

Carver Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Carver Town Hall, 2nd Floor
July 31, 2018 - 7:00pm

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

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

Citizens Participation: None

Grant Award Recognition: MIIA Liability Awards of \$27,082 were awarded by attending free trainings offered by MIIA, the Town's insurance company, in many different areas such as back injury prevention & roof self-inspections which are targeted to reduce risk and increase productivity.

Freeze up prevention Grant of \$1,200 by the Operations and Maintenance Department was for Thermal Imaging cameras to identify cold areas to reduce risk of pipes freezing.

Worker's Comp prevention Grant of \$644 by the Operations and Maintenance Department was for a magnet lift for manhole covers.

Pole Hearing: High Street; continuation – Donna Rosa from Eversource requesting two new poles 7/50.5 & 7/50-S Verizon & Eversource to provide service for the customer at 86 High Street/Brook St. Motion to approve two poles by Clarke seconded by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Grant Award Recognition (cont'd): Fire Department Fire Prevention Grant of \$3,072 was for the FM Global grant for ipads to help improve the resources that are available.

Fire Department Howard Maxim Foundation Grant is for Drones of \$8,000.

Fire Department was awarded \$500 from Edaville USA to be put toward the certifications for use of Drones.

Fire Department & EMS Department are in process of applying for a computer grant of \$1,500.

Fire Department was unsuccessful of receiving over \$300,000 for a personal protective clothing grant. The grant was written with the volunteer help of Carver resident Irene Winkler. The Fire Department will not be able to attend any trainings as the gear is inspected and the current gear is approaching 10 years old.

There is currently a committee in place to recommend gear for replacement along with the costs associated with it. The gear takes approximately 3-4 months to manufacture.

TA suggested that the capital reserve fund is available and the equipment is on the state bid list, so it won't take time to go out to bid.

All Selectmen are in full support moving forward as quickly as possible.

MVP Grant \$196,979 from the state by the Planning Department is the municipal vulnerability grant. All areas in town were identified for water use by the Fire Department. The money is to be used to improve those water supply sites as most water supplies are on private property.

GAP II Grant of \$58,230 from the state by the North Carver Water District is to replace the current generator. The current generator is oversized and uses an excess amount of propane. The old generator will be auctioned to offset the cost of the purchase of the new generator.

Earmark Grant of \$15,000 from the state was originally awarded for design of a new Council on Aging and the state allowed Carver to use the grant money toward the current building since Town Meeting voted against the building of a new Council on Aging facility.

CO detector grant of \$1,014 by the Police Department from MIIA to make sure there was no problems in the cabins of the cruisers as cruisers tend to run idle and can lead to CO deaths.

Appointment of Special Police Officer Fred Melo: Chief Duphily would like to fill details with officers in town. Officer Fred Melo is retiring this week and would like him to be sworn in as a Special Police Officer. Motion to approve by Robertson, seconded by Hewins. Vote 5-0.

Ambulance Rates: EMS Chief Thomas Walsh – Receipts are not keeping pace with receipts and rising expenses. The last time the rates were requested to be increased was in 2012. In 2012, 63% of patients had either Medicare or Medicaid and 29% had Blue Cross or private insurers. In 2018, 76% of our patients have Medicare or Medicaid and only 17% have Blue Cross or private insurers. Over the last 6 years, Medicare has averaged approximately 2% increase a year in their allowable rates and Medicaid has not increased while our expenses have exceeded these levels. Walsh is recommending that the ambulance rates be increased from the current rates of Medicare plus 125% & 200% for non-Medicare which is the rate being charged by some of the other Towns in this area. This rate would still place Carver in the middle bracket of the more than 150 communities that utilize our billing company.

Motion to approve by Clarke, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Pine Street Right of Way: Tabled due to more research needed by Town Counsel. Motion by Clarke, second by Hewins. Vote 5-0.

