recreation Committee to reconfigure some of the ball fields. Phase I was presented to the Community Preservation Committee last Thursday and Feb. 28 will be the public hearing to possibly vote to approve the funds. Recreation is requesting \$600,000. The Town will be able to do many things ourselves and we will be able to bid out some of the projects as well.

Police Station Advisory Building Committee will be taking a tour of the Lakeville Station. They will be talking to Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School as well to see what projects they are able to help with to defer costs.

**Update on senior survey** Planning Director Stephen Cole is heading up a survey of the 55 and over community to find out what people want and this will be done through print, mailing and

electronic communications. The survey should roll out by the beginning of March. Preliminary results are expected to be available around the time of town meeting.

**Update on the Route 44 Development Project** The final environmental impact report will be released by the end of February and the state should issue the permit by the end of April. The Allen & Tassinari house was purchased and the Walsh property has also been purchased. The Tuscher's property has a purchase & sale in process.

### **Other Business**

There is a business interested in building on the Carver side of the airport. Plymouth offers water and sewer and the tax rate is lower. The business would like to request Carver to see if there is anything they can do to make the tax rate more comparable to make it more appealing for building in Carver.

Borrego Solar will be donating \$29,000 to Carver which will be put into a mitigation account to be used for the cost of the pine tree removal on the Town Hall complex.

Operations and Maintenance Department is requesting to add another staff member to help with the upkeep of the new infrastructure in town as well as have a field use plan for the town to properly upkeep the fields.

### **Board of Selectmen Update**

**Robertson:** Saddened to hear of the YPAC being unable to keep funded.

**Townsend:** Hopes there is a way to fill the void of the YPAC. Crusader Athletic boosters is holding their annual Bingo night 2/7. Will be holding office hours the last Tuesday of every month from 5-6pm in the Town Hall private meeting room on the second floor

**Dunham:** None

**Clark:** Announced the Robert H. Merritt Public Service Award – details will be available on the Town's website. Outlined the Town Administrator Annual Evaluation Timeline:

### **Minutes/Licenses/Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting:**

Minutes of 12/4/18 and 1/15/19

Motion to approve 12/4/19 by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0

Motion to approve 1/15/19 by Robertson, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0

Request for MS Bike Ride Road Race 6/29/19 & 6/30/19-Motion to approve by Robertson, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0

Request for Ragnar Relay Road Race 5/11/19 & 5/12/19-Motion to approve by Townsend, second by Dunham. Vote 4-0

Request for Best Buddies Challenge Road Race 6/1/19-Motion to approve by Dunham, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0

Next meetings: 2/19, 3/5, 3/19, 4/2, 4/16, 5/7, 5/21, 6/4, 6/18, 7/2, 7/30, 8/6, 9/3, 9/17, 10/1, 10/15, 11/5, 11/19, 12/3, 12/17

Motion to adjourn at 8:35pm into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations with union: Police & SEIU – Clerical, that may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the town if held in open session, and to convene in open session for purpose of adjournment by Dunham, second by Townsend. Roll call-Affirmative: Robertson, Townsend, Dunham, Clarke.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm by Robertson, second by Townsend. Vote 4-0.