



**CARVER CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF December 20, 2022 MEETING
Joint Meeting – Select Board & Finance Committee**

Present: Elizabeth Sulger; Chairman, Marie Zweigman; Vice Chairman, Members: James Hoffman and John Cotter

Select Board Committee: Mark Townsend, Chairman;

Finance Committee: Members present: Vice-Chair Elizabeth Sulger, Bill Cullum, Anthony Macrina, Patrick Meagher and Walter Cole

Also, Present Sue Moquin, Finance Director and Robert Fennessy, Town Administrator, Old Colony Regional Voc Tech High School (OCRVT) Superintendent Aaron Polansky

Chairman Sulger opened the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Meeting recorded by Area 58 and a zoom conference.

Public input.

None

Joint meeting with Select Board, Finance Committee and Capital Outlay Committee:

Finance Committee: meeting opened at 6:38pm by Vice-Chair Sulger

Members present: Vice-Chair Elizabeth Sulger, Bill Cullum, Anthony Macrina, Patrick Meagher and Walter Cole

Capital Outlay Committee: meeting opened at 6:39pm by Chair Sulger

Member present: Chair Elizabeth Sulger, Marie Zweigman, John Cotter, Jim Hoffman
Old Colony Regional Voc Tech High School (OCRVT) Superintendent Aaron Polansky present

Polansky stated that a statement of interest has been submitted to the MSBA (Mass School Building Authority).

The OCRVT Building Committee consists of representation of each member town including Maureen Townsend, OCRVT School Committee member, Mark Townsend, Carver Select Board Chair and Elizabeth Sulger, Capital Outlay Chair and Finance Committee Vice-Chair.

Polansky asked that a placeholder be put on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for a feasibility study. They will be setting up a stabilization fund to offset the costs and take

some of the burden off of the 5 member towns. The member towns include Acushnet, Mattapoisett, Lakeville, Rochester and Carver.

The vision is to expand its Chapter 74 offerings in the areas of Plumbing, HVAC-R, and a few other areas, in alignment with labor market needs. This will create additional opportunities for students and further demands on the school's footprint. There are space constraints in engineering, machine and tool technology as well as staff offices. There are also plumbing, flooring and climate control issues.

The enrollment for Carver in the last several years has been consistent between 89-95. The school is looking to add an additional 48 students per year overall (an increase in 12 in each program).

Cotter asked if this is a renovation and addition. Polansky stated after the feasibility study, it will lay out the cost of a renovation, the cost of an addition and the cost of doing both. This will then be reviewed to determine what the best course of action will be.

Sulger introduced members of the Finance and Capital outlay committees. She then asked how much the feasibility study is estimated to be. Polansky stated it is estimated that the feasibility study will cost approximately \$1-\$1.2 million.

Meagher asked what the percentage of reimbursements will be. Polansky stated the MSBA sent an email outlining that currently it is 54.1% for all eligible costs. This will be recalculated in 2023 as well as further into the project after the feasibility study. It is a pay-as-you-go payment process. Polansky was told that most of the study is reimbursable.

Sulger stated that in order for the feasibility study to go through, all member towns will need it to be approved at their town meetings. Carver is the first member town to be holding their annual town meeting.

Townsend asked if information can be put on the website.

Cotter asked what percent Carver's portion will be of the feasibility fee. Polansky stated he will know better next week so that town's will know the amount going into town meeting.

Fennessy asked about towns using ARPA funds for a funding source. Polansky stated each town can allocate their funds. He is unaware if this is an approved use. Townsend stated if it was determined that ARPA funds can be used, then all five communities would not have to use their funds for it. Polansky agreed.

Sulger asked how much OCRVT would be contributing from their stabilization fund. Polansky stated their goal is to contribute at least half of the funding.

Polansky thanked Carver for being a supportive partner town to OCRVT.

Motion to adjourn Finance Committee by Meagher at 7:06pm, second by Cullum.

Vote 5-0

Motion to adjourn Capital Outlay by Zweigman at 7:07pm, second by Hoffman.

Vote 4-0

Motion to adjourn Select Board by Hewins at 7:08pm, second by Cotter.

Vote 4-0

Listing of Exhibits: Power Point presentation from Aaron Polansky , Minutes of 12/5/22 & 12/6/22

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Weston

Approved January 12, 2023: 2-0-2