Chapter 61A – Cobb on South Meadow Road. Attny. Delaney present: lot has been created to build a home. This a conversion of some Ch. 61A land to residential use. There is no sale involved in this case. Motion to exercise first right of refusal and decline by Clarke, second by Townsend. Vote 5-0

Town Administrator Update:

FY 19 State Budget funds allocated to Carver: \$10,000 was allocated to the Council in Aging. The state aid was reduced to Carver by \$149,000. The budget will need to be reduced or we

will need to find new sources of revenue. We were given \$65,000 more for education and \$140,000 for general government, non-education. The assessments went up by approximately \$350,000 this year compared to last year. In the last 5 years, the net education aid has gone down \$400,000. The Town has been subsidizing the cut.

Dunham would like to have letters go to Senator Pacheco and Representative Gifford letting them know how this impacts the Town as they are not boosting the budget.

The assessments are school choice (when a Carver student attends school in another town) and Charter school tuition. There are 3 different Charter Schools where students are going. The number of students for school choice is 143 and 743 to Charter schools.

Capital Building Projects-

Elementary School: Demolition has been started and is currently on schedule. Grand opening is scheduled for August 29. Bill Harriman has taken the lead on the weekly meetings and the team approach is working well for the Town.

Middle High School Track & Field Project: The field is leveled and the turf will be laid down in August.

Police Station Update: The Architect has been selected and Bill Harriman is also heading the Committee on this. Once the development program has been completed, then site selection will be looked at with layout and the proposed site will come to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Carver Marion Wareham Region Refuse Disposal District Update- If no changes are made and the district continues to operate two facilities, an annual budget of \$2.4 million will be needed, the current assessment is \$70,000 today because it is being subsidized by Covanta. The Committee will be looking to make a recommendation to hire an employee to manage the district while different possibilities are explored.

Board of Selectmen Update:

Robertson: Started holding selectmen's hours at Town Hall-Friday mornings at 8am-will hold one more this Friday to see if there is any interest in holding office hours.

Hewins: Farmer's Market every Sunday in Shurtleff Park, last day to absentee vote is 8/31 at 5pm. The U.S. Board on Geographic Names approved the naming of Grumpy's Brook.

Townsend: Congratulated everyone who took part in Old Home Day & the new Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Finance Committee-Alan Germain & Kate Bandzul. Encouraged everyone to take part in Carver's National Night Out

Clarke: Wants to let the Carver Police Department know that the Selectmen fully support and recognize split second decisions need to be made and he is in full support of those decisions

and has been thinking of them in light of the recent death of a Weymouth Police Officer. Tax Relief Home Rule Petition could be held up during this session.

Dunham: Urged the community to attend Carver's National Night Out. Reminded everyone to donate to the food pantry Shane Gives Thanks in Carver Square.

Vote to accept Warrant for 2018 State Primary Election: Motion to approve by Clarke, seconded by Robertson. Hewins recused herself from the vote and left the table. Vote 4-0
Hewins returned to the table.

Request for permission to use Drones: SRPEDD – to conduct aerial photography. Motion to approve by Clarke, seconded by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Request to place yellow ribbons on light posts outside of Town Hall: Go Gold Motion to approve by Robertson, seconded by Townsend. Vote 5-0.

Request to use Shurtleff Park: Cross Roads Church 10/31/18: Motion to approve and waive fee by Robertson, seconded by Clarke. Vote 5-0.

Recreation Committee appointment to Community Preservation Committee: Motion to approve Mary Ross by Hewins, second by Robertson. Vote 5-0.

Common Victualer Application: JJ's Sundae Express: No one present. No action taken.

Appointment of Election Officers: Motion to approve posted election officers as well as Patricia Marie Ottino of 52-2 South Meadow Village by Townsend, seconded by Clarke. Vote 5-0.

Appointment of Jennifer VanDeusen as a member of the Agricultural Commission by Clarke, seconded by Hewins and to open position of Alternate. Vote 5-0.

Next Meetings: Sept: TBD, 10/2, 11/6 & 12/4

Motion to adjourn at 8:45pm by Clarke, second by Robertson. Vote 4-0